UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT PROGRAM
RESEARCH MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

THE UASP FELLOWSHIP IN RESEARCH MANAGEMENT develops higher education research management capacity in Africa and Eurasia through a six-week fellowship in the United States. Including two weeks of training in Washington, DC, a four-week placement at a US university, and opportunities for post-program small grants and engagement, the UASP supports up to 32 mid- to senior-level research managers to build their universities into leading research institutions.

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
- Research methods training
- Postgraduate research programs
- Technology transfer
- Research commercialization
- Institutional data, reporting, and audits

ONLINE APPLICATION: https://www.irex.org/uasp

FELLOWSHIP COMPONENTS

Financial Provisions
Roundtrip airfare, J-1 visa fees, accident and sickness insurance, housing, daily allowance of $50 per day (meals and incidentals), and a professional development allowance of at least $600

Research Management Training
2 weeks of intensive training and peer-to-peer learning in Washington, DC

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 or 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), take research management courses, and/or attend relevant conferences.

The UASP is developed and implemented by IREX and is kindly supported by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.
2018-2019 PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS IN AFRICA*

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

**NIGERIA**
University of Lagos
University of Ibadan
Obafemi Awolowo University

**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

*Joint applications with reinforcing objectives are encouraged.

*UASP Cohorts also include participants from Eurasia.

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**TIMELINE**

**Applications due**
April 15, 2018

**Award Notification**
May 2018

**Cohort I Fellowships take place**
September - November 2018
(6 weeks in US)

**Cohort II Fellowships take place**
January - March 2019
(6 weeks in US)

**Small Grants and Coaching**
January - December 2019

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**IMPACT OF UASP SINCE 2002**

- 87% delivered training to staff
- 55% developed new administrative processes
- 32% provided a new service to students
- 28% introduced new teaching, learning and assessment methods
- 26% established a new functional unit

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**SUCCESS STORIES**

**Henry Zakumumpa** established the first Office of Sponsored Research at Makerere University’s College of Veterinary Medicine. This has since prompted discourse to establish research management offices in seven of Makerere’s ten Colleges.

**Moses Chimbari and Clement Matasane** jointly developed “Researcher Competencies” capacity development workshops for PhD students and an online research platform to enhance grants acquisition capacity at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

**Olufemi Hodefe** developed grants management training that is now institutionalized at the University of Lagos. In addition, through a UASP alumni grant, he traveled to speak at a University of KwaZulu-Natal symposium, where he reconnected with his UASP cohort member, **Clement Matasane** (an employee of UKZN) and developed a grant writing collaboration between their institutions.

“The program has not only provided me with insights into the various aspects of the world of research, which is indeed a complex one, but has also equipped me with skills to be a better research administrator.”

- Abena Engmann,
University of Ghana

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