



CALL TO REGISTER INTEREST FOR CAPREx POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The CAPREx Programme (<http://www.cambridge-africa.cam.ac.uk>)

CAPREx (Cambridge-Africa Partnership for Research Excellence) is a three-way partnership between the [University of Ghana, Legon](#), [Makerere University, Uganda](#) and the [University of Cambridge, UK](#), and is funded by the **Carnegie Corporation of New York** and the **Isaac Newton Trust**. The CAPREx programme strengthens academic research and research management capacity in the African partner universities through the provision of fellowships. African Research Fellows are invited to embark on a collaborative research project with a researcher from the University of Cambridge who has mutual research interests, and the research will usually take place in Cambridge. However, in some cases more than one collaborator may be needed from Cambridge, and a collaborator(s) from the other African partner university may also be involved, if relevant to the proposed project.

The CAPREx Fellowships

The CAPREx Programme is pleased to invite applicants with research proposals in the following broad fields to apply for **academic research fellowships** available in **2014/15**:

- [Biological Sciences and Engineering](#) (University of Ghana, Legon);
- [Social Sciences and Humanities \(including Education, Business and Law\)](#) (Makerere University).

The focus of CAPREx research projects should be on research collaboration relevant to Ghana and Uganda. CAPREx fellowships will allow for an average of four months (ranging from 1 to 6 months) to be spent at the University of Cambridge, or the other CAPREx African partner University if appropriate. It is expected that when Fellows visit Cambridge, they will engage in a variety of training, seminars and networking opportunities to enhance their research links and skills. Ideally, Fellowship visits should be scheduled from August 2014. CAPREx will provide travel (to be arranged from Cambridge) and subsistence costs (£1,700 per month) for the agreed duration of Fellowship visits only (subsistence costs are not provided for work done within the Fellows' home country). Funds will also be allocated for each Fellow to attend an international conference, in Europe or North America. CAPREx can also arrange for the Fellows' collaborator(s) to visit the Fellows' university (Makerere University in this case) for up to 3 days, to promote sustainable collaborative links and work on their joint project. Furthermore, CAPREx Fellows will be eligible to submit an application, with their collaborator(s), to the **Cambridge-Africa Alborada Research Fund** (available at the University of Cambridge to be awarded to collaborative researchers, with awards ranging from £1,000 to £10,000 per application).

Details of previous CAPREx Fellows' research projects and experiences during their Fellowship (blog, photos, visits to international conferences, etc.) are available via the following link to the CAPREx website: www.cambridge-africa.cam.ac.uk/cambridge-in-africa-initiatives/caprex/

Eligibility to Apply

Applicants should be:

- PhD-holding members of staff of the CAPREx partner universities in Ghana and Uganda. Preference will be given to researchers who completed their PhDs less than 10 years ago (**early career fellows**), or 10 to 20 years ago (**mid-career fellows**).
- Full-time and part-time staff can be considered. They should be interested in focusing on a research career long-term.
- From the subject areas specified above, for each African university.

Please note that female staff members are strongly encouraged to apply for these Fellowships.

Application Requirements

There is a two-step application process. The first step involves completing and submitting a **registration of interest** form (deadline: 20th January 2014).

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Registrations of Interest should consist of:

- A completed preliminary application form, to be submitted to the CAPREx Coordinator at the applicant's university (conference@rgt.mak.ac.ug). If publications have been listed in the application, then links to these should be provided in the relevant section of the application form. Otherwise, pdf versions of the three most important publications should be submitted with the form if possible.
- A Curriculum Vitae
- Supporting letters from two professional referees (including their telephone numbers, postal and e-mail addresses) to be sent directly from referees to the CAPREx Coordinator, above. At least one referee should be familiar with the applicant's academic research work.

Only shortlisted applicants will move to the second step of the CAPREx application process. Shortlisted candidates will be matched to appropriate CAPREx collaborators in Cambridge and/or Africa, and then invited to complete and submit a **final application** form. This form will request information about the candidate's proposed research collaboration, and this will have to be prepared in consultation with their CAPREx collaborator(s), for submission by the deadline of 28th April 2014. All shortlisted candidates will also be interviewed at their home university.

Review of Applications and Selection of Fellows

Applications will be reviewed by a selection panel comprising representatives from the three CAPREx partner universities, in the relevant subject areas (i.e. biological sciences, engineering, social sciences and humanities). Reviewers may pay particular attention to the following criteria: quality of references; research experience; commitment to pursuing an academic research career at the applicant's home university; research project and potential for long-term collaboration with CAPREx partners.

Timeline

- **20th January 2014:** Registration of Interest to be submitted to the CAPREx Coordinator at the applicant's university (conference@rgt.mak.ac.ug).
- **3rd March 2014:** Shortlisted applicants notified and invited to submit final application.
- **31st March 2014:** Shortlisted applicants notified of collaborator(s) they have been matched to, and an introductory email will be sent to put collaborating parties in touch with each other. The candidates can then communicate directly and prepare a more detailed research proposal.
- **28th April 2014:** Final Application to be submitted online (details will, be provided).
- **7-9th May 2014:** CAPREx Fellowship interviews at the University of Ghana, Legon.
- **13-15th May 2014:** CAPREx Fellowship interviews at Makerere University.
- **30th May 2014:** Outcome of Fellowship applications confirmed.