



Maria Sibylla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA)

Overview of MIASA's main topics within the field of Sustainable Governance

Thematic corridors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - conflict management and sustainable peace - sustainable democracy - sustainability transformation
Intersectional topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - landownership and acquisition - migration and mobility - restitution of colonially acquired cultural objects - <i>African cities (potentially a future intersectional topic)</i> - <i>Human rights (idem)</i>
Cross-cutting issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - knowledge production - female scholarship - bridging cultural divides

Fellowship formats

Format	Number per year	Fellows	Duration
Interdisciplinary Fellow Group (IFG)	2 groups, 6-8 fellows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - juniors (2) and seniors (4-6) - interdisciplinary and international - two convenors, one from UG 	4 months
Tandem fellowships	2 tandems, 2 fellows each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - one German and one West African - possibly interdisciplinary - juniors or seniors 	5 months
Individual fellowships	10-12 fellows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - juniors and seniors 	5 months
Policy fellows	2-3 fellows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - renowned public intellectual 	1-3 weeks
Artists in residence	2 artists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - artists from West Africa - one artist accompanying an IFG 	4-6 weeks

Overview of conferences and workshops, principal responsibilities, target groups, locations

Type	Responsibility	Main target groups	Average size	Quantity	Location
Midterm and Endterm Conferences	Frankfurt	Broad academic community (worldwide)	80-100	2	Accra
Thematic Conferences	Frankfurt / Point Sud	Early career and established researchers, Anglo-, Franco- and Lusophone Africa, MIASA fellows, invited researchers	60	5	Libreville, Maputo, Niamey, Ouagadougou Stellenbosch
Conferences on Knowledge Production	Frankfurt / PAPA	PAPA fellows, MIASA fellows, early career and established researchers from Anglo-, Franco- and Lusophone Africa	40	2	Accra
Policy Conferences	GIGA	Academic and policy experts (worldwide)	80-100	3	Accra
Writing and Mentoring Workshops	Frankfurt / UG	Early career researchers from UG and Anglo-, Franco- and Lusophone Africa	25	6	Accra
Publishing Workshops	GIGA	Early career and established researchers from UG and other Ghanaian institutions	15-20	3	Accra
African Female Career Advancement Workshops	GHIP	Female early career researchers from Dakar and Accra	25	6	Accra, Dakar
Reading Groups	Freiburg, UG	Year2 PhD students from UG; MIASA fellows, UG staff as facilitators	6	18	Accra
Anton Wilhelm Amo Lecture Series	UG	Broad academia and interested community in Ghana	200	6	Accra

Open Calls (3)

Call for Applications

The Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA) offers
**a 4-month Interdisciplinary Fellow Group (Junior/Senior)
at the University of Ghana
in the period from mid-January to June 2021**

Application deadline: September 30, 2019, 24 h CET

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In the period from mid-January to June 2021, MIASA will fund an **Interdisciplinary Fellow Group (IFG)** for 4 months.

An IFG brings together a group of up to six fellows for a duration of four months. The group comprises both senior and junior fellows including researchers from Germany, Africa and other parts of the world. One group member serves as the convenor and organizer of the IFG (see also below under **Eligibility** and **Applications**). The group centers around a research question which necessitates the input of experts from different academic fields and backgrounds. The group will work on the joint topic by, among other things, holding weekly colloquia and organizing a final workshop or conference. The group will be required to produce working papers based on their work at MIASA. Members of the group will also be expected to contribute a guest lecture on a relevant postgraduate course in the curriculum of the University of Ghana.

The thematic proposals that are submitted must address in one way or another MIASA's umbrella topic, ideally one or more of the more specific topic areas listed above, adopting an interdisciplinary theoretical or methodological approach.

The IFG will be awarded to researchers of top academic quality with an innovative and high quality research topic, and will be selected through a highly competitive, strictly merit-based selection process.

The fellowships are held for four months in the period from mid-January to June 2021. The

successful applicants will become MIASA fellows with all the corresponding rights and obligations for the requested funding period.

