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Small Grants for Thesis Writing: Call for Applications

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Deadline: 15 June 2012

OBJECTIVES: The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) is pleased to announce its Small Grants Programme for Thesis Writing for the year 2012. The grants serve as part of the Council's contribution to the development of the social sciences in Africa, and the continuous renewal and strengthening of research capacities in African universities, through the funding of primary research conducted by postgraduate students and professionals. Hence, candidates whose applications are successful are encouraged to use the resources provided under the grants to cover the cost of their fieldwork, the acquisition of books and documents, the processing of data which they have collected and the printing of their theses/dissertations. As the Council is strongly committed to encouraging African researchers to engage one another on a sustained basis, recipients of the small grants will also be supported to order books and journals produced by African scholarly publishers, including CODESRIA itself. They will also be encouraged to apply for participation in CODESRIA research methodology workshops.

ELIGIBILITY: The CODESRIA Small Grants Programme is open to graduate students and professionals currently registered in African universities, and preparing their theses and dissertations in all social science fields and other disciplines involving social or economic analysis. Preference is given to those registered for doctoral studies (PhD or equivalent), though few grants are available for Masters Theses.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Grants are awarded solely on merit, that is, on the strength of each individual application received by CODESRIA. All applicants are required to use the application forms designed by CODESRIA which is made available along with this announcement. The application forms can also be downloaded from the CODESRIA website (www.codesria.org). In filling out the forms, applicants are requested to bear the following guidelines in mind:

RESEARCH PROPOSAL: Candidates' research proposals should each contain a clear statement of the research hypotheses, a critical review of the existing literature, the methodology to be used, the expected results of the work, and a detailed work plan and timetable. The research proposal should be based on an innovative problematic which sets out the originality of the theme in relation to on-going research in the same area.

BUDGET: Applicants should present a detailed budget with expenses clearly linked to specific phases of their research. The budget should not exceed USD 5,000 for PhD (or its equivalents) and USD 2,500 for Masters. Only trips for fieldwork in the country in which the research is actually conducted is funded under this grant.

STATEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT: A statement is required from each applicant's institution of affiliation, giving approval to the proposed research and an assurance of continued institutional support throughout the preparation of the thesis/dissertation. This should be done on the institution's letterhead and must carry the official stamp. Contact details of the officer issuing the statement must also be included.

LETTERS OF REFERENCE: Two letters of reference must accompany each application, one from the thesis/dissertation supervisor, assessing the applicant's research proposal and abilities; and the other from a faculty member, assessing the applicant in relation to other graduate students, and commenting on the scientific merit and validity of the proposed research. Contact details of the thesis or dissertation supervisor must be included in the letter of reference.

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CURRICULUM VITAE: Applicants must include their current curriculum vitae which, among other things, indicates their discipline and nationality, and provides a list of their recent publications and on-going research activities.

Please note that any application which is submitted without duly completed application forms will be automatically disqualified.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: The deadline for the receipt of applications is **Friday 15th June, 2012**. An independent selection will meet in **Dakar from 20 to 25 August 2012** to review the applications received. The results of their deliberations will be announced shortly after. Incomplete and late applications found to will not be considered.

All applications should be submitted to:

The Small Grants Programme for Thesis Writing

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