

Call for Proposals - Professional Immersion Fellowship

Closing date: 30 January 2022

The African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) is pleased to announce the Professional Immersion Fellowship to support African Heritage Practitioners, Academics and Young professionals in the field of natural and cultural heritage. The African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) is an intergovernmental organization created in 2006 to support the effective conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage of outstanding universal value in Africa. The main objective of the AWHF is to address the challenges faced by African State Parties in the implementation of the 1972 Convention, specifically, the underrepresentation of African sites on the World Heritage List and the insufficient conservation and management of these sites. For more information about the activities of AWHF follow this link: <http://www.awhf.net>

Professional Immersion Fellowship

Each year AWHF provide Professional Immersion Fellowship to African Professionals to implement short term (Max 3 month) projects and activities which focus on improving the state of conservation and sustainability of World Heritage properties.

3. Eligibility

- i. Countries/Region – Africa
- ii. Projects activities are restricted to World Heritage Sites as declared by UNESCO.
- iii. Project proposals **MUST** address challenges affecting the State of Conservation of selected World Heritage property (projects addressing the conservation issues raised in the State of Conservation (SoC) reports and the decisions made by the World Heritage Committee have added advantage).
- iv. Projects focusing on entrepreneurship initiatives or addressing sustainability issues at World Heritage properties.
- v. Who can apply? Professionals, Academia and Youth involved in the management and protection of World Heritage Sites.
- vi. The application must be approved and supported by the Head/Director of heritage institution/organization accompanied by a cover letter endorsing the project.

4. Duration

The projects **MUST** be implemented within **3 months** (1 April- 30 June 2022)

5. Budget

- a) AWHF grant will only cover direct costs related to the project activities.
- b) Applicants should provide detailed budget in **US\$** for every activity to be implemented.

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- c) AWHF will contribute a maximum of \$10 000 per project.
- d) Applicants should indicate any other contributions to the project.

6. Application procedures

- a) Application form (English and French versions) can be downloaded from the AWHF website www.awhf.net
- b) Completed applications should be submitted via email (as attachment) awhfprofessionalimmerssion@gmail.com (with copy to jopsj@dbsa.org and roxannes@dbsa.org) before the deadline.

6. Deadline for submission

The deadline for submission - **17.00 pm (CAT) on 30 January 2022**. However, applicants are highly encouraged to submit their proposals prior to the deadline. **Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.**

7. Evaluation and selection process

All applications will be assessed before the final decision is made. The assessment will be based on the following:

- a) Relevance and contribution of the project to addressing conservation and sustainability challenges at a particular World Heritage property;
- b) Quality of project design and use of innovative and cost-effective approaches
- c) Clearly articulated, realistic and measurable outcomes
- d) Level of stakeholders involvement and participation
- e) Accurate and realistic budget
- f) Support from the State Party

8. Final decision and notification

All applicants shall be notified of the outcome by **28 February 2022**.

For any queries regarding the application process, please contact African World Heritage Fund, 1258 Lever Road, Headway Hill, Midrand 1685 South Africa, Tel: +27 11 313 3061, Email: info@awhf.net (with copy to jopsj@dbsa.org and roxannes@dbsa.org).