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Call for Applications for African and African American Studies Graduate Fellowships

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – The African and African American Studies Program in the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences will award its inaugural round of graduate fellowships to support graduate research and scholarly engagement in African and African American studies. Several awards of up to \$5,000 each will be made this year to both Master of Art and doctorate students across the University of Arkansas campus.

Proposals on all topics from all fields related to any facet of African and African American studies are welcome. The program is broadly interested in supporting scholarly research and engagement that focuses on the legacy of the African diaspora and African-descended people's global experiences with a focus on Africa, the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean.

“These fellowships mark an important transition in the program's mission, from engaging a primarily undergraduate audience to now supporting graduate education as well,” said Calvin White, Jr., associate professor of history and program director. “They align with our ongoing efforts to support the study of Africa and the diaspora and will eventually fund students enrolled in our proposed Graduate Certificate Program when it receives final approval.”

James Gigantino, assistant professor of history and chair of the program's scholarship committee will administer the fellowship program.

“The faculty in the African and African American Studies Program is committed to high quality interdisciplinary academic research and is excited to be able to support the university's graduate students through these fellowships and spur research in a multitude of fields on our campus in the coming academic year” said Gigantino.

“This fellowship program provides a great opportunity for more graduate students to engage in high-quality research on our campus,” said Kim Needy, dean of the Graduate School and International Education. “The beneficiaries of this fellowship will be making important

contributions to the further development of a field which has played a significant role in our society throughout history and continues to do so today.”

All applications must include:

- A 2-3 page proposal that describes the proposed use of the fellowship funds. The statement should discuss the central theme of the research project the student is engaged with, its contribution to the field of African and African American studies, its methodology and range of sources and the timetable for its completion. While the program envisions funding travel and research expenses geared towards a master’s thesis or doctoral dissertation, it is open to funding other worthy scholarly activities related to the study of Africa or the diaspora ranging from additional coursework to conference travel expenses.
- An itemized budget (estimates for transportation, lodging, expenses, etc.) that would be included in fellowship funds
- A letter of support from the applicant’s major professor/advisor
- A Curriculum Vita

Email application materials to

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About the African and African American Studies Program: The African and African American Studies Program at the University of Arkansas is an interdisciplinary program that expands on the core disciplines of a traditional liberal arts education. Through interdisciplinary study, students explore the legacy of the African diaspora and African-descended people’s global experiences and the importance of race with a focus on Africa, the United States and the Caribbean.

About the University of Arkansas: The University of Arkansas provides an internationally competitive education for undergraduate and graduate students in a wide spectrum of disciplines; contributes new knowledge, economic development, basic and applied research and creative activity; and provides service to academic and professional disciplines and to society in general, all aimed at fulfilling its public land-grant mission to serve Arkansas and beyond as a partner, resource and catalyst. The Carnegie Foundation classifies the University of Arkansas among only 2 percent of universities in America that have the highest level of research. Founded in 1871, the University of Arkansas comprises 10 colleges and schools and offers more than 200 academic programs. The university maintains a low student-to-faculty ratio of 19:1 that promotes personal attention and mentoring opportunities. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks the University of Arkansas 63 among the 623 American public research universities, and the university's goal is to be top 50 by the celebration of its 150th anniversary in 2021.