



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



Ideas Matter Doctoral Fellowships for West Africa: Investing in the future of scholarship

Deadline for applications: May 31, 2017

The West African Research Association (WARA), in collaboration with The MasterCard Foundation, is pleased to announce support for young West African scholars through its **Ideas Matter Doctoral Fellowship** program. This program reflects our joint commitment to increasing opportunities for emerging West African scholars, people who are transforming ideas into active solutions to the challenges facing the region and the world at large.

In 2017, the **Ideas Matter Doctoral Fellowship** program will award three doctoral research grants of \$4,000 each. In addition to a 1500 word proposal, budget, CV, two letters of recommendation, applicants must submit a statement explaining how their research will contribute to meeting critical needs on the continent. All applications must be submitted online https://fs9.formsite.com/westafricanresearchassociation/form31/form_login.html

The **Ideas Matter Doctoral Fellowship** is open to doctoral students under age 35 who are based in West African institutions of higher education, for research on the continent. Priority will be given to research projects focusing on women, technology and entrepreneurship.

West Africa, like other parts of the world, is rich in intellectual resources. Universities are home to scholarly communities of scientists, historians, artists, and social scientists. Young scholars in the region are carrying out innovative, cutting edge research in agriculture, technology, the humanities, and a wide range of other fields. They are poised to deliver innovative solutions to challenges posed by the changing climate, demographic shifts, and cultural transformations that mark our times. The **Ideas Matter Doctoral Fellowship** program will support the research initiatives of young scholars.

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The West African Research Association is devoted to the promotion of research and scholarly exchange between and among West African and US scholars and institutions. Over the past 15 years, WARA has directly supported the work of some 100 West African researchers. WARA's overseas headquarters, The West African Research Center (WARC) is located in Dakar, Senegal. WARA is a member of the Smithsonian-based Council of American Overseas Research Centers and has its U.S. offices at Boston University's African Studies Center.