



**AFRICAN POLITICS
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Call for Applications: 2023 Africa Research Development Group for early-career scholars from African institutions *Submission deadline is April 2*

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 2023 APSA Annual Meeting as part of a Research Development Group. Organized by the African Politics Conference Group ([APCG](#)), the program is an opportunity to advance research towards publication, participate in the APSA annual meeting, and develop scholarly networks. Costs of participation will be covered through a grant from The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

The [2023 APSA Annual Meeting](#) will take place in Los Angeles, California (USA) from August 31 - September 3, 2023. Prior to the start of the annual meeting, selected participants will attend a full-day seminar on Wednesday, August 30 to discuss and receive critical feedback on an article-length manuscript in progress. Papers will be circulated in advance to allow time for thorough reading. 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 attend panels of interest and take part in the APSA 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. APSA will cover most costs of participation for invited scholars (including roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodation, and conference registration fees).

The theme of this year's RDG is “**Governance in an Age of Mis- and Disinformation in Africa**”. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to submit research that relates to the theme.

Application Instructions

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. 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. We encourage research submissions that are related to the theme statement described above.

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 applications is Sunday, April 2, 2023. Additional information can be found on the online Application Form at <https://apsa.wufoo.com/forms/2023-africa-research-development-group/>. Selected applicants will be notified of their invitation by mid-April. For more information, contact astinson@apsanet.org