



GIGA Institute of African Affairs – Call for Seed Funding Proposals

Summary

The GIGA Institute of African Affairs (IAA) is looking to fund a limited number of research projects by doctoral students and early career researchers in economics, political science or other social sciences based at research institutions in sub-Saharan Africa, in particular in South Africa.

The primary aim of this call is to intensify and consolidate cooperation with excellent partners in sub-Saharan Africa and foster collaborations on research topics of joint interest. Submitted proposals should synergistically connect to ongoing or potential future [IAA research activities](#) within the broader scope of the four GIGA Research Programmes (RPs) – namely [Accountability and Participation](#) (RP1), [Peace and Security](#) (RP2), [Growth and Development](#) (RP3), and [Power and Ideas](#) (RP4).

Proposals to be considered:

- Carry out a small research project within the broader scope of the aforementioned focus areas.
- Carry out early-stage research or exploratory studies intended to obtain more significant funding from major sources.
- Conduct field research (quantitative or qualitative) within the scope of an existing larger research project.
- Carry out other supplemental research activities within an existing research project that otherwise could not be realised due to budget limitations.
- Engage in synergistic program activities, such as the dissemination of research results to broader audiences; as well as the organisation and support of workshops and research meetings.

Application Process

Applications must follow the guidelines for submission provided below (see next page).

Screening of applications will begin on 17 April, 2017.

First funding decisions will be taken by 2 May, 2017.

All proposals and questions regarding the call should be submitted to iaa@giga-hamburg.de.

Eligibility and Funding

The call is open to all doctoral students and early career researchers in economics, political science or other social sciences who are nationals of a sub-Saharan African country and are based at a research institution in sub-Saharan Africa. Applicants holding a PhD must have obtained it not earlier than 2012. Women scientists are especially encouraged to apply. Inter-/multidisciplinary and comparative research projects as well as joint projects with other GIGA/IAA researchers are strongly encouraged. The maximum funding for each seed project will be €5,000. Projects should be concluded by the end of 2018.

Additional travel grants will be provided to support collaborative work and to invite researchers to present the results of awarded projects at the GIGA headquarters in Hamburg, Germany.



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Application for Support from the GIGA Institute of African Affairs (IAA) Research Seed Fund Program

Cover Page:

Proposal Title:

Principal Investigator (name and department, laboratory, or centre):

Name:	Present position:
First name:	Academic degrees:
Date of birth:	Present institute (address):
Place of birth:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Project dates: Projects should be concluded by the end of 2018.

Proposal: Please do not exceed three single-spaced pages:

(1) Project Description (no more than 1000 words):

Clearly state the goals of the research project and describe the opportunities you see for this project and for your approach. Please explain how the project fits within the IAA research agenda in the broader scope of the four major research programmes at GIGA. Clearly state the objectives and deliverables for the period of work and their expected impact.

(2) Research Team and Collaborations:

If applying as a research team, list the team members' names and titles and describe their roles in the project. Note that inter-/multidisciplinary and comparative research projects as well as joint projects with other GIGA/IAA researchers are strongly encouraged.

(3) Budget allocation (estimate):

Describe the intended allocation of the resources (staff, equipment, materials, etc.) required to complete the project. This preliminary budget estimate will be used to assess the overall feasibility of the project. The maximum funding for each seed project will be €5,000. Also mention other funding sources, if applicable.

Applicants also need to submit:

- An academic **CV**.
- One **reference letter** from a senior scientist familiar with your work. Referees must send signed letters as attachments via e-mail directly to iaa@giga-hamburg.de.
- A copy of your **Graduate or PhD certificate** plus evidence of proficiency in English.