Call for Applications
African Social Research Initiative (ASRI) Summer Scholars Program
University of Michigan
June-August 2014

The African Social Research Initiative (ASRI) at the University of Michigan seeks applications for up to four visiting scholars to attend courses in social science research methods and analysis at the University of Michigan during the months of June-August, 2014. The program is open to academic researchers who are enrolled in or have completed Ph.D. programs in the social sciences and who are from, or reside in, one or more of the following countries: Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, South Africa, and Uganda.

During their time in Ann Arbor, visiting scholars will attend courses offered by two internationally renowned summer training programs at the University of Michigan’s Institute for Social Research (ISR). Applicants who are invited to attend the summer programs may select several options from amongst the four or eight week sessions that are offered. ISR’s Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/sumprog/) offers basic and advanced training in the methods and techniques of social science research and analysis. ISR’s Survey Research Center (http://si.isr.umich.edu/) offers graduate training in all phases of survey research, from research design and sample selection through analysis of results.

Applications are due on or before February 14, 2014.

Applications should include:
- The applicant’s CV
- A description of the applicant’s research interests, not to exceed two pages in length
- A brief description of the applicant’s research and analytical training and experience, a list of specific summer institute courses that the applicant would be interested in, and would benefit from attending (see course lists at http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/content/sumprog/courses.html and http://si.isr.umich.edu/2014schedule), and verification that the applicant meets the prerequisites for the listed courses
- A one-page description as to how the opportunity is expected to further the applicant’s research and career

ASRI may later ask finalists for a list of references, but applicants do not have to provide a list of references with their original application.

Please email materials and any questions to: ASRI-SummerScholars@umich.edu

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee and the applicants notified as to the outcome by March 1, 2014. Applications from all social research disciplines are welcomed, though priority will be given to scholars in the ASRI substantive focal areas of labor and economics; governance and politics; public health; gender, ethnic and racial inequality; and survey research methodology. Participants who have either existing or prospective plans for collaboration with ASRI researchers based in the University of Michigan or internationally (see list at http://bit.ly/1e6x8dq) will also be given priority.
Persons selected as ASRI Visiting Scholars for 2014 will receive administrative assistance in obtaining travel visas. They will also be provided a round-trip flight to Ann Arbor, housing, health insurance, travel visa expenses, and a contribution toward living expenses. Participants will receive a workstation and computer at the University in an appropriate department, access to University libraries, and receive assistance with enrolling in courses in summer training programs at the Institute for Social Research. They are expected to make a research presentation to a local academic audience and will be encouraged to participate in the intellectual life of the University of Michigan.

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About the African Social Research Initiative

The University of Michigan’s African Social Research Initiative (ASRI) is part of the African Studies Center and promotes and builds capacity in social science data collection and analysis conducted in Africa. Building on a decade of partnership in the social sciences between the University of Michigan and university and government research agencies in Africa, the initiative seeks to enrich ongoing collaborations and to foster new intellectual pursuits between University of Michigan faculty and researchers with substantive interests in Africa.

ASRI was established in response to the critical need in Africa for high-quality social data for policy and planning in economics, urbanization, gender, citizenship and governance, education, demographics, environmental change, and public health. ASRI encourages collaborative research projects that cross national, institutional, and disciplinary boundaries, and innovative partnerships with policy-makers. A bi-annual revolving conference brings together scholars from Africa and U-M to foster collaborative efforts designed to push the field forward both domestically and abroad.

More can be learned about ASRI at its website: http://www.ii.umich.edu/asc/initiatives/africansocialresearchinitiativeasri