

1. Special Funding Opportunity for African Doctoral Students

The Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (DPDF) Program of the Social Science Research Council in New York is pleased to announce the following research and training opportunity for early to mid-stage doctoral students within the U.S. and select countries in eastern and southern Africa:

Mobility, Empowerment and Precarity in African Migration

>> Read full description here: <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/subcompetitions/dpdf-fellowship/7A830765-EF37-E211-8EAC-001CC477EC84/520005B2-F137-E211-8EAC-001CC477EC84/>

Selected fellows will work with faculty research directors Loren Landau (Political Science and Sociology, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg) and Stephen Lubkemann (Anthropology and International Affairs, George Washington University) to enhance their dissertation research plans within this area of study through participation in two workshops:

- * The Spring Workshop will be held May 19-24, 2013 in Washington, DC
- * The Fall Workshop will be held September 25-29, 2013 on the campus of the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Fellows attend workshops in the spring and fall of the fellowship cycle, which provide a framework for dissertation research and guide dissertation research plans. In the summer months between workshops, DPDF fellows carry out exploratory field research on their topics to evaluate issues of feasibility and methods of investigation. The DPDF program covers necessary costs for workshop participation and up to \$5,000 for summer research. Fellows' attendance at both workshops is mandatory.

ELIGIBILITY

The "Mobility, Empowerment and Precarity in African Migration" research field is open to 1st year doctoral students at universities within the following countries: Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Interested students may visit our website at www.ssrc.org/programs/dpdf/ for more information about how to apply. They may also contact program staff directly at dpdf@ssrc.org to answer additional questions.

DEADLINE

Applicants must apply online by JANUARY 31, 2013 at 5PM ET. The application is available at <http://soap.ssrc.org/>.



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2. The Department of Higher Education and Training together with the NRF are pleased to announce specific funding support for students with disabilities.

The definition of a person with disabilities is defined according to The Code of Good Practice on Employment of People with Disabilities and the Employment Equity Act, 1998.

In this round of applications, only students intending to study or studying towards research based Masters and Doctoral degrees will be considered for funding.

In line with the national imperative of equity and redress, the programme prioritizes support for disabled students at 4% of the allocated programme budget.

How to Apply:

Applicants can apply by following the steps below:

- Applications must be submitted through an online application system to the NRF.
- **Applicants can apply for the NRF Disability Masters and Doctoral Scholarship Call for 2013 by accessing the link: <https://nrfsubmission.nrf.ac.za/>**
- **Register/ Login using your ID number and password.**
- Select create new application from the list of existing calls.
- Select the call for which you are applying to: **NRF Disability Masters and Doctoral Scholarship Call for 2013**

- Remember to complete all sections of the application form.
- Please attach the necessary documents in **one PDF file in the following order: ID document and certified academic transcripts, medical certificate indicating disability.**
- Should you not follow the guidelines for attaching the necessary documents your application will not be considered.
- Remember to **submit** your application on completion.
- Complete applications will go to the host university, for verification before being forwarded to the NRF for further processing.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be considered (please refer to call document for details on eligibility for the NRF Disability Masters and Doctoral programme)
- Please contact the university post graduate office or research office or disability office if you have any queries.
- **The closing date for submitting applications is 31 January 2013.**

Should you require assistance throughout the application process please contact the NRF Support desk. (Documents attached)

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3. The United States Ambassador's HIV/AIDS Community Grants programme, funded by the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), assists small grassroots, community-run projects all over South Africa. It aims to strengthen health service delivery in communities affected by HIV and AIDS. The programme supports community groups in such efforts as support for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and for community-based HIV and AIDS palliative care and home health care.

The United States is calling for proposals from community-based organisations working on HIV, AIDS and TB for the United States Ambassador's HIV/AIDS Community Grants programme.

Application forms can be found on the Embassy's [website](#) under 'Services – HIV/AIDS Community & Self-Help Grants', or requested by calling the Community Grants office at the Embassy or Consulate nearest to you.

MEDICAL CERIFICATE To be completed by a medical officer/district surgeon

NAME OF APPLICANT	
Nature of disability (Indicate Severity)	

Clinical Examination

General physical and nutritional state	
Cardiovascular System	
Blood Pressure	
Respiratory system	
Genito-urinary system (state if pregnant)	
Urine	
Musculo-Skeletal System	
Central Nervous System (e.g. Epilepsy)	
Ear, Nose and Throat System (e.g. Hearing)	
Alimentary System	
Sight	
Teeth	
Other	
Besides the candidate's disability, is he/she otherwise found to be in a good state of health physically and mentally?	
Place:	Date
Medical Officer/District Surgeon	Signature