AFRICAN HERITAGE AND HUMANITIES INITIATIVE (AHHI)

Collaborative Faculty Seed Grant

Application Deadline: March 22

Award Amount: up to $10,000

The African Heritage and Humanities Initiative (AHHI) is part of the African Studies Center at the University of Michigan. AHHI is making funds available to support collaborative research projects being undertaken by co-PIs at the University of Michigan and an African institution of higher learning and/or knowledge production. These grants are intended to support scholarship produced by U-M's faculty in the arts, humanities and interpretive social sciences whose work illuminates the dynamic, contested process by which African cultures and histories are made. We aim to encourage the development of overlapping, intersecting research projects that bring African scholars into close conversation with U-M researchers.

AHHI has supported a range of projects over the years, such as:

- A collaborative study of opera in South Africa involving faculty at U-M and at the University of Witswatersrand
- Joint research on the heritage market in post-genocide Rwanda involving a U-M historian and a political scientist at the National University of Rwanda
- A Museum exhibition in Kano, Nigeria displaying cloth manufactured in the city's old textile factory jointly curated by U-M and Nigerian scholars

OBJECTIVES FOR THIS SEED GRANT
The aim of these grants is to create a framework within which U-M scholars can develop relationships with African scholars. The hope is that these seed grants will incubate work that can attract larger amounts of funding.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS
Each proposal must be accompanied by a **completed cover sheet** as illustrated at the end of this Call for Proposals. Other recommended program elements include:

- Project description (2-page maximum), addressing:
  - Context of the work
  - Specific activities proposed for funding
  - Rationale, noting originality and significance of the work
  - Partnerships, and expected roles of listed participants
  - Plan for continuation of the proposed project

- Budget (1-page maximum) distinguishing travel, salary, supplies/equipment, and other

- List of any funding requests under review for the same project

- Timeline

- CVs of the applicant, listed partners, and students proposed for funding

The cover sheet may be completed via the form below. The cover sheet and additional application materials should be submitted as a single PDF, named "**AHHI SEED GRANT [YOUR LAST NAME]**." The PDF document should be emailed to **asc-contact@umich.edu no later than March 22.** Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding. Applications will be reviewed by AHHI Steering Committee members.

SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS
Ranking of applications will be based upon the following criteria:
- U-M based applicants must be ASC Associate or interested in becoming one
- Project deepens collaborative partnerships with African counterparts
- Proposal indicates how project builds upon existing scholarship while also demonstrating originality and innovation
- Proposal indicates the kind of deliverable expected as the outcome of the proposed project. Examples of deliverables include, but are not limited to, a publication, a public performance, a white paper outlining future steps towards a goal, and/or a major grant application
- Scope of work is reasonable for 12 to 18 months
- Project has potential for future expansion / scale up

USE OF HUMAN SUBJECTS
All research projects involving human subjects conducted in connection with this seed grant must have written evidence of compliance with required federal guidelines and approval from an institutional review board (IRB). IRB approvals must be maintained and in effect throughout the project's connection with the program.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDED PROPOSALS
Grant recipients will be required to share an interim progress report halfway through their funding cycle, and will be required to submit a final report to ASC no later than 6 months from the end of their funding cycle. In addition, grant recipients are required to provide a short summary of results for the ASC website.

QUESTIONS
Questions may be directed to asc-contact@umich.edu..

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PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

Title of Proposed Project:

AFRICAN CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	
Name:	
Institution:	
Email:	Cellphone:
Signature (electronic acceptable):	

MICHIGAN CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	
Name:	
Institution:	
Email:	Cellphone:
Signature (electronic acceptable):	

Additional Co-Investigators:

Name	Position/Title	Department	Institution

Signature of U-M Co-PI department chair / dean / administrative representative

Name (printed):	
Position:	
Signature:	Date:

Project Abstract, including background, methods, anticipated results, and significance
(Limit to 300 words)