



# UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT PROGRAM RESEARCH MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

**THE UASP FELLOWSHIP IN RESEARCH MANAGEMENT** supports up to 32 mid- to senior-level university leaders from Africa and Eurasia to develop their capacity in research management and knowledge transfer through a 6-week fellowship in the United States. At its core, the UASP aims to grow the new generation of university leaders who understand and can adapt international trends and best practices in research management and knowledge transfer, who actively disseminate their knowledge within and beyond their institutions, and who will apply their ideas, skills and networks gained through the fellowship to drive improvement to their institution's performance.

## Sample fellowship focus areas

- Institutional research strategy
- Incentivizing research
- Winning and managing research funding
- Enhancing reputation and visibility
- Publication
- Research ethics and integrity
- Researcher development, career support
- Postgraduate research programs
- Technology transfer & commercialization
- Institutional data, reporting, and audits

## ONLINE APPLICATION:

<https://www.irex.org/uasp>

## FELLOWSHIP COMPONENTS



### Financial Provisions

Roundtrip airfare, J-1 visa fees, accident and sickness insurance, housing, daily allowance (for basic meals and incidentals), and a professional development allowance.



### Research Management Training

2 weeks of intensive training and peer-to-peer learning in Washington, DC.



### US Host University Placement (with Host Mentor)

4-week placement observing and analyzing research management operations at a respected public US university. Fellows' placements are assigned according to requested focus area(s) which are priorities of their home institution.



### Implementation Plan & Comparative Case Study

Application of learning from the host placement to make recommendations for research management reform at the home institution.



### Virtual Learning Environment

An online platform enables fellows to engage with UASP trainers, peers, and alumni prior to, during, and after the fellowship.



### Post-program Grants and Engagement

Post-program small grants competition to put learning into action (e.g. to kickstart a reform at the home institution).

# ABOUT THE UASP RESEARCH MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

## 2020-2021 PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS IN AFRICA\*

Eligible African participants in the UASP must be employed by an institution in the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA). ARUA will contribute to selection of grantees.

### ETHIOPIA

Addis Ababa University

### GHANA

University of Ghana

### KENYA

University of Nairobi

### NIGERIA

University of Lagos  
University of Ibadan  
Obafemi Awolowo University

### RWANDA

University of Rwanda

### SENEGAL

University of Cheikh Anta Diop

### SOUTH AFRICA

University of the Witwatersrand  
University of Stellenbosch  
Rhodes University  
University of KwaZulu Natal  
University of Pretoria  
University of Cape Town

### TANZANIA

University of Dar es Salaam

### UGANDA

Makerere University

*\*UASP Cohorts also include participants from Eurasia.*



## TIMELINE



### Applications due

March 3, 2020

**Award  
Notification**  
April 2020



### Cohort 1 Fellowships take place

September -  
November 2020  
(6 weeks in US)



### Cohort 2 Fellowships take place

January -  
March 2021  
(6 weeks in US)



### Small Grants and Coaching

January -  
December 2021

## IMPACT OF UASP SINCE 2002



**87%** delivered  
training to staff



**55%** developed  
new administrative  
processes



**28%** introduced new  
teaching, learning and  
assessment methods



**32%** provided a new  
service to students



**26%** established a  
new functional unit

## SUCCESS STORIES

**Adeola Oladeji and Olumuyiwa Desmennu (UASP 2018)** jointly developed and are deploying an electronic research administration system (replacing a paper-based system) which will increase efficiency and accuracy at the University of Ibadan.

**Fredrick Muyodi (2018)**, of Makerere University, and **Abdoulaye Ndiaye (2019)** of the University of Cheikh Anta Diop, each established new units at their universities which provide grants writing support to faculty.

**Omobolanle Ade-Ademilua (2018)** and **Morounfolu Aramide (UASP 2016)**, based on their knowledge of international best practices, were appointed Deputy Centre Leader and Project Management Officer of the University of Lagos' African Centre of Excellence for Drug Research, Herbal Medicine Development, and Regulatory Science (ACEDHARS), part of the World Bank ACE Impact project.

“ Overall, the program is high value, it was planned and executed with great precision. It was a great opportunity for me and my University to learn how we can strengthen our systems. ”

- Rosemary Omwandho,  
University of Nairobi