

AFRICAN SOCIAL RESEARCH INITIATIVE (ASRI)  
**2017 Collaborative Faculty Seed Grant**

**Application Deadline: February 15**  
**Notice of Award: April 1; Earliest Potential Start Date: May 15**

**Award Amount: \$5,000-10,000**

The African Social Research Initiative (ASRI) is part of the African Studies Center at the University of Michigan. ASRI was established in response to the critical need in Africa for high-quality social data for policy and planning in economics, urbanization, gender, citizenship and governance, education, demographics, environmental change, and public health. ASRI encourages collaborative research projects that cross national, institutional, and disciplinary boundaries, and innovative partnerships with policy-makers.

The purpose of ASRI seed grants is to provide faculty at the University of Michigan and partner institutions in Africa with seed funding to conduct pilot research on important social research topics that can be used to advance scholarship and policy and leverage future funding.

The program aims to foster new, interdisciplinary teams with a connection to ASRI; deepen scholarship on focal areas of ASRI: survey research methodology, labor & economics, governance & political science, public health, gender, ethnic & racial inequality; encourage co-investigators from any country in Sub-Saharan Africa, but especially Ghana and South Africa; provide data of critical policy value— describe a plan to translate research to action; support junior faculty; and/or promote faculty collaboration across institutions and rank

**OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITY FOCAL AREAS FOR THIS SEED GRANT**

This seed grant provides a catalyst for researchers from Africa and the University of Michigan to explore social research topics from a multidisciplinary vantage point, while emphasizing capacity-building and collaborative mentoring in all partner institutions.

**PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS**

Each proposal must be accompanied by a **completed cover sheet** as illustrated at the end of this RFA. Proposal narratives are limited to **5 pages, double-spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font, 1" margins**. References, budget, and budget justification are not included in the 5-page limit.

**Proposal narratives should address:**

- Background / Description of the problem
- Research Goals & Objectives

- Methods
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Significance of the research / potential next steps
- Anticipated potential challenges and potential solutions to those challenges
- 1-page itemized budget and budget justification, including a breakdown of expenses across Africa and the United States
- **Proposals MUST include co-investigators from both the University of Michigan and partner African institution(s).**

The cover sheet may be completed via the form below. The cover sheet and additional application materials should be submitted as a single PDF, named “**ASRI SEED GRANT [YOUR LAST NAME]**.” The PDF document should be emailed to [asc-contact@umich.edu](mailto:asc-contact@umich.edu) **no later than February 15, 2017**. Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding. Applications will be reviewed by Africanist social science faculty.

### SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

Ranking of application will be based upon the following criteria:

- Relevance to the goals of ASRI
- Importance of the topic and novelty of the proposed approach
- A strong, promising collaborative model
- Prospects for sustained research partnership and capacity strengthening
- Reasonable structure of budget and management plan

### USE OF HUMAN SUBJECTS

All research projects involving human subjects conducted in connection with this must have written evidence of compliance with required federal guidelines and approval from an institutional review board (IRB). IRB approvals must be maintained and in effect throughout the project's connection with the program.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDED PROPOSALS

Grant recipients will be required to share an interim progress report halfway through their funding cycle, and will be required to submit a final report to ASRI no later than 6 months from the end of their funding cycle. In addition, grant recipients are required to provide a short summary of results for the ASRI website.

### QUESTIONS

Questions may be directed to **Henrike Florusbosch** at [jflorusb@umich.edu](mailto:jflorusb@umich.edu).

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PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

<b>Title of Proposed Project:</b>
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<b>AFRICAN CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR</b>	
Name:	
Institution:	
Email:	Cellphone:
Signature (electronic acceptable):	

<b>MICHIGAN CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR</b>	
Name:	
Institution:	
Email:	Cellphone:
Signature (electronic acceptable):	

**Additional Co-Investigators:**

Name	Position/Title	Department	Institution

**Signature of U-M Co-PI department chair / dean / administrative representative**

Name (printed):	
Position:	
Signature:	Date:

Project Abstract, including background, methods, anticipated results, and significance  
(Limit to 300 words)