

Canon Foundation-Kyoto University Japan-Africa Exchange Program

The Canon Foundation in Europe (CFE) and Kyoto University (KU) started the Canon Foundation-Kyoto University Japan-Africa Exchange Program in 2018. The program offers fellowships to highly qualified researchers in fields of research related to African Studies. The program is intended to support 1) fellows from KU who carry out research at host institutions in Africa, and 2) those coming to KU from its partner institutions in Africa to conduct their research at Kyoto University. The fellowships are for a minimum period of three months up to maximum of one year between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022. Due to the global pandemic of the COVID-19, fellows can postpone their travel at least for a half year after March 31, 2022, until the travel between Japan and Africa becomes possible.

Eligibility

Applicants need to be holding at least an MA degree and employed either at KU or KU's partner institutions¹ as post-doctoral fellows or faculty members at the time of applying. In addition, as long as African applicants can submit one of the two reference letters received from their prospective host from Kyoto University and prove their existing partnerships, they are eligible to apply for the program.

Application Procedure

The deadline for applications is November 15th, 2021. Consideration of the applications takes place first at KU and then at CFE. The Selection Committee of CFE will make final decisions and email the results to applicants before the end of March of the same year. Therefore, the earliest possible date to begin the fellowship is April 1 of the same year. Please submit the following documents to Kyoto University Africa Unit (africaunit@kura.kyoto-u.ac.jp):

- Your research plan including a clear title at the top of the page as well as starting/ending dates of the proposed research. The research plan needs to include a general cost estimate, including living, travel, insurance, and etc. (maximum 2 pages)
- 2 reference letters (maximum 1 page each) from 2 persons. One letter should be from someone in a position to comment on your academic qualifications and professional work while the other should be a confirmation letter from your prospective host who can provide research or work facilities to you during the proposed period.
- Your Curriculum Vitae

¹ For a complete list of KU's partner institutions, please visit its Global Engagement Website at <http://www.oc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/agreement/en/>.

- 1 copy of your doctoral certificate or your highest academic degree
- 1 passport size photograph of yourself
- 1 list of your academic publications or professional achievements in chronological order containing information on all authors, place and year of publication and page references.

Stipend and Travel Expenses

The financial support for successful applicants ranges from 22,500 Euro to 27,500 Euro per year and is pro-rated for different periods. CFE will directly administer the payments and notify the detailed payment procedure to each successful applicant.

For any questions concerning the application, please email Kyoto University Africa Unit at africaunit@kura.kyoto-u.ac.jp