

Call for Applications, CARTA PhD Fellowships 2016/2017

The Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa (CARTA) is an initiative of nine African universities, four African research institutes, and select northern partners. CARTA offers an innovative model for doctoral training in sub-Saharan Africa to strengthen the capacity of participating institutions to conduct and lead internationally-competitive research. The multi-disciplinary CARTA program is open to staff of participating institutions who are interested in conducting their PhD research on topics relevant to the broad fields of public and population health. We welcome applications from any discipline, such as public health, demography, anthropology, communication, and economics, among others, as long as the research question aims to contribute to public and population health issues in Africa.

CARTA is currently offering a collaborative doctoral training program in public and population health. This program has been developed in response to the great challenges faced by Africa's institutions of higher education in addressing the training and retention of the next generation of academics in the region. Women are particularly encouraged to apply.

Specifically, CARTA seeks to fund candidates who will be future leaders in their institutions; that is, young, capable, and committed individuals who, in time, will ensure that their universities will be the institutions of choice for future generations of academics and university administrators wishing to make a positive impact on public and population health in Africa.

During the 2016/2017 academic year, the CARTA program is planning to offer up to 25 PhD fellowships. The Fellowship, which is tenable at one of the participating African universities, includes the cost of fellows' participation in the advanced seminars; a modest monthly stipend; small grants for research activities; a laptop loaded with relevant software; funds for travel to conferences, as well as costs for participating in joint program activities. The fellowship runs for a maximum of four years. Fellowships cover tuition fees, medical insurance, and other university fees in special circumstances only. Partner institutions have committed to continue paying Fellows' salaries (or equivalent) and to modify workloads for the fellows to enable them to fully participate in CARTA organized activities pertaining to their PhD program and also to concentrate on their PhD studies. Fellows are encouraged to seek supplemental funding to cover additional costs of their doctoral program.

Participating African Universities Makerere University, Uganda.

1. Makerere University, Uganda.
2. Moi University, Kenya.
3. Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria.
4. University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
5. University of Ibadan, Nigeria.
6. University of Malawi, Malawi..
7. University of Nairobi, Kenya.
8. University of Rwanda, Rwanda.
9. University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.

Participating Research Institutes:

1. African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC), Kenya.
2. Agincourt Health and Population Unit, South Africa.
3. Ifakara Health Institute (IHI), Tanzania
4. KEMRI/Wellcome Trust Research Programme, Kenya.

Northern Partners

1. Brown University, USA.
2. Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR), Canada.
3. Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), Switzerland.
4. Umeå University, Sweden.
5. University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
6. University of Warwick, UK.

Eligibility

- A Masters degree in a relevant field. Prior admission into a
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- Applicants must commit to participation in all four annual residential Joint Advanced Seminars (JASes), and to engage in inter-seminar activities designed to keep fellows actively engaged and in continual communication with peers and mentors.
- Male applicants must be under the age of 40 years and female applicants under the age 45 years.

Application Procedure

1. Contact the CARTA focal person) at your institution to discuss your interest and obtain application materials. Application forms may also be downloaded from the CARTA website (www.cartafrika.org) Submit your application to the local CARTA committee in your institution (also email a copy of all application materials to (carta@aphrc.org), which will conduct the initial screening process and submit successful applications to the CARTA secretariat. The deadline for submissions is May 15, 2016.
2. Submit your application to the local CARTA committee in your institution (also email a copy of all application materials to (carta@aphrc.org), which will conduct the initial screening process and submit successful applications to the CARTA secretariat. **The deadline for submissions is May 15, 2016.** If successful at the university selection level, the CARTA secretariat will inform and contact you to proceed to the next level
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 - Complete an online-based pre-JAS, Part I tasks
 - A competency course (June 5, 2016 – July 5, 2016)

- Send a full application to the CARTA secretariat. The deadline for submission of the full application is July 5, 2016. Final fellowship decision, which is independent of the university application, will be communicated by CARTA secretariat by November 1, 2016.
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