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Call for Applications for a visiting Scholar Award for the year 2023

Thanks to the resources made available by the Cluster of Excellence /Africa Multiple of the University of Bayreuth (EXC 2052/1 - 390713894), the African Cluster of Excellence/Africa Multiple of Université Joseph Ki-Zerbo, Ouagadougou (ACC-Ouaga) is launching a call for applications for a short-term fellowship for visiting researchers lasting between one and two months, and that will start in October 2023. The amount of the scholarship is 1,200 Euros, covering accommodation and meals. The Cluster will pay for airfare, insurance and visa. The number of positions available is two (02) visiting researchers. Researchers interested in the Pole's main theme, which is the "Reconfiguring African Studies" through interdisciplinary engagement, are welcome.

The objective of the scholarship is to involve researchers in a process of reconfiguring African studies within the context and realities of Africa. The scholarship will make the recipient a member of the Africa Cluster Excellence/ Africa Multiple of Université Joseph Ki-Zerbo during their research stay. Scholars are expected to engage with the above-mentioned theme through a process of re-examining basic assumptions and interdisciplinary approaches in order to improve, confirm, or reject current knowledge about Africans while demonstrating the multiplicity of discourses on Africa.

Eligibility: The applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Hold a doctorate degree at the time of application.

2. Having conducted research, as part of the doctoral program and/or subsequent projects, with a focus on Africa.
3. Actively pursue an academic/research career.
4. Having published in the chosen specialty field.
5. In accordance with visa regulations, be willing to return to the country of which the applicant is a citizen and/or current resident at the end of the scholarship.
6. Applicants must be based in an African academic institution (outside Burkina Faso), preferably in one of the five Clusters of Excellence based at the Universities of Lagos in Nigeria, Eldoret in Kenya, Bayreuth in Germany, and Rhodes University in Makhanda, South Africa. Members of the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence working in the French-speaking West African universities in Benin may also apply.

Expected Outcome: Accepted candidates will be required to share the results of their collaboration as part of the series of seminars organized by the Africa Cluster of Excellence of Université Joseph Ki-Zerbo. They should be prepared to participate in a joint research grant proposal and collaborate with a researcher from ACC-Ouaga to publish these results in a peer-reviewed journal as a contribution to the cluster's publications.

The scholarship includes:

- i) A return ticket (economy class).
- ii) Monthly stipend to cover living expenses in Ouagadougou.
- iii) Travel insurance to Burkina Faso.
- iv) Accommodation at Université Joseph KI-ZERBO: individual room with shared facilities.
- v) An office (shared) and library.

How to Apply?

Please fill out Part 1 and Part 2 of the attached application instructions. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must be submitted in French or English. The deadline for submitting applications is set for **15 September 2023**.

Application Instructions for the invited research fellowship 2023

Please submit an application package containing the following elements in a single PDF document to africamultiple.burkina@gmail.com, copying banhoro.yacouba@acc-ouaga.org and sorehussein@gmail.com, with the subject: **INVITED RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP 2023 ACC-OUAGA.**

The application package must include the following:

PART 1

1. Information page including:

- a. First name, last name
- b. Date of birth
- c. Current home address
- d. Master's degree(s) (Discipline, University, Year)
- e. Doctorate: (Discipline, Title of thesis, University, Year)
- f. Current employment
- g. List of all relevant paid positions in the last five years
- h. Name of the Principal Investigator (PI) at ACC-Ouaga with whom you wish to collaborate

2. Curriculum Vitae

Your CV should include a list of five relevant publications in your field of expertise

PART 2

3. Research proposal

- a. Title of the research proposal
 - b. Summary of the research proposal (maximum 1500 words)
 - c. Scientific and/or applied relevance to the interests of the ACC-Ouaga (maximum 500 words)
 - d. Work plan
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Please indicate the research activities planned during the fellowship, month by month, and note that the research area must be related to one of the six research sections of the cluster. The plan should indicate the expected outcomes of the collaboration, such as events, conferences, publications, etc.

4. **Two letters of recommendation** (including one from the current employer).

5. **A statement from a principal researcher** at ACC-Ouaga indicating his/her willingness to collaborate with you.

Incomplete applications or those that do not meet the requirements will not be considered. The deadline for applications is **15 September 2023**.

For further information, please contact the secretariat at the following addresses

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