



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 2019 Research Development Group for early-career scholars from African institutions

The American Political Science Association (APSA) is pleased to announce a Call for Applications from early-career scholars based in Africa who are interested in attending the 2019 APSA Annual Meeting as part of a Research Development Group. Organized in partnership with African Studies Association (ASA) and the African Politics Conference Group (APCG), the Research Development Group will be a unique opportunity to advance current research towards publication, participate in the APSA annual meeting, and develop scholarly networks with colleagues.

The [2019 APSA Annual Meeting](#) will take place in Washington, DC (USA) from August 29 to September 1, 2019. Prior to the start of the annual meeting (on August 28), group participants will attend a 1-day seminar to discuss and receive critical feedback on an article-length manuscript in progress. Papers will be circulated in advance of the seminar to allow time for thorough reading by all participants and facilitators. In addition to focused discussions on each paper, the seminar will address strategies and advice for publishing in peer-reviewed international journals and other professional development topics. Over the next several days, participants will be expected to attend panels of interest and take part in the Annual Meeting program. APCG will assist participants in developing personalized schedules to promote linkages with different organized sections, related groups, and other scholars.

Participation in the Research Development Group is open to early-career scholars who are currently based in Africa (those whose primary institutional affiliation is in the US or Europe are not eligible for this program). Up to six applicants will be selected. Participants will receive an [APSA Travel Grant](#) of up to \$1,000 to support eligible travel and accommodation expenses.

Applicants must be working on an article-length research project that is at a stage of development which would benefit from intense discussion and critique. All topics, subfields, and methodologies within political science will be considered. The manuscript should be intended for publication in a peer-reviewed academic journal (drafts which are intended for dissertation chapters or white papers will not be accepted). Research should not be part of a co-authored project, nor should it be an excerpt from an already completed work.

Applications must be in English and include:

1. The completed online Application Form.
2. A detailed, recent Curriculum Vitae/resume.
3. A draft of the 5,000-8,000 word (including abstract, not including references) research manuscript that will be brought to the seminar for discussion.
4. A list of 3-5 scholars you would like to have discuss your paper

The deadline to submit an application is Sunday, March 10, 2019. Additional information can be found on the online Application Form at <https://apsa.wufoo.com/forms/2019-africa-research-development-group/>. Selected applicants will be notified of their invitation the following week. Subsequently, the deadline to apply for a Travel Grant will be in April. For more information, contact astinson@apsanet.org.