

Call for Applications
Africa Initiative Pilot Grant Program

Award Amount: Up to \$10,000

Deadline: December 30, 2020

Overview

The Africa Initiative is inviting applications to its pilot grant program, which aims to advance collaborations in research and education between Washington University faculty members from any discipline and scholars at academic or professional partners based in Africa.

Funding

This application cycle will fund 3-5 research or educational initiatives at **up to \$10,000 each**. Award decisions will be announced in January 2021, and funds will be available for immediate use. Funding is for 1 year only.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be full-time faculty at Washington University at the time of application.
- Each applicant may submit only one proposal as a Co-PI.
- Must have a collaborating academic or professional partner in Africa.
- Preference will be given to projects that also foster collaborations across disciplines/schools within WashU.

Deadline & Requirements

All applications must be submitted by email to global@wustl.edu by noon (CT) on **Wednesday, December 30th 2020** with “Africa Initiative Grant Application” in the subject line.

Applications must be a **single PDF file** including the following:

- **WashU applicant information:** PI’s name, title/position, school, terminal degree and field of study, and email.
- **African collaborator’s information:** name, title/position, institution, terminal degree and field of study, and email.
- **Title and abstract:** synopsis for a lay audience, limited to 150 words.
- **Description:** maximum 1,000 words including the following:
 - *Specific aims:* State concisely the goals and expected outcomes of the proposed project.
 - *Significance & impact:* Explain the project’s significance, novelty and potential impact.
 - *Collaborative approach:* Describe the overall approach and methods, and explain the collaborative aspects of the proposed project. Provide evidence and details of the collaborator’s role in the agreed upon collaboration.
 - *Plans for next-stage funding:* Explain how this pilot grant might help support future grant applications.
 - *Protection of human subjects (if applicable):* For any research that involves human subjects, describe the plan to obtain appropriate Institutional Review Board approval.

- **Budget:** A detailed budget indicating the total amount requested and a breakdown of how the funds will be spent over a one-year period is required.

FAQs

- **Does the project need to take place in Africa?**
No, the project does not have to be conducted in Africa, but it should involve a collaborator from an African institution.
- **What should my budget include?**
Funding will be provided for items essential to the conduct of the project. Allowable expenses include, participant's incentives, IRB applications, consultation fees, travel to and from a collaborating institution in Africa, lodging and meals for PI/Co-Is and supplies.
 - We discourage faculty from putting their salary/allocation on the proposal.
 - The expectation is that the funds should stay at WashU. Payment to other institutions should be through a subaward or agreement.
 - Indirect costs should generally be limited to 10%.
 - We reserve the right to modify budgets or deny funds for certain expense types if they do not meet university policies.
- **How will projects be evaluated?**
Applications will be assessed based on: (a) the project's significance and potential impact; (b) collaborative approach; (c) ability to secure next-stage funding; (d) clarity and completeness.
- **Do I need to include a letter of support from my collaborator/partner institution in Africa?**
A letter of support from your collaborator in Africa is not required but recommended as evidence of the agreed upon collaboration. If you provide one, it will be considered as part of your application.
- **Should I provide a bibliography, and will it count towards the word limit?**
A bibliography is not required. If you include one, it will not count towards the word limit.
- **Do I need to submit biosketches for all investigators?**
No, but all collaborators must be clearly identified with the following information: name, title, institution, terminal degree and field of study, and email. Additional details about your collaborator's expertise relevant to the project can be provided in the description.
- **Does my project need to be completed within 1 year?**
This grant's duration is 1 year and non-renewable. You will be expected to report on progress at the end of the year. Your stated aims should be feasible to accomplish within this timeframe. Adjustments in the timeframe due to the Covid-19 pandemic may be made with prior approval. To continue the work beyond the pilot grant period, you will need to secure funding from other sources.

Contact

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