

# OVERSEAS MINISTRIES STUDY CENTER

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## The Lamin Sanneh Research Grants for 2021–2023

Application Deadline: July 30, 2021

Timeframe: September 1, 2021–August, 2023

Amount: Two grants of \$10,000 each

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Overseas Ministries Study Center at Princeton Theological Seminary (OMSC@PTS), invites proposals for two two-year “Lamin Sanneh Research Grants” for the 2021–2023. These grants honor the late Yale Professor who pioneered the field of World Christianity and served as an OMSC Trustee and *IBMR* Contributing Editor. OMSC@PTS will award two prizes of \$10,000 each in support of research proposals by Christian scholars from Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and Oceania. Proposals are welcome from those working in Mission Studies, broadly conceived, World Christianity, Intercultural Theology or a cognate field.

### DESCRIPTION

Professor Sanneh had a passion for what he called “lived religion,” so preference will be given to proposals that provide insight into how Christian communities and persons understand and live out their faith in specific historical, cultural, social, and political contexts. Winning proposals will help to expand and nuance the global church’s knowledge of the world Christian movement.

We welcome interdisciplinary proposals that feature empirical research as well as theological reflection. Proposals may draw on literature in theology (Biblical Studies, Christian History, Systematic or Dogmatic Theology, or Practical Theology), social sciences (Anthropology, Archaeology, Economics, Geography, Politics, Psychology, or Sociology), or the humanities (Art, Ancient and Modern Languages, History, Law, Literature, Philosophy, or Religious Studies).<sup>1</sup>

Grant funds may be used for ground-breaking research initiatives, including the costs for field work, library research, writing and submitting work for presentation and publication, and associated travel. During the two-year grant term (September 1, 2021–August 31, 2023), part of the grant must be reserved for travel to one international academic conference where you will present the results of your Sanneh Research Grant.

### PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals are due by July 31, 2021. They must be submitted via e-mail attachment as a single document to: [thomas.hastings@ptsem.edu](mailto:thomas.hastings@ptsem.edu). The two Sanneh Prize Recipients will be notified by September 1, 2021.

- One page cover letter with proposal title.
- Abstract of the proposed research (not to exceed 150 words).

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<sup>1</sup> These contested disciplinary lists are only meant to be suggestive.

- Research Proposal Narrative (include the following parts)
  - 1) Background: Provide a concise statement of the background for your research. What questions arise within the scholarly literature related to the issues you want to address?
  - 2) Significance: Why does this research matter? How is it going to change how one understands your field of inquiry or world Christianity more generally?
  - 3) Action Plan (include a, b, and c): a) How will your research and writing address the key questions? What are your hypotheses about what you may find? b) What methodologies will you use? c) Outline here how you plan to complete the project by August 31, 2023. (Include a timeline showing project actions, deadlines, decisions, and events, all in a month-by-month sequence.)
  - 4) Concrete Outputs: Besides the presentation of your research at one international conference, what will you produce in the next 2–3 years as a direct result of this research grant? (i.e., monograph, article(s) in refereed and internationally indexed journals, book chapter(s), preparation of dissertation for publication, field work for a ground-breaking research initiative, etc.)
  - 5) Outcomes: How will your proposal expand and nuance the global church’s knowledge of the world Christian movement? What new ideas and discoveries might this project set in motion?
- Provide a research bibliography that lists existing scholarly literature on your topic.
- Written endorsement of the proposal by the head of your home program or institution, or your academic advisor.
- Abbreviated curriculum vitae (2–3 pages)