

College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Makerere University
Call for Applications for Early Career Scholar Grants

Preamble

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Makerere University has received financial support from The Andrew W Mellon Foundation to fund a cohort of 15 Early Career Scholars to pursue cutting-edge and innovative research in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. The grant is to support Early Career Scholars engender an academic breakthrough to establish themselves as leading scholars in their respective disciplines. The programme will further establish a platform for scholarly exchange and interaction nationally and internationally so as to nurture a new generation and community of scholars and provide intellectual leadership needed for future development and sustainability of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines in the country, the East African region and the continent at large.

The College now invites eligible applicants, whose proposed research projects are innovative, cutting-edge and show an explicit Inter-disciplinary focus in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences to apply for a two (2) year Early Career Scholars' Grant (ECSP) 2018.

The grant pairs an Early Career Scholar with a Mentor. In this partnership, the Early Career Scholar is the Principal Investigator of the project.

Eligibility

An eligible Early Career Scholar is anyone who is employed by Makerere University on permanent terms, has completed his/her PhD training in the last 10 years, and has published articles in academically recognized channels such as Refereed Journals/Book Projects at the time of application.

Funding

The Early Career Scholars' Grant is a fully-funded two-year programme of research with generous financial support from the Andrew W Mellow Foundation. The grant will cover costs related to baseline study, data collection, analysis, report writing, computing costs, field work and travel, conference attendance, consumables and books/media. The maximum value of grant is approximately **UGX 73,000,000** or **USD 20,000** that will be dispatched according to the budget and plan of activities stipulated in the proposal. Additional funding will be made available to the fellow to cover travel costs to and welfare expenses for a residency at a centre of advanced studies on the continent as well as books.

Application Process

The grant application form is attached or can be requested for from graduate.college@chuss.mak.ac.ug. The application form is in Word format, which will expand to accommodate the text entered. Please note the following requirements of the grant proposal:

- a) a 150-word abstract
- b) a one-page academic biography describing your academic career and detailing the ideas and experiences that have shaped your work and your future plans. Please state where you see yourself in 5 years.
- c) a grant proposal, in which you are expected to provide evidence of your ability to plan and organise independent research, and the relevance, feasibility and contribution of your proposed research topic to the study of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The proposed research project should be cutting-edge, interdisciplinary and promise to explore the intersection between the Humanities/Social Sciences and contemporary societal challenges.

Deliverables

The 2018 grant starts in October 2018 and terminates in October 2020. The key deliverables for successful candidates will be:

- Evidence and commitment to supervise at least one graduate student (Masters) to completion.
- Presentation of at least one conference paper at an international conference in his/her field of specialisation in the duration of the grant.
- Presentation of at least seminar, workshop or symposium paper at one presentation at a CHUSS-organised academic event.
- Publication of at least two articles in a recognised peer-reviewed journal or book project
- Female applicants are particularly encouraged to apply.

How to apply

The completed grant application form, together with copies of all the supporting documents should be submitted preferably by e-mail to graduate.college@chuss.mak.ac.ug, with copy to principal@chuss.mak.ac.ug on or before Friday, 12th October 2018. No late applications will be accepted.

Applicants will be notified of the decision in regard to their application by Monday 22nd October 2018.

For Further Information

In case of any questions regarding the programme or your application, kindly contact the following:

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We look forward to receiving your application.