

Short-Term Residential Fellowship—Indiana University African Studies Collections

Call for Proposals

Indiana University's African Studies Program invites applications for a short-term residency to conduct research in IU's Libraries/African Studies Collections. Indiana University's African Studies Collection ranks among the top tier of such collections in the U.S. It comprises more than 150,000 volumes of monographs and over 700 serial subscriptions as well as materials in other formats (e.g. posters, slides, film/video, audio tapes, etc). The focus of the collection is on the humanities and social sciences, supporting a wide range of students and faculty in such departments as history, anthropology, fine arts, theatre & drama, literature, folklore, ethnomusicology, communication and culture, linguistics, religious studies, education, political science, business, economics, journalism, and applied health science.

In addition to the main library working collection, IU's African Studies Collection also includes several special, archival collections, most notably among them:

- the Liberian Collections (for more information, see <http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/findingaids/search?repository=lcp>, <http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/images/splash.htm?scope=lcp> and <http://onliberia.org/>)
- the Somali Collection (for more information, see http://www.indiana.edu/~libsalc/african/Digital_Somali_Library/)
- The H.K. Banda Archive (for more information, see <http://www.libraries.iub.edu/index.php?pageId=5261>)

Additional information about the IU Libraries and its African Studies Collection may be found at: <http://www.libraries.iub.edu/index.php?pageId=1000021>. Questions may be directed to African Studies Librarian Dr. Marion Frank-Wilson (812-855-1481 or mfrankwi@indiana.edu); or to Liberian Collections Advisor Dr. Verlon Stone (812-856-0782 or stonevl@indiana.edu).

This residency is intended for faculty members at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, or at other U.S. colleges / universities with limited Africa collections, to conduct research in Indiana University's libraries and special collections in support of curriculum development or publications. The successful applicant will receive an award that covers domestic travel, accommodations in Bloomington, and a modest per diem for up to two weeks of research. The award will cover expenses up to a maximum of \$2,000 and must be used **before August 01, 2014**. The recipient is expected to reside in Bloomington during the period of her/his award.

Applicants must have completed their Ph.D. degree and be employed at a U.S. college/university.

There is no special application form. Applicants are asked to submit a curriculum vitae and a brief proposal. The proposal should include a) a description of the project and its intended outcome, b) the relationship of the IU African Studies Collection and/or special collections to the project, and c) the length and preferred dates of the residency. **The deadline for applications is March 5, 2014.** Awards will be announced by March 25, 2014.

Applications may be submitted electronically to Ms. Marilyn Estep (estepm@indiana.edu). Paper applications should be sent to:

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