



CODESRIA African Academic Diaspora Support to African Universities Program

Call for proposals from Doctoral Students in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Higher Education Studies for Mentorship Under the CODESRIA College of Mentors

Background

The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY) is implementing an intervention to support Doctoral Students registered in African universities, pursuing studies in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Higher Education Studies. The support entails placing the students under the CODESRIA College of Mentors to benefit from academic advice from senior academics having similar research interests, and in partnership with the students' primary supervisors. This intervention is a response to the crisis in doctoral supervisory capacity that a number of universities in the continent face.

The CODESRIA College Mentors is composed of senior academics from the Diaspora and within Africa, who have agreed to devote part of their time to support students in African universities through helping them develop their research proposals, read and comment on drafts of their dissertation chapters, share with the student's current literature relevant to their area of study, and where possible, help the students publish part of their work as journal articles. A joint institute of the selected students and mentors will be held at the beginning for purposes of induction and setting in place working modalities. The College of Mentors will both complement and strengthen the support in capacity building in African universities that CODESRIA is engaged in through the "CODESRIA Doctoral Support Program. *Doctoral Students wishing to be considered for support under this intervention should be those at the early stages of their doctoral work.*

Eligibility

Only candidates who meet the following criteria are eligible to submit applications;

- Should be affiliated to an accredited university in Africa;
- Must be registered for a doctoral study;
- Must be registered in one of the following fields/ disciplines: **Humanities, Social Sciences or Higher Education Studies;**

- Should be at the early stages of doctoral work or about to proceed for field work.

Application Modalities

Students wishing to be considered for mentorship support should submit the following documents:

- a) A 10-page synopsis of doctoral draft proposal highlighting the topic for study and proposed methodology;
- b) Two letters of support/nomination; one from the dean of the school where the student is registered and the other from the primary supervisor indicating, among other things, support for the student to be placed under mentorship, the stage the student is in the doctoral program and the status of the student (i.e. is the student a member of staff, on staff development status, or a private student).
- c) All applications must be completed and submitted through the CODESRIA online system using the following link [Mentorship](#).

The selection process of the students to be supported will be undertaken by an advisory board of senior academics that has been constituted for the purpose.

Application Deadline

The deadline for Receiving completed applications is **15th April 2019**. Candidates will be informed of the results of the selection process by 31st May 2019 and the institute for selected students and their supervisors will be held in the course of August 2019.