

# ***WARA Post-Doctoral Fellowship Competition 2009***

Applications are being accepted for the WARA Post-Doctoral Fellowship for research in West Africa during the summer of 2009. Awardees will conduct research for a 2 to 3-month period in order to 1) complete or elaborate upon an earlier project; 2) initiate a new research project; or 3) enhance their understanding of a particular topic in order to improve teaching effectiveness or broaden course offerings. Funded through the bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. State Department, this competition is open to U.S. citizens already holding a Ph.D. who are currently affiliated with an academic institution or who work in another related domain (e.g. public health or museology). All applicants must have been affiliated with an institution of higher education or research within the last three years. It is advisable that applicants be conversant in an African language spoken where they will be conducting research.

Each fellowship will provide round trip travel to a West African country and a stipend of up to \$3,000. The West African Research Center (WARC) in Dakar, Senegal may assist with academic contacts and affiliations and recommendations for lodging in the country chosen by the fellow.

**Complete application must include the following** (one original and three copies of all materials—4 sets total, except for letters of reference):

- A WARA grant application cover sheet (downloadable from the WARA website)
- A 50-80 word abstract of the proposed research project, beginning with a clear statement of purpose
- An essay (6 double-spaced pages maximum) describing the concept, methodology and significance of the proposed research project to the applicant's academic field, and how this research contributes to the mission of WARA. This should be presented in a language understandable to non-specialist readers.
- A one-page bibliography relevant to the proposal may also be attached
- An itemized budget including costs for
  - Housing
  - Food
  - Travel
  - Equipment
  - Printing/photocopying
  - Institutional affiliation fees
- Three (3) letters of reference by colleagues in the applicant's field.
- Curriculum vitae

An excellent source of suggestions for preparing your application can be found on the SSRC website at [http://fellowships.ssrc.org/art\\_of\\_writing\\_proposals/](http://fellowships.ssrc.org/art_of_writing_proposals/)

Complete applications will consist of one original and three copies of all materials (4 sets total) except letters of reference. Letters should be included in the application packet in envelopes sealed and signed by the referee. Letters of reference sent separately will not be considered.

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 2, 2009**

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