

Institute for Advanced Studies, Ile-Ife, Nigeria

Summer Institute 2017

Call for Applications

The Institute for Advanced Studies plans to host a two-week summer programme on **The Knowledge Society and the Challenges of Doing Research in Africa: Theoretical Perspectives and Methodological Approaches**. Designed for advanced doctoral students and postdoctoral scholars, the programme will take place between **July 24** and **August 5, 2017**.

Programme of study

The goal of the summer residential programme is to facilitate and foster innovative research of young scholars in the academy, particularly those in the humanities and social sciences, by exposing them to relevant theoretical and methodological tools in their respective disciplines. The Institute's summer programme will be anchored by an impressive number of senior scholars from Nigeria and abroad engaging a wide range of themes and issues that are designed to deepen the understanding of research and teaching mission in the academy.

The facilitators will lead discussions on various conceptual, methodological and theoretical topics central to their various fields of interest, including tools of research in the fields of humanities and social sciences, networking techniques and ethical principles of the profession. Each invited doctoral and postdoctoral fellow will be expected to work on a project in his or her current research and to develop new networks of scholarship which are critical for career success. In addition to attending lectures and workshops, fellows will also conduct group projects and participate in sponsored fieldtrips to important sites. Throughout the programme, the participants will be required to demonstrate evidence of strong commitment to research and teaching and show ability to work effectively with visiting faculty.

The premise for this initiative is to build on the collective vision of the many talented students and scholars in the academy whose research potentials can be further enhanced by an exposure to in depth learning in the institute. Through this rigorous process of interaction and interdisciplinary engagement with the impressive mass of senior scholars we have assembled for this project, we are convinced that the fellows will derive maximum benefit from the two – week institute. We envisage that the vision of the Institute will sharpen the thinking of fellows and empower them to make innovative contributions to their respective fields in the humanities and social sciences.

Accommodation

The summer institute will hold at the Regional Centre for Training in Aerospace Surface (RECTAS), located on the premises of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria and the fellows will be housed at a Guest House located on campus. Applicants must commit to staying in residence for the entire two-week duration of the institute in order to fully immerse themselves in the rigorous scholarly environment.

Conveners: Professor Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University and senior scholars from Nigerian Universities.

Programme Coordinators: Professor David O. Ogungbile, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife & Professor Olutayo Adesina, University of Ibadan, Ibadan.

Application Procedure

We are seeking proposals from early career doctoral degree holders and advanced doctoral students from all humanities and social sciences disciplines who are interested in deepening their knowledge and skills in their scholarly undertakings. Applications are welcome from qualified candidates for two weeks of intensive summer learning designed to foster interaction and academic exchange with scholars from different disciplines with diverse theoretical and methodological expertise.

Registration Fee: N25, 000

Accommodation for the programme: N77, 000

Participants will be responsible for their feeding.

Interested applicants are required to submit a single application file including:

- Proposal abstract (max. 500 words) outlining the current research interest of the applicant.
- 2 page Curriculum vitae

Deadline: Application materials should be sent via email to the programme coordinators at summerinstituteife.ng@gmail.com by **May 15, 2017**. Please write 'Ife Summer Institute' in the subject line.