

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

BANGA-AFRICA POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS/ SEED GRANTS

1. Introduction

The University of Ghana has received funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to implement the “**Building a New Generation of Academics in Africa**” (**BANGA-Africa**) project. The BANGA project is a follow-up to the Carnegie Next Generation in Africa project and it aims to contribute to the attainment of a critical mass of PhD holders on University of Ghana faculty, improve doctoral training at UG and enhance the quality and volume of research outputs from UG. This new programme provides opportunities for post-doctoral fellowships and for the development of the research capacity and outputs of early career faculty. Specific activities that may be funded include:

- i) Short-term fellowships to consolidate doctoral training experiences;
- ii) Post-doctoral attachments to improve and acquire new research skills;
- iii) Collaborative initiatives to establish research networks and joint research grant proposal development;
- iv) Time away to write-up research findings for publication;
- v) Seed research grants to initiate new research or complete an ongoing research project.

The **BANGA-Africa Programme** is pleased to announce the *1st Call for Applications* from early career UG Faculty for post-doctoral activities and seed research grants.

2. Duration of Fellowship

Selected fellows on the programme will be able to spend normally up to 3 months outside the University of Ghana at a reputable laboratory/institution working with a mentor/collaborator on a specific research project or joint research grant proposal, or writing up research findings for publication.

3. Coverage of Fellowship

The programme will cover travel costs (*visa, return economy air ticket, and travel insurance*), medical insurance, and accommodation at the host institution as well as subsistence costs for the time away from the University of Ghana. Applicants are also eligible to apply competitively for a seed grant to undertake a research project as part of the fellowship. This application will normally be in collaboration with the mentor/ collaborator.

4. Eligibility

Applicants:

- Must be PhD-holders employed full time as faculty at the University of Ghana.
- Must have earned their PhD and/or must have joined the University in the last 10 years.
- Previous recipients of Carnegie funded PhD scholarships are eligible to apply.
- Shortlisted applicants must provide documentary evidence to show that they have made contact with a prospective mentor/collaborator in a reputable institution who is willing to host and work with them during the period of the fellowship.

5. Application Requirements

Interested and eligible faculty members may complete and submit the attached **Application Form** accompanied by the following documents:

- PDF versions of 3 most important publications
- A CV of not more than 5 pages
- Supporting letters from two professional referees (*including their telephone numbers, postal and e-mail addresses*) to be sent directly from referees to the **BANGA-Africa** Coordinating Office by email at banga-africa@ug.edu.gh. At least one referee should be familiar with the applicant's work in academia

Shortlisted candidates for the seed grants will be invited to submit a full proposal which must have input from the identified mentor/collaborator. All shortlisted candidates may be required to attend an interview to be organized by the **BANGA-Africa Programme** office at UG.

6. Review of Applications and Selection of Fellows

Applications will be reviewed by a panel in the relevant subject areas. Reviewers may pay particular attention to the following criteria: demonstrated research experience; commitment to pursuing an academic career at UG; relevance of research project to UG's priority research areas.

7. Deadline

All applications are to be submitted by email to banga-africa@ug.edu.gh and in hard copy to the BaNGA-Africa secretariat at the Centre for African Wetlands latest **by 5:00pm on Tuesday 28th February, 2017**.

Contact Details

For enquiries related to this Call, send an email to banga-africa@ug.edu.gh
BANGA-Africa Coordinating Office is located at the Centre for African Wetlands.