

# **Africa Journal Work Academy**

**In Collaboration with the African Studies Association of Africa  
23 October 2019  
United States International University-Africa, Nairobi, Kenya**

In partnership with the African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA), this British Academy funded Journal Work Academy workshop will support the work of editors and editorial boards and contribute to training the next generation of peer reviewers and journal editors, in collaboration with senior scholars and editors based at African institutions.

## **Format:**

The Journal Work Academy will involve structured sessions of practical exercises and collaborative work. The participants will be divided into “editorial teams”, and each team will work with one or two editors and with one or more senior scholars. In the simulated journal office, we shall constitute our editorial boards. Each journal team will write a short mission statement that reflects on the chosen theme(s) and will formulate the joint project and members will read and comment on one another’s abstracts (not on the full papers at this session). Scholars will provide guided feedback to one another’s work (following the protocols developed in the Journal Work Academy). Each author will receive detailed feedback from the others in the group, as well as one-on-one feedback from senior scholars and journal editors. This has the aim of improving individual papers, but also of strengthening future scholarly networks and building intra-African networks of collaboration.

## **Outcome:**

The outcome of the Journal Work Academy will be to create resources that can be adapted to different contexts, enabling tailored capacity building from the ground up. Participants will have the benefit of discussing their work with their peers from other institutions, and to think of their individual projects in terms of networked intellectual debates and future collaborations. The seminar style format encourages collaborative work, and understands journal publishing not simply as a step to career advancement, but as an engaged and contextual scholarly practice. Through the collaborations between journal editors and the African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA) publishing cultures become a central part of a future-oriented academy.

## **Eligibility & Application criteria:**

1. Applications are to be submitted in English.
2. All applicants must be members of the ASAA.
3. Journals and journal editors are invited to contribute through the involvement of their editors and editorial committees and also by nominating a candidate to attend the Academy. Independent candidates are also eligible to apply.

In order to be included in the workshop, participants need to be available on **23 OCTOBER 2019** and must agree to submit their 6000-word draft paper to the organisers by **1 SEPTEMBER 2019** for distribution to others in the network.

## **Submission process:**

Applicants should please prepare the following documents by **30 JUNE 2019**:

1. An abstract of no more than 200 words

2. A personal statement of no longer than one page
3. A recent CV including all previous publications and editorial experience

The entire dossier shall be compiled as a single PDF file and submitted by email to the organisers of the workshop, Carli Coetzee and Grace Musila, to the address [journalworkacademy@gmail.com](mailto:journalworkacademy@gmail.com).

**Selection criteria:**

Space will be limited to 15 participants. Participants in the Journal Work Academy will be chosen carefully, in collaboration with our partner journals and with the organisers of the conferences, with regard to diversity of background, experience, theme, discipline, and other concerns. Applicants selected for participation will be notified by the organisers, Carli Coetzee and Grace Musila, after confirmation of the applicant's ASAA registration, by **15 AUGUST 2019**. Successful applicants will have their conference registration paid and will be considered for sponsored accommodation. They will, however, be responsible for their own travel and all other costs incurred.

General queries may be directed to Carli Coetzee and Grace Musila at [journalworkacademy@gmail.com](mailto:journalworkacademy@gmail.com).