



Funding Source

The Africa Institute Graduate Student Research Fund is open to Western graduate students who meet the eligibility requirements as outlined below. Students may apply for the research fund grant to receive up to a maximum of \$2,000 CAD to defray expenses incurred for their thesis research and/or other activities associated with graduate research and knowledge translation that fall within the domain of African-related scholarship.

Application Deadline

Applications (to be submitted electronically) will be assessed on a rolling basis, every 8 weeks, until the pool of funding is completely allotted for the current year. The total funding pool for 2018 is \$10,000.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant must be currently enrolled as a Western student;
- The applicant must be post their Comprehensive Exams;
- The applicant must be directing their request towards research funding;
- The applicant's research must be related to the continent of Africa.

Application Requirements:

Please submit the following documents to be considered for the AI Graduate Student Research Fund, up to a maximum of \$2,000. Please specify the amount of funding requested.

- Statement outlining thesis research (max 500 words). Please include your name, degree and year, department, and supervisor's name.
- Budget Proposal of how you plan on spending your total requested funds, this should include information on thesis research financial support from other sources.
- Letter of Support from Western Supervisor

Eligible Expenses:

If your thesis research requires the purchase of an unlisted item, please explain its importance in your budget.

- Travel associated with research i.e. Travel to research sites to set-up and or execute the research. Provide an itinerary of dates and locations for each company visited.
- Knowledge translation (please be specific in your request).
- Returning to your research site to distribute findings.
- Books, databases and other resources that are unavailable from libraries or cannot be borrowed.
- Long distance phone costs associated with contacting research sites or subjects.
- Postage and shipping costs associated with sending material (letters, questionnaires) to field sites.
- A maximum of \$300 for the use of vendors located outside of UWO to print materials required for research.

- Students are permitted to use this grant to attend conferences provided the student is presenting a paper that is directly drawn from and contained in her/his dissertation. Confirmation and support from the student's supervisor is also needed.

Submission Details

Please submit your application documents in one PDF attachment to the attention of The Africa Institute at africain@uwo.ca with the subject line: AI Graduate Student Research Fund – *Last Name, First Name*

Contact

For further questions, please contact The Africa Institute at africain@uwo.ca or 519-661-2111 ext. 82277.