

**ASAA/Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Proposal Writing Workshop  
October 10, 2017**

In partnership with the ASAA, the Social Science Research Council's Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa program is delighted to offer a proposal development workshop for doctoral students and early-career faculty who seek to develop competitive applications for international funding opportunities. We are able to accommodate up to 10 applicants for this one-day workshop. Preference will be given to applicants residing in Ghana or those who can confirm attendance at the ASAA conference. The workshop will take place on campus at the University of Ghana, Legon on October 10, 2017 – just one day prior to start of the ASAA meeting.

Those who wish to participate in the workshop must submit a 4-page project description that includes the following elements:

- (1) Please state the research puzzle you wish to solve. How does it engage and advance existing literature?
- (2) Briefly state the site or object of your research. How did you select this and why does it shed light on this particular research puzzle?
- (3) What are we going to learn as a result of the project that we do not know now, and why is it worth knowing?
- (4) Please detail the method you will use to answer your research question, in the process explaining why the method you have selected is the best fit for your research question.
- (5) Please write, as specifically as possible, what activities you plan to undertake to collect information, the techniques you will use to analyze it, and how you will know your conclusions are valid.
- (6) What preliminary research has already been completed and what research will be undertaken during the funding period?

Please submit your application to this writing workshop by **July 31, 2017**. All applications must be submitted to [nextgen@ssrc.org](mailto:nextgen@ssrc.org).

### **Eligibility & Application Criteria:**

1. Applications must be submitted **BY JULY 31, 2017**;
2. All applicants must be members of ASAA [<http://www.as-aa.org/index.php/membership>] and must submit an abstract for the ASAA 2017 annual conference to be held at the University of Ghana, Legon [see <http://www.as-aa.org/index.php/asaa-2017-conference/call-for-papers-posters-and-panels> in English, French, and Portuguese];
3. All applicants must be enrolled in a PhD program;  
Priority shall be given to applicants from under-resourced institutions and university systems underrepresented in international funding competitions; women are particularly encouraged to apply.

### **Submission Process:**

Applicants for the Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa proposal workshop must prepare the following **BY JULY 31, 2017**:

1. A cover letter that outlines the applicant's broad academic goals and interests;
2. A current curriculum vitae listing all educational qualifications, research funding received, pending applications, publications, and employment history;
3. A 4-page narrative proposal that addresses the 6 questions detailed at the beginning of this call for proposals;
4. One letter of recommendation from an individual familiar with the applicant, addressed to Thomas Asher, that includes, but is not limited to (a) confirmation that the recommender has read the submission; (b) an

- evaluation of the draft proposal; (c) confirmation that the recommender considers the proposal well enough developed to be on the path to submission to a funding body; and (d) confirmation of the academic standing and progress of the applicant as represented in the accompanying CV;
5. A letter from the Head of Department indicating the applicant's enrollment in a doctoral program;

The entire dossier must be compiled as a single PDF file and submitted by email to [nextgenAfrica@ssrc.org](mailto:nextgenAfrica@ssrc.org) with "ASAA proposal writing workshop" in the subject line.

The SSRC Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa program responds to an emerging dilemma within higher education in African higher education contexts caused by the extraordinary emphasis on increasing undergraduate enrollment without proportionate investment in faculty development. This situation erodes the ability of universities to produce the next generation of researchers, leaders, and practitioners. The program offers three types of fellowships to support committed researchers and faculty.