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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Moses Mapesa Research Grant
Closing date: 31st May 2017

The AWHF is pleased to announce the Moses Mapesa[1] Research Grant to support African Doctoral and Masters students in the field of heritage. The AWHF was launched in 2006 to support African State Parties in implementing the UNESCO 1972 Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Please view our website for full information www.awhf.net. This research grant seeks to further research (particularly supporting field work) on World Heritage and tentative listed sites in Africa.

1-Eligibility

The call is open to students who are:
- currently or will be registered in 2018 in a Ph.D. or Masters programme (Masters 2 for Francophone countries) at an African university and conducting dissertation research in the field of either natural or cultural heritage;
- fluent in English, French or Portuguese;
- citizens of an African country.

2-Grant support

Grant amounts will vary depending on research proposals, with a maximum award of USD 4,000.00. The field work research needs to be conducted in no longer than 9 months during 2018. The award will support research projects focused on the following topics related to a World Heritage site or a tentative listed site in Africa:
- Traditional Management Systems
- Risk management and preparedness
- Conservation, protection and management in pre-conflict, conflict and post-conflict situations
- Climate change
- Heritage and the economy
- Sustainable heritage management and conservation

Please note that the topic has to be connected to World Heritage (http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/) or tentative listed (http://whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/) sites in Africa. Please view the links for a list of sites per country.

The proposals can be working with a range of methodologies, however, the grant is intended to supplement the field work component of the research.

3-Grant requirements

If a student is awarded a grant, they are required to submit a longer research description at the beginning of the grant (along with proof of registration for the degree) and a final report with the research results or thesis document at the final stage as well as a financial report. All documents must be presented in either French, English or Portuguese. Please note that students who do not

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[1] The late Moses Wafula Mapesa (1965-2016) dedicated his career to wildlife conservation contributing immeasurably to the field of natural resource management in Africa. He served as the IUCN WCPA Regional Vice Chair for East and Southern Africa and was the former Executive Director of the Uganda Wildlife Authority.

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complete the research within the contractual timeframe will be required to reimburse the grant to the AWHF.

4-Application Process

All applicants should submit the following application package:

1. The completed application form (co-signed by the supervisor)
2. A letter of motivation by the applicant (1 page maximum)
3. Applicant's updated curriculum vitae (2 pages maximum)
4. Applicant's current university transcript
5. Research proposal (2 pages maximum) including the following:
   - Full name, affiliated university, country, degree level, title of research and related World Heritage or tentative listed site;
   - Description of research (Goal/objectives, research question/s, relevance, significance, justification and scope);
   - Methodology of research (approach, timeframe, analysis);
   - Reference/Bibliography;
   - Budget (indicate funds from all sources, stating specifically the field work items the grant would be for with justifications as to the need).

Incomplete applications and applications that do not fulfill all requirements stated above will not be considered.

5-Selection process

An inter-disciplinary and cross-regional selection committee will review the applications.
The following items will be strongly considered during selection:
   - Eligibility of applicant;
   - Completed application package (form, CV, motivation letter, transcript & complete research proposal);
   - Quality and relevance of the research proposed;
   - Gender, language and geographic balance.

Successful applicants will be informed by 31st August 2017 at the latest.

6- Deadline

The complete application package should be sent **at the latest on the 31st May 2017 via electronic emails to:** awhfstudygrant@gmail.com

For any queries or problems during application process, please contact AWHF at info@awhf.net. Please note that applications sent to this email will not be accepted, please send to the stipulated email address: awhfstudygrant@gmail.com