

WARC Travel Grant 2009-2010

The WARC Travel Grant program promotes intra-African cooperation and exchange among researchers and institutions by providing support to African scholars and graduate students for research visits to other institutions on the continent. The West African Research Center in Dakar, Senegal offers travel costs up to \$1250 and a stipend of \$1250 to selected scholars. This competition is open only to West African nationals affiliated with institutions of higher education. Travel grant funds may be used to 1) attend and present papers at academic conferences relevant to the applicant's field of research; 2) visit libraries or archives that contain resources necessary to the applicant's current academic work; 3) engage in collaborative work with colleagues at another institution; 4) travel to a research site.

A complete application must include the following (one original and two copies of all materials—3 sets total):

- A WARA grant application cover sheet
- A brief (50-80 word) abstract of the activity to be funded, beginning with a clear statement of purpose
- A description (6 double-spaced pages maximum) of the applicant's research and how the proposed travel is relevant to this work. This should be presented in a language understandable to non-specialist readers
- A curriculum vitae with research and teaching record when relevant
- If attending a conference, an abstract of the paper to be read and a letter of acceptance to the conference
- If visiting another institution, an invitation from host institution
- If travel is to consult archives or other materials, a description of the collections to be consulted and their significance to the applicant's research
- For graduate students, a letter of recommendation by the professor overseeing their research
- Proof of citizenship in the form of a photocopy of the applicant's passport (please note: this competition is open only to West African nationals eligible for non-immigrant visas to the U.S.)

Application deadlines 2009-2010:

No earlier than July 1, 2009 and no later than September 15, 2009 for travel to take place between January 1, 2010 and June 30, 2010

No earlier than January 1, 2010 and no later than March 15, 2010 for travel to take place between July 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010.

All materials should be submitted, by postal mail (not email), to:

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