



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 2020 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 2020 APSA Annual Meeting as part of a Research Development Group. Organized by the African Politics Conference Group (APCG), the program is a multi-day opportunity to advance research towards publication, participate in the APSA annual meeting, and develop scholarly networks with colleagues. Costs of participation will be covered through a grant from The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

The [2020 APSA Annual Meeting](#) will take place in San Francisco, CA (USA) from September 9-13, 2010. At the start of the Research Development Group program 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 eight applicants will be selected. With support from The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, APSA will cover most costs of participation for invited scholars (including roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodation, and conference registration fees).

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 an excerpt from an already completed work. Solo-authored papers are preferred.

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 15, 2020. Additional information can be found on the online Application Form at <https://apsa.wufoo.com/forms/2020-africa-research-development-group/>. Selected applicants will be notified of their invitation by early April. For more information, contact astinson@apsanet.org.