



UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT PROGRAM RESEARCH MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

THE UASP FELLOWSHIP IN RESEARCH MANAGEMENT supports up to 30 mid- to senior-level university leaders from Africa to develop their capacity in research management and knowledge transfer through an online research management course, a 3-week virtual fellowship, and a 5-week fellowship in the United States. At its core, the UASP aims to grow the new generation of university leaders who understand and can adapt international trends and best practices in research management and knowledge transfer, who actively disseminate their knowledge within and beyond their institutions, and who will apply their ideas, skills and networks gained through the fellowship to drive improvement to their institution's performance.

Sample fellowship focus areas

- Institutional research strategy
- Incentivizing research
- Winning and managing research funding
- Enhancing reputation and visibility
- Publication
- Research ethics and integrity
- Researcher development, career support
- Postgraduate research programs

ONLINE APPLICATION:

<https://www.irex.org/uasp>

IN-PERSON FELLOWSHIP COMPONENTS



Financial Provisions

Roundtrip airfare, J-1 visa fees, accident and sickness insurance, housing, daily allowance (for basic meals and incidentals), and a professional development allowance.



Research Management Training

1 week of intensive training and peer-to-peer learning in Washington, DC., split into three days at the start and three at the end of the in-person placements



US Host University Placement (with Host Mentor)

4-week placement observing and analyzing research management operations at a respected public US university. Fellows' placements are assigned according to requested focus area(s) which are priorities of their home institution.



Implementation Plan & Comparative Case Study

Application of learning from the host placement to make recommendations for research management reform at the home institution.



Virtual Learning Environment

An online platform enables fellows to engage with UASP trainers, peers, and alumni prior to, during, and after the fellowship.



Post-program Grants and Engagement

Post-program small grants competition to put learning into action (e.g. to kickstart a reform at the home institution).

ABOUT THE UASP RESEARCH MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

2022-2023 PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

Eligible African participants in the UASP must be employed by an institution in the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA). ARUA will contribute to selection of grantees.

ETHIOPIA

Addis Ababa University

GHANA

University of Ghana

KENYA

University of Nairobi

MAURITIUS

University of Mauritius

NIGERIA

University of Lagos
University of Ibadan

RWANDA

University of Rwanda

SENEGAL

University of Cheikh Anta Diop

SOUTH AFRICA

University of the Witwatersrand
University of Stellenbosch
Rhodes University
University of KwaZulu Natal
University of Pretoria
University of Cape Town

TANZANIA

University of Dar es Salaam

UGANDA

Makerere University



TIMELINE



Applications due

May 20, 2022

Award

Notification

May 2022



Virtual Fellowships take place

October—
November 2022



US Fellowships take place

January -
February 2023
(5 weeks in US)



Small Grants and Coaching

January -
December 2023

IMPACT OF UASP SINCE 2002



87% delivered
training to staff



55% developed
new administrative
processes



28% introduced new
teaching, learning and
assessment methods



32% provided a new
service to students



26% established a
new functional unit

SUCCESS STORIES

Adeola Oladeji and Olumuyiwa Desmennu (UASP 2018) jointly developed and are deploying an electronic research administration system (replacing a paper-based system) which will increase efficiency and accuracy at the University of Ibadan.

Fredrick Muyodi (2018), of Makerere University, and **Abdoulaye Ndiaye (2019)** of the University of Cheikh Anta Diop, each established new units at their universities which provide grants writing support to faculty.

Omobolanle Ade-Ademilua (2018) and **Morounfolu Aramide (UASP 2016)**, based on their knowledge of international best practices, were appointed Deputy Centre Leader and Project Management Officer of the University of Lagos' African Centre of Excellence for Drug Research, Herbal Medicine Development, and Regulatory Science (ACEDHARS), part of the World Bank ACE Impact project.

“ Overall, the program is high value, it was planned and executed with great precision. It was a great opportunity for me and my University to learn how we can strengthen our systems. ”

- Rosemary Omwandho,
University of Nairobi