This document outlines the guidelines for applying to the NextGen Fellowship Program. Please print this document and refer to it when completing the application.

General

Deadline
The application must be completed online and in SUBMITTED status no later than 11:59 p.m. (EST) on **December 1, 2013**.

Eligibility
All applicants must be citizens of and reside in a sub-Saharan African country while holding a current part-time or full-time faculty position (typically teaching assistant, research assistant, assistant lecturer or lecturer) at an accredited college or university in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, or Uganda.

Additionally, applicants must meet the following criteria for any of the given fellowship opportunities.

Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship – US $3,000 in support of preliminary research intended to strengthen the doctoral dissertation proposal:

1. Applicants must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program by the start of the fellowship period
2. Applicants must be working on a dissertation proposal which they will submit for approval by the end of the fellowship period
3. Applicants must work on a topic related to peace, security, and development

Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship – US $15,000 in support of 9-12 months of doctoral dissertation research:

1. Applicants must be enrolled in a Ph.D program
2. Applicants must have an approved dissertation proposal and are still in the data collection phase of their research
3. Applicants must work on a topic related to peace, security, and development

Doctoral Dissertation Completion Fellowship – US $15,000 in support of the completion of the doctoral dissertation:

1. Applicants must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program
2. Applicants must be able to complete their dissertations in the fellowship period (i.e. in the course of one year)
3. Applicants must have completed at least one chapter of the dissertation
4. Applicants must work on a topic related to peace, security, and development

Application

The application consists of the following (all to be submitted online):

- Completed Online Application Form
- Executive Summary of Project (no more than 150 words)
- Short Narrative Explaining Fit of the Topic to Peace, Security, and Development (no more than 200 words)
- Personal Biography

- Uploaded Bibliography
- Uploaded Narrative Proposal (no more than 7 pages)
- Uploaded References (2)
- Uploaded Language Evaluation Form (if necessary)

Applicants for the Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship also will be required to upload their approved dissertation proposals.

Applicants for the Doctoral Dissertation Completion Fellowship also will be required to upload one completed chapter of their dissertation.

Online Application

Applications for the Next Gen Fellowship Program can only be submitted through the SSRC's Online Application Portal. Please contact us if this poses difficulties for you.

Online Administration Form

You will be asked to enter information about the department and university in which you are teaching, the department and university in which you are pursuing a Ph.D., and additional information about your education, your publication, and your research history.

Narrative Proposal

If you would like to read the "Art of Writing Proposals," a brochure with advice on the construction of a research proposal or project statement, please visit the SSRC website at:
http://www.ssrc.org/publications/view/7A9CB4F4-815F-DE11-BD80-001CC477EC70/

Narrative Proposal
Please submit (a) an executive summary of the project proposal that is no more than 150 words in length; (b) a short narrative that is no more than 200 words explaining the fit of your research topic to peace, security, and development; and (c) a statement of your proposed project (*Narrative Proposal*) that is no more than 7 pages in length.

Please be explicit both in your executive summary and in your narrative proposal about the goals of the project. Additionally, a good proposal should address the following questions:

1. What we are going to learn as a result of the project that we don't know now?
2. Why it is worth knowing? How does it advance scholarly discussions on topics related to your topic?
3. How we will know the conclusions are valid? What research methods will you use and why do these particular methods best match the questions you are posing?

In the course of your essay please also be certain to address:

1. Your selected research sites, including the logic for choosing your sites
2. Your research methodology and why these methods help answer the question you pose in the course of your research
3. What work you have undertaken to date on the project
4. What you propose to do during the fellowship period, where you will do the work, and why it is feasible to complete the remaining steps that you propose to undertake

Budget

Only those applicants nominated for an award will be asked to submit a budget. There is no need to submit a budget at the point in the application process.

References Letters

Two Reference Letters must be submitted with your application. One Reference Letter must come from your principal faculty advisor. The second letter should be from someone who is familiar with your work and academic interests. Only two Reference Letters will be accepted. You may choose to send a copy of your Project Proposal to referees so that they may evaluate the statement and comment on your ability to carry it out.

The letters must be uploaded in PDF form by 11:59 p.m. (EST) on **January 15, 2014** by your Reference Letter writers.

Submission

Upon successful submission of your application, you will receive an email confirmation from the SSRC. Please contact nextgen@ssrc.org if you do not receive this email within 24 hours of submission.

Please note that it is in your best interest to submit your application in advance of the deadline to avoid any technical difficulties. Once submitted, you will not be able to revise your application.

If you have questions about the application process, please consult the FAQs. If your question is not answered there, please contact program staff at nextgen@ssrc.org.