

## Social Science Research Council

### Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Fellowship Application Form Doctoral Dissertation Completion Fellowship in Peace, Security & Development 2011

This application consists of the following sections:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Completed Project Proposal (no more than 10 pages), double-spaced in Times New Roman 12-point font type with one-inch margins on all sides
3. Completed Bibliography (no more than 2 pages), Times New Roman 12-point font type with one-inch margins on all sides. The Bibliography may be single-spaced but must be in bibliographic format
4. Reference Letters (2)
5. Completed chapter of the dissertation

#### 1. General Information Section:

<b>Surname (Family Name):</b>	<b>Middle Name/Initial:</b>	<b>First (Given) Name:</b>
<b>Gender:</b> Select gender		
<b>Country of Citizenship:</b>		<b>Country of Residence:</b>
<b>Current Position/Title:</b>		<b>Department:</b>
<b>Name of Institution:</b>		<b>Full Address of Institution (including country):</b>
<b>Home Address of Applicant:</b>		<b>Mailing Address (if different):</b>
<b>Street 1:</b>		<b>Street 1:</b>
<b>City:</b>		<b>City:</b>
<b>Postal Code (if any):</b>		<b>Postal Code (if any):</b>
<b>Country:</b>		<b>Country:</b>
<b>E-mail Address:</b>		<b>Alternative E-mail Address (if any):</b>
<b>Telephone Number:</b>		<b>Mobile Number:</b>

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<b>Applicant's Major Discipline:</b>	<b>Ancillary Discipline (if any):</b>
<b>Project Title:</b>	
<b>Abstract (please provide a summary of your proposal in 150 words or fewer):</b>	
<b>Start Date of Proposed Project:</b>	
<b>End Date of Proposed Project:</b>	
(Dates should correspond to the timeline included in your proposal)	
<b>Place(s) in which you will undertake the project for which you are applying</b> (if a research project please list all research sites and if a dissertation completion project please note where you will hold residency when writing):	
<b>Country 1:</b>	
<b>Country 2:</b>	
<b>Country 3:</b>	
<b>How did you learn about this new competition?</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> From a colleague or advisor at my institution <input type="checkbox"/> From a colleague or advisor at a different institution <input type="checkbox"/> I attended a meeting discussing the project held by the SSRC <input type="checkbox"/> From a colleague or advisor who attended a meeting held by the SSRC <input type="checkbox"/> From a group e-mail or listserv, please list which one(s) below <input type="checkbox"/> From a notice on a website, please list which one(s) below <input type="checkbox"/> From an internet search <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below):	

**Please sign and date your application:**

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Date

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**2. Personal Information and History****Higher Education**

(List schools attended beyond high school in reverse chronological order)

Name of Institution	Country	Degree Received	Date Received	Department

**Title of Dissertation, Anticipated Month and Year of Defense**

Dissertation Title	Date of Defense (MM/YY)

(Leave blank any of the following items that do not apply to you)

**Research Projects**

(List research projects you have undertaken and completed, including any articles, books, papers, M.A. theses, etc.)

Date	Title of Project	Project Form (book, article, etc.)	Funder

**Teaching Experience**

Institution	Years at Institution	Course Titles	# Courses Per Semester

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**Academic Service**

(List positions that you have held, including those of an administrative nature, committee memberships, and substantive editing of publications)

Years in Position	Academic Service

**Non-academic Positions**

(List any consultations or positions in government, NGOs, or the private sector)

Years in Position	Non-Academic Position

**Travel and Residence History**

(List previous travel or residence in any other country than your country of origin, including consulting, employment, research, study, and training)

Duration	Country	Purpose

**Language Self-Evaluation**

(List languages that you read, speak, and/or write)

Language	Fluency (beginning, intermediate, highly proficient, native)	Institution of Study	Duration of Study

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**Previous Awards**

(List awards, academic or professional honors, and any fellowships held since receiving your M.A.)


**List all fellowships or grants that you are applying for to support your work *INCLUDING* any that you have been awarded but have not yet accepted**

Source	Amount Requested	Purpose

**List all fellowships or grants that you have received to support research or writing since receiving your M.A.**

Source	Amount	Purpose

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### **3. Autobiographical Sketch and Future Plans**

Please provide a brief autobiographical sketch outlining your life experiences, skills, and previous positions related to the proposed project, while also providing a description of your academic career, detailing the ideas and experiences that have shaped and motivated your intellectual work and your plans for the future. (500 words maximum, single spaced, 12-point font):

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#### **4. Project Proposal**

The Project Proposal should be as thorough as possible and written in clear, non-technical prose. It must not exceed ten double-spaced pages, should be double-spaced in Times New Roman 12-point font type with one-inch margins on all sides, and include the following information:

1. An explicit statement of questions your project asks or hypotheses your project tests.
2. An explicit description and justification of your research methods.
3. A description of the research already completed.
4. A schedule for the writing plan that includes a description of each chapter remaining to be completed and the timeline for completion of each chapter.

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## **5. Bibliography**

The Bibliography should provide an overview of essential references for your project and indicate the key materials being used. This list should include all primary and secondary sources, along with any other source materials (artifacts, interviews, etc.). The Bibliography cannot be substituted by endnotes. The Bibliography may be single-spaced but must be in bibliographic format, and must not exceed two pages. It should be in Times New Roman 12-point font type with one-inch margins on all sides.



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## 6. Sample Dissertation Chapter

Please send sample chapter as a separate document saved as: Surname, Given Name(s).Chapter.doc/docx/pdf

## 7. Reference Letters

Two Reference Letters must be submitted with your application. One Reference Letter must come from your principal faculty advisor. The second letter should be from someone who is familiar with your work and academic interests. Only two Reference Letters will be accepted. You may choose to send a copy of your Project Proposal to referees so that they may evaluate the statement and comment on your ability to carry it out.

Please complete the sections below and then provide each of your recommenders with a blank copy of the Reference Letter, which appears on the next page.

Recommender One	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Institutional Affiliation:	
Academic Rank and Position:	
Email Address:	
Telephone (including international dialing codes):	

Recommender Two	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Institutional Affiliation:	
Academic Rank and Position:	
Email Address:	
Telephone (including international dialing codes):	

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**Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Fellowship Reference Letter**

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**To the applicant:** Two Reference Letters must be submitted by your recommenders. One Reference Letter must come from your principal faculty advisor. The second letter should be from someone who is familiar with your work and academic interests. Only two Reference Letters will be accepted.

**To the referee:** In addition to answering the questions below, please provide a letter evaluating the intrinsic merit of the project, specifying the contribution the project will make to social science research, and assessing the abilities and qualifications of the applicant to complete the project within the research timeline proposed, including methodological abilities. Please also assess whether you feel the project is innovative and engages the discipline and field of study as well as how active the applicant is within their professional community. *The letter should be scanned and emailed (by the referee) to [nextgenafrika@ssrc.org](mailto:nextgenafrika@ssrc.org) and must be received by **August 31, 2011**. It can also be sent via courier.*

Name of Recommender:

Academic Rank and Position of Recommender:

Name of Applicant:

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

In comparison with other scholars whom you have known at comparable stages in their careers, how would you rate the applicant?

- ☐ Top 2%
- ☐ Outstanding
- ☐ Above Average
- ☐ Average
- ☐ Other

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Signature of Recommender

Date

Please sign and date this questionnaire and attach your letter of reference. The letter is important to the selection committee, but please limit yourself to no more than two pages.