

PASGR Doctoral in Public Policy Fellowship Programme for 2022

Call for applications is now open.

Deadline for submission: **May 25, 2022**

Summary

- Three categories of PhD scholarships are available to study Doctoral in Public Policy (DPP) programme at University of Nairobi, University of Ibadan, or University of Pretoria.
 1. One-Year PhD Scholarship programme, with possibility of renewal
 2. Research Grants
 3. Fieldwork Stipends
- Eligible applicants:
 - Students registered in any of the above universities.
 - Must be citizens of any sub-Sahara African country.
 - Priority will be given to female students and young academics without PhDs.
 - Those with PhDs are not eligible.

Background

The PASGR Doctoral in Public Policy Fellowship Programme is a flagship funding programme managed by the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR) through financial support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. This programme is administered in partnership with the Doctoral in Public Policy network of three universities: University of Nairobi, University of Ibadan and University of Pretoria to students enrolled in the Doctoral in Public Policy Programme in any of these partner universities. The aim of the fellowship programme is to strengthen production of high quality doctoral graduates in the Social Sciences for public policy. The specific objectives of the programme are to:

- Promote access and equity in the Doctoral in Public Policy.
- Improve completion rates for high quality Doctoral in Public policy.
- Strengthen research capacity of doctoral students to produce quality research outputs.
- Facilitate networking among cohorts and supervisors to reduce isolation and strengthen cohort building.

Fellowship Categories

1. One-Year PhD Scholarship programme

- This scholarship is open to new and continuing students from the sub-Saharan Africa registered in DPP in any of the three partner Universities

- It covers tuition, living expenses, and, a single return air ticket for new in-region students.

2. Research Grant

- This grant is open to students who have completed their course work and are commencing their fieldwork.
- It covers the cost of undertaking fieldwork such as relevant supplies, travel and subsistence, communication and research assistance;
- The grant shall not be used to purchase equipment and capital goods.

3. Fieldwork Stipends

- The grant covers living costs for working students who wish to take unpaid study leave to undertake research to fulfil the requirements of the Doctoral in Public Policy Programme.

Eligibility

To be eligible for any of the above categories of the PASGR Doctoral in Public Policy Fellowship Programme, applicants must:

- Be fully registered for the Doctoral in Public Policy programme in any of the three partner universities.
- Be a citizen of a sub-Saharan Africa country.
- Demonstrate capacity to cope with the rigors of the doctoral programme as well as complementary research capacity strengthening programmes;
- Show a commitment to public interest and potential to contribute creative and viable evidence informed solutions to their countries' developmental challenges;
- Be ready to participate in capacity enhancement activities as well as the face-to-face research methods training organised by PASGR.
- Demonstrate personal attributes that show achievement motivation including: leadership, hardworking, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, good communication skills, resourcefulness, and determination to succeed.

In addition to the above, the following criteria apply to research grants and fieldwork stipends respectively:

Research Grant

The applicants must fulfil the following minimum requirements:

- Proof from the university graduate school that the applicant has successfully defended his/her research proposal.
- Proof of ethical clearance from the university's Ethical Review Board.

Fieldwork Stipends

The applicants must fulfil the following minimum requirements:

- Proof from the university graduate school that the applicant has successfully defended his/her research proposal.

- Proof of ethical clearance from the university's Ethical Review Board.
- Proof that the student has study leave from employer to complete research project.

Application Guidelines

Carefully read and follow the applications instructions stipulated on the application form.

- Fully completed application form should be submitted together with required documentation to pdt@pasgr.org
- Applications must be submitted no later than May 25, 2022.
- Mandatory supporting documents to be submitted include:
 - a) Certified copies of Master's degree certificate.
 - b) Most recent official university transcript.
 - c) A letter of university enrolment.
 - d) Two reference letters.
 - e) Motivation letter – Maximum 500-word essay.

Additional requirements for **Research Grants** applicants:

- a) PhD research proposal with a clear research timelines and budget.
- b) Letter from university graduate school confirming successful defence of PhD research proposal.
- c) Ethics clearance from the university's Ethical Review Board.
- d) Progress report signed by applicant's supervisor.

Additional requirements for **Field Stipends** applicants:

- a) PhD research proposal with a clear research timelines and budget.
- b) Letter from university graduate school confirming success defence of PhD research proposal.
- c) Ethics clearance from the university's Ethical Review Board.
- d) Progress report signed by applicant's supervisor.
- e) Employer's letter confirming study leave.

