



**IFE INSTITUTE
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**IFE
SUMMER
INSTITUTE 2020**



**CALL FOR
APPLICATIONS**



THEME:

**EXPLORING NEW FRONTIERS:
KNOWLEDGE CREATION, COLLABORATION
AND DISSEMINATION**

July 20 - August 1, 2020

CONVENER:
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The theme of the fourth annual summer institute organized by the Ife Institute of Advanced Studies is **“Exploring New Frontiers: Knowledge Creation, Collaboration and Dissemination.”**

Africa in the 21st century faces several challenges and prospects in higher education. On the one hand, the continent has achieved significant firsts in the sciences, technology, the humanities and the social sciences. On the other, there is noticeable paucity of innovative and creative methodological, theoretical and discursive progress in scholarship and the intellectual pursuit of knowledge.

The 2020 summer institute, holding from 20th July to 1st August, will focus on new avenues for knowledge creation with attendant consequences for national, social and economic development of African communities; building platforms for knowledge sharing and dissemination among pre and postdoctoral scholars and encouraging collaborative research and teaching as a means to educational and intellectual growth.

We now welcome applications for fellows for the 2020 Ife Summer Institute holding at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife , Nigeria, one of Africa’s most beautiful and serene university campuses. The goal of the interdisciplinary summer programme is to facilitate and foster innovative research among young scholars in the academy, particularly those in the humanities and social sciences, by exposing them to relevant theory, discourse, method and pedagogy.

The institute’s summer programme is an international platform anchored by a team of senior scholars drawn from Africa, North America, and Europe. It engages a wide range of themes and issues that are designed to stimulate and deepen the understanding of research, teaching and service missions in the academy.

We envisage that the 2020 summer institute will generate new ideas, invigorate new opportunities for learning, teaching and research, thereby enabling social progress and inspiring a rejuvenation of the academic space.



ELIGIBILITY

Doctoral students and post-doctoral scholars from anywhere in the world who are working in the humanities and social sciences.

DEADLINE

The deadline for applications is May 30, 2020.

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee for fellows is ~~₦~~35,000.00 or \$100. Participants are served at tea break and lunch on each day the institute is in session.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All interested applicants are to submit a single application file comprising an abstract (maximum 500 words) outlining their research interest and a 2-page curriculum vitae. All applications are to be sent as a single document to **summerinstituteife.ng@gmail.com** with the title “Ife Summer Institute 2020” as the subject line of the mail.

ACCOMMODATION

The summer institute will hold at AFRIGIST, located on the premises of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, and fellows will be housed at affordable guest houses located on campus at an extra cost to them. Applicants are to commit to being in residence for the entire two-week duration of the institute in order to fully immerse themselves in the rigorous scholarly environment.

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TESTIMONIES & FEEDBACKS

"I think every emerging academic should have the opportunity to be trained and mentored as we were at the IAS in Ife-Ife."

- **Samantha Lakin**, (2017 Fellow), Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clarks University, USA.

"Besides the classroom lectures, I was amazed at how the convener and faculty members were more than willing to listen and share their experience with us during lunch breaks and outside the classroom."

- **Dr. Tolu Osayomi**, (2017 Fellow), University of Ibadan, Nigeria

"I can tell you, as a PhD student who has just finished coursework that this is the same quality of work that I have been doing for the past two years at Boston."

- **Shose Otieno**, (2018 Fellow), Boston University, USA

"As a person just coming into academia, I was blank and did not know what to do. Within these two weeks, I now know what to do; I now have a focus, I now have a direction, I now have a mentor."

- **Gabriel Asuquo**, (2018 Fellow), University of Lagos, Nigeria

"In general, the organisation was appropriate: correct time schedules, an impressive ceremonial dinner, nice food and clean water, facilities, etc."

- **Theodore Pelekandis**, (2018 Fellow), Humboldt University, Germany

"This is my first time in Nigeria. It has been amazing. The people have been very nice, very welcoming... It was a very exciting and humbling experience to be among people who have worked very hard and are giving back."

- **Julia Simango**, (2019 Fellow), University of South Africa, South Africa

"The experience of the Ife Summer Institute was reinvigorating and illuminating... It has helped me in research and diligence in my teaching career."

- **Barth Akpah**, (2019 Fellow), William Tubman University, Liberia

"I am taking back so much, relearning the whole business of being a scholar."

- **Olubukola Karik-Namiji**, (2019 Fellow), Federal University, Dutse, Nigeria

"It took almost thirty hours to get to Ife from China... The institute has been an amazing experience. I am amazed at the energy in the discussions at the sessions. I feel at home."

- **Prof. Tang Xioyang**, Dept of International Relations, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

"The choice of people who are lecturing in the programme as well as the panels is amazing!"

- **Prof. Patricia Kameeri-Mbote**, School of Law, University of Nairobi, Kenya

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