Call for Scholars

Applications are invited from PhD students, Postdoctoral Fellows and Early Career researchers to participate in a project addressing **Climate Change Resilience, Food Security and Sustainable Livelihoods in West Africa. This training program** is funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), QES II Advanced Scholars West Africa Program and it will support scholar projects that will inform progress on the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with preference given to those that focus on or clearly integrate SDG 5 (gender equality) as a crosscutting or mainstream goal.

In Canada, African Scholars will be placed with either Western University or with University of Waterloo for periods of 6 months and they must return to their home institutions when the scholarship period ends.

Canadian Scholars will be placed with participating universities in Benin, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Senegal for periods of 4 months and they must return to their home institutions when the scholarship period ends.

**Eligibility criteria:**

- Be a citizen of one of the following countries: Benin, Canada, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal and be willing to spend periods of between 4 – 6 months out of your country. You cannot apply for a placement within your own country.
- Be registered full-time as a PhD student or Postdoc/ research fellow or early career researcher at one of the following universities: Western University, University of Waterloo, Université d’Abomey-Calavi, Benin, S.D. Dombo University of Business and Integrated Development Studies, University of Liberia, Ibadan University, Cheikh Anta Diop University.
- If you are a PhD student, you must be at the thesis research stage and will return to your home country, to complete your studies.
- Your research must address any of these thematic areas: **Climate Change Resilience, Food Security and Sustainable Livelihoods in West Africa** and inform progress on the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with preference given to research that focuses on or clearly integrate SDG 5 (gender equality) as a crosscutting or mainstream goal.
- Be prepared to participate in leadership development and community engagement activities in your country of placement and to participate in the network of Queen Elizabeth Scholars.
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Application Form:

Name:

☐ Male    ☐ Female  (Indicate)

Citizenship:
Eligible countries: Benin, Canada, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal

Name of Home University:

Program at Home University:

Name and Contact of Supervisor at Home University:

Academic Status: ☐ Early Career Researcher ☐ PhD (Research–Stage only) ☐ Postdoc Fellow

Expected graduation Date (If PhD):

End of Fellowship (If Postdoc or Research Fellow):

Summary of Research Project (Maximum 1 page)

Your motivation for wanting to participate in this project (Maximum 1,000 Words)

Attachments required:
1. Official letter of support from your university which must include confirmation of your current academic/registration status
2. Proof of citizenship (National ID Card or Passport)

Please send your application to: africain@uwo.ca

Questions can be sent to: africain@uwo.ca