Selection Process

The fellowships are offered on the basis of strong academic capabilities, clear research and public policy focus, potential to contribute to development, and inclusivity. Selection of candidates will therefore be done on merit based on a fair, open and competitive process undertaken with integrity and impartiality. The selection committee is composed of a multidisciplinary team of regional and international experts who have relevant knowledge and expertise in social science research and public policy.

Key Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on the following:

1. **Academic capabilities:** Strong academic capabilities necessary for the doctoral programme in public policy as demonstrated through applicant's academic track record, quality of the application, listed publications, motivation statement, and academic progress reports as well as transcripts for continuing students.

2. **Clear research and public policy focus:** Strong conviction and interest in advancing a career in public policy for advanced scholarship, research and policy practice, as demonstrated in the motivation statement, and letters of recommendation, as well as stated research interests. For continuing students, quality PhD proposal approved by authorising Departments.
3. **Potential for contribution to development:** Demonstrated desire to make a meaningful contribution to socio-economic development and social transformation as evident in the motivation statement and letters of recommendation.
4. **Personal attributes:** These should demonstrate achievement motivation, leadership skills, critical thinking, creativity, good communication skills, resourcefulness as evident in motivation statement, quality of application, recommendation letters.
5. **Consideration for inclusiveness:** While meritocracy will be the overriding factor, factors such as geographical location, gender, and special needs will be considered.

Partner Universities

The Doctoral in Public Policy is a collaborative programme offered in partnership with PASGR and the following partner universities.

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Further information

For additional information and support, please send an email to pdt@pasgr.org

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Scholarship Application

Application due date: May 25, 2022

1. Deadline for scholarship applications is May 25, 2022.
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
4. Type or print legibly.
5. You will be notified by phone or mail regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, contact us by email at pdt@pasgr.org.

PURPOSE

The aim of the fellowship programme is to strengthen production of high quality doctoral in the Social Sciences for public policy by providing financial assistance to individuals from sub-Saharan Africa enrolled for the Doctoral in Public Policy (DPP) programme in one of these partner universities i.e. University of Nairobi, University of Ibadan, and University of Pretoria.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Three categories of PhD scholarships are available:

- a) One-Year PhD Scholarship programme (with a possibility for renewal)
- b) Research Grants
- c) Fieldwork Stipends

The Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR) awards scholarships on the basis of a comprehensive process following the criteria listed below.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must be students who have been enrolled into the DPP programme in one of the partner universities and have outstanding academic performance record.
- Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to the following: academic qualifications and capabilities; clear research and public policy focus; potential for contribution to development; and inclusivity.

TIMELINE

- Applicants must complete and submit a scholarship application by May 25, 2022.

Please fill in the following details: Please **type or print** your answers below. A separate sheet may be used if needed.

Tick the category you are applying for:	
One-Year PhD Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/>	Research grant <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldwork stipend <input type="checkbox"/>
1	Surname: _____ First Name: _____
2	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Post Code: _____
3	Daytime Telephone Number: _____ Email address: _____
4	Date of birth: _____ Gender: _____
5	Nationality: _____
6	a) Any Special Needs: Yes No b) If yes, please specify: _____
7	Name of the University Enrolled at: _____ Name of the Department: _____ Year of registration: _____
8	What is your research interest(s)?

9	Publications: Please list your publications, including titles of any theses submitted. You should rank them with the first in the list being the publication that you think is most important. If publication is available online include the digital object identifier (doi).							
10	List the name of any university you have attended.				Start Year	End Year	Graduation Year	Degree/ Grade
	A.							
	B.							
	C.							

Please provide the following information on a separate sheet.