The fellows' salary costs will be met by MIASA on the principle of "no loss, no gain," for every full fellowship month, and paid directly to his/her home institution. Furthermore, fellows will receive a monthly allowance of 400 €. For fellows affiliated with an African institution at the commencement of the IFG, this monthly allowance will be 1.000 €.

Non-affiliated senior fellows receive a monthly grant of 2.000 € in total. Non-affiliated junior fellows will receive a monthly grant of 1.200 €.

For all fellows MIASA will provide accommodation and reimburse travel costs. In addition, a contribution to support research undertaken at MIASA (max. 250 €/ fellow month) can be granted upon application.

The Institute provides its fellows with modern office space and an up-to-date infrastructure. Fellows have full access to all library services at the University of Ghana. A full-time presence of fellows at MIASA for the fellowship period is expected.

The Institute supports academic exchange across existing boundaries: between disciplines, between different cultures and countries, between established and younger researchers. Furthermore, MIASA engages in activities opening the research community to society and politics. Fellows will be part of this community and profit from the lively research environment of the university.

MIASA is committed to inclusion and gender equality. The MIASA fellowship program aims for gender parity and is promoting affirmative action policies.

Eligibility

Eligible for application are groups of four (minimum) to six junior and senior researchers from all countries after completion of their PhD in a relevant discipline of the Humanities or the Social Sciences. The research topic proposed is required to match MIASA's umbrella topic, and ideally one or more of the following more specific sub-topics: sustainable democracy, peace and conflict management, environmental transformation, migration and displacement, restitution of cultural objects, human rights research. The application will be submitted by a single person, who will also serve as the convenor and organizer of the IFG. Eligible for the role of convenor/organizer is a senior researcher (more than 6 years after completion of their PhD) or an experienced early career researcher (4-6 years after completion of their PhD) based at an institution in sub-Saharan Africa (preferably Ghana) or in Europe (preferably Germany) at the time of the application deadline.

Applications

The application will be submitted by a single person, who will also serve as the convenor and organizer of the IFG all through the application process and, in the case of success, during its funding period. This main applicant thus applies with a set team consisting of 4-6 members in total. The completed application form together with the required documents has to be uploaded on the application webpage (<https://frias.wufoo.com/forms/miasa-ifg-202021/>) and submitted by **September 30, 2019; 24.00h CET**.

Information on the application and selection process (required documents, eligibility criteria, evaluation criteria, timeline and stages of the selection process) is provided at:

<https://www.ug.edu.gh/mias-africa/>.

NOTE: It is required that researchers interested in an application for an IFG contact MIASA via miasa@ug.edu.gh in advance to preparing an application.

Selection

The all-important selection criteria are the academic excellence of the main applicant, the team members, and the project proposal. Additionally, what will be taken into account is the required experience and capability to conduct the research project as a team, the fit of the proposed topic with MIASA's umbrella topic and its more specific research strands, and the interdisciplinarity of the project.

An international selection committee will be responsible for the selection of the fellows.

Proviso

This call is published with the proviso that the Federal German Ministry of Research (BMBF) will grant funding for MIASA's main phase (2020 to 2026). In the case of success, calls such as this will be launched on an annual basis until 2024.

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Call for Applications

The Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA) offers

Ten Individual Fellowships (Junior/Senior)

for 3-5 months

at the University of Ghana

for the Academic Year 2020/21

Application deadline: September 30, 2019, 24 h CET

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The Institute supports innovative research projects through individual fellowships.

Up to 10 individual fellowships are available to researchers from Germany, Africa and other parts of the world. Fellowships of **3 to 5 months** may be applied for. They will allow researchers to conduct their own research projects.

The fellowships will be awarded to researchers of top academic quality with an innovative and high quality research topic and will be selected through a highly competitive, strictly merit-based selection process.

The project proposals must address in one way or another MIASA's umbrella topic and overall aims.

The fellowships are held for 3 to 5 months **between September 2020 and August 2021**. The successful applicants will become MIASA Fellows with all the corresponding rights and obligations for the requested funding period.

The fellows' salary costs will be met by MIASA on the principle of "no loss, no gain," for every full fellowship month, and paid directly to his/her home institution. Furthermore, fellows will receive a monