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**Call for fellowships at the African Studies Centre Leiden**

The African Studies Centre Leiden (ASCL) is the only multidisciplinary academic knowledge institute in the Netherlands devoted entirely to the study of Africa. It is an interfaculty institute of Leiden University.

The ASCL has an open call for fellowships for 2025. A fellowship is for a period of 90 days:

* January-February-March; or
* April-May-June; or
* September-October-November.

Selected fellows will be able to make use of our excellent library, collaborate and network with colleagues, and participate in our regular seminars.

**Requirements**  
To be eligible for a Visiting Research Fellowship, the applicant must meet all of the following criteria.  
He or she must:

* Hold a PhD degree by the time of applying.
* Have conducted research, as part of the PhD and/or in later projects, with a focus on Africa.
* Be actively pursuing an academic/research career.
* Have published books, book chapters and/or journal articles in recent years that meet international standards.
* In accordance with visa regulations, be ready to return to the country of which he/she is a citizen and/or a current resident upon completion of the fellowship.

In the assessment of applications that meet the above requirements,

* Preference will be given to applicants based in Africa. ‘Africa’ here refers to the member states of the African Union. ‘Based in’ Africa is understood to mean having lived in Africa during at least two of the last four years.
* Emphasis will be placed on the quality and feasibility of intended work and outputs from the fellowship (labelled “research proposal” in the application form).

Furthermore,

* A proposal cannot include extensive fieldwork activities, whether in the Netherlands or elsewhere. Exceptions can be activities that add to the data that is already available, such as archival research in the Netherlands.
* The theme of a proposal has to match with the research theme of one of our collaborative research groups (CRGs), see the application form for links to the CRGs that will be active in 2025.
* Proposals requiring the use of a laboratory cannot be accepted.
* We cannot provide fellows with software. Fellows are expected to travel to the Netherlands with a fully equipped laptop.

**Reviewing procedure**  
Each applicant has to indicate the CRG they want to be linked with, and the topic of research must fit in with the CRGs research. Each CRG nominates their one preferred candidate. The visiting fellowship committee checks the final selection in order to safeguard the program objectives (e.g. keeping eye on gender and geographic balance).   
  
**When selected**

* **The selected fellows will be planned (as much as possible) according to their preferred fellowship period as indicated on the application form.**
* **They will receive the papers required for a Schengen visa application. Responsibility for the visa application lies with the fellows.**
* **Fellows are expected to be physically present at the Centre in Leiden as much as possible, and least for 20 hours per week. Travel abroad for a seminar or work visit is permitted in prior consultation with the Institute. Travel costs abroad during the fellowship are at the expensive of the fellow.**
* **Fellows are expected to give at least one seminar during their stay, to be planned and organised by the CRG with which they are linked.**

**Practical matters**A research fellowship includes:

* A return ticket (economy class).
* Coverage of living costs (fixed amount).
* Accommodation in Leiden: a fellow is provided with his/her own single bed/sitting room. Kitchen and bathroom are to be shared with a maximum of two other fellows (male/female). The rooms are on the first floor, with the landlord and landlady living on the ground floor. If the offered accommodation is unacceptable for the fellow (for instance fellow who wish to travel with a partner, or child) he/she is expected to look for alternative accommodation him/herself in Leiden or its vicinity. Alternative accommodation will not be paid for by the fellowship/institute. The institute cannot assist the fellow in their search for alternative accommodation.
* A medical/liability travel insurance (please note that this insurance does not cover the cost of treatment of a pre-existing medical condition).
* The use of (shared) office facilities and of library facilities.

The Centre cannot finance daycare for fellows traveling with a child. Daycare costs about 10-15 euro per hour. Please note that there are long waitlists for daycare.

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**Application form ASCL visiting fellowship programme 2025 / Formulaire de candidature pour ASCL chercheurs invités 2025  
  
Deadline for applications 12 midnight central European summer time on Sunday 16 June 2024.**First names/prénoms:……..  
Surname/nom: …………  
Female/Male/Other: ……….  
Date of birth/date de naissance:……………  
Work email address:  
Private email address:  
  
**Education / formation**  
MA diploma/diplôme MA  
Year/année……….  
University/Université………  
Discipline…………  
  
PhD/Doctorat  
Year/année…………..  
University/Université……………  
Discipline………….  
Title dissertation/ titre de la thèse………………

**Employment / emplois**  
Current employer and job title………….  
  
Employeur actuel et titre d'emploi………………..  
  
  
**Title research proposal / titre de la proposition de recherche**…………………………………………………………………..

**Research proposal (1500 words) / proposition de recherche (1500 mots)**……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

**Scholarly and/or applied relevance of the proposed research / importance de la recherche fondamentale et/ou appliquée**…………………………………………………….. **Expected output from your fellowship (book chapter(s), articles(s), report(s) / production attendue de bourse (chapitre(s) d'ouvrage, article(s), rapport(s)**…………………………………………………………………………..  
  
  
 **Please indicate with which one (1) CRG you want to be linked and please explain your choice / veuillez indiquer le CRG (1) auquel vous désirez être lié(e) et** **merci d'expliquer votre choix**Delete that which is not applicable/ supprimez ce qui ne s'applique pas  
[Africa in the world - Rethinking Africa’s global connections](https://www.ascleiden.nl/research/crg/africa-world-rethinking-africas-global-connections)  
  
[Governance, entrepreneurship and inclusive development](https://www.ascleiden.nl/research/crg/governance-entrepreneurship-and-inclusive-development)  
  
[African languages archives](https://www.ascleiden.nl/research/crg/african-languages-archives)  
  
[Conflict continuities](https://www.ascleiden.nl/research/crg/conflict-continuities)  
  
[Patterns of Living in Southern Africa, 1780s to the present](https://www.ascleiden.nl/research/crg/patterns-living-southern-africa-1780s-present)

**Work plan / plan de travail**(please state your intended research activities during the fellowship / prière de mentionner les activités de recherche prévues durant votre séjour

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|  | Activities | Results |
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| Day…-day… |  |  |
| Day…-day… |  |  |
| Etc. |  |  |
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**If selected for a fellowship my preferred slot would be / si sélectionné pour une bourse, ma période préférée serait (you can choose more than one option / vous pouvez choisir plus d'une option):**  
January-February-March 2025 / Janvier-février-mars 2025  
April-May-June 2025 / avril-mai-juin 2025  
September-October-November 2025 / septembre/octobre/novembre 2025  
  
Please return this form with all of the following documents by email to [m.a.westra@asc.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:m.a.westra@asc.leidenuniv.nl). Incomplete applications will not be reviewed / Veuillez envoyer tous les documents suivants par e-mail à [m.a.westra@asc.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:m.a.westra@asc.leidenuniv.nl). Les candidatures incomplètes ne seront pas examinées.  
 **-** CV including an overview of publications / CV inclus votre liste de publications  
  
- A scan of your PhD diploma / Un scan de votre diplôme de doctorat  
  
- Copies (**PDFs**) of two international publications, preferably journal articles / copies digitales (**PDFs**) de deux publications internationales, de préférence des articles parus dans des revues  
  
- A recent letter of recommendation / une lettre de recommandation récentes

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