11	<p>NB: Your application will be returned to you if required items are not attached to this application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Application form fully completed. b) Proof of university registration from the university. Must bear official stamp from the university. c) Two reference letters, one from an academic supervisor or lecturer. Your references should be sent separately by the referee to pdtd@pasgr.org d) Most recent certified university transcripts (certified as true copies of the original by the granting university, a commissioner of oaths, or Ministry of Education/ Higher Education regulatory agency in the country where you obtained the degree). e) Certified Masters degree certificates (certified as above). f) Motivation letter - 500-word essay highlighting your academic and professional goals, why you are applying, reasons for your research interests, how your PhD contributes to advancing a career in Public Policy, expected contribution to development through your research, personal attributes with supporting examples. If a faculty member, explain how the PhD will strengthen your department and university. <p>Additional requirements for Research Grants applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) PhD research proposal with a clear research timelines and budget. b) Stamped letter from university graduate school confirming successful defense of PhD research proposal. c) Stamped ethics clearance from the university's Ethical Review Board. d) Stamped progress report signed by applicant's supervisor.
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Additional requirements for Fieldwork Stipends applicants :			
a) PhD research proposal with a clear research timelines and budget.			
b) Stamped letter from university graduate school confirming successful defense of PhD research proposal.			
c) Stamped ethics clearance from the university's Ethical Review Board.			
d) Stamped progress report signed by applicant's supervisor.			
e) Stamped employer's letter confirming study leave.			
Check "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have completed the application form and attached each item as required.			
YES	NO	Application form fully completed	
YES	NO	Two reference letters	
YES	NO	Proof of university registration	
YES	NO	Most recent <u>certified</u> university transcript	
YES	NO	Certified Masters certificates	
YES	NO	Motivation letter - 500 word essay	
Additional requirements for Research Grants applicants :			
YES	NO	PhD research proposal	
YES	NO	Letter from university graduate school confirming successful defense of PhD research proposal	
YES	NO	Ethics clearance from the university's Ethical Review Board	
YES	NO	Progress report signed by applicant's supervisor (template attached)	
Additional requirements for Fieldwork Stipends applicants :			
YES	NO	PhD research proposal	
YES	NO	Letter from university graduate school confirming successful defense of PhD research proposal	
YES	NO	Ethics clearance from the university's Ethical Review Board	
YES	NO	Progress report signed by applicant's supervisor (template attached)	
YES	NO	Employer's letter confirming study leave	

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR) Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without falsification.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Please submit application to: pdtd@pasgr.org

**Deadline: This application must be
Submitted by May 25, 2022**

For Research Grants and Field Stipends Applicants

Fellowship Progress Reporting

Dear PhD student:

This fellowship progress reporting template is for all PhD in Public Policy students who are supported by the PASGR-Carnegie Corporation of New York fellowship. Please complete Part A and have your PhD supervisor complete Part B.

PART A. TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

Student name	Student Number	
Email address & Phone Number	Name of the University	
Student's academic progress		
Number of semesters have you completed.		
Number of the semesters you still expect to use.		
Have you successfully completed coursework/seminars?	<i>Status</i>	<i>Estimated completion date</i>
Student's Research work progress: provide below status of your research work.		
<i>Milestone</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Estimated completion date</i>
i. Thesis proposal has been developed and successfully defended.		
ii. Data collection tools and protocols developed and approved.		
iii. Ethics Review Board approval obtained.		
iv. Data collection process successfully completed.		
v. Data analysis successfully completed.		

vi.	Thesis write up successfully completed.		
vii.	Notice to submit.		
viii.	Thesis submission.		
ix.	Thesis defense.		
x.	Final Thesis submission.		
xi.	Graduation.		
Dissemination plans			
List any journal articles you have submitted for publication. Include the working title, all authors, name of journal and journal impact factor and also status of this submission (if applicable).			
List down any reports, journal articles, or other documents you have published or co-published with your supervisors since the commencement of your programme. Provide full citations.			
If you presented at a conference, please provide the citation for the presentation, including any co-presenters.			
If you have presented your research in any forums (i.e. seminars) related to your PhD topic other than a conference, please provide details and the dates you presented.			

List below any plans for publications/conference presentation/ seminar presentations etc in the next 6 months.

Challenges

List any challenges that are affecting your progress and what efforts you have made to resolve them, i.e. seeking help from supervisor, programme coordinator, counsellor, etc.

Student's name

Student's signature

Date

PART B. TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SUPERVISOR

Supervisor's report.

Please make an assessment of whether the student is on track. Tick appropriately.

What is your assessment of the student's research progress?	Satisfactory progress	Struggling with progress	Unsatisfactory progress
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide below any additional comments on the student's progress.

Supervisor's name

Supervisor's signature

Date

Official University stamp: _____

PART C. TO BE COMPLETED BY PASGR

PASGR's assessment of the student's progress. Tick appropriately.			
Assessment on the student's progress?	Satisfactory progress	Struggling with progress	Unsatisfactory progress
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PASGR team chair's name

signature

Date

PASGR team member's name

signature

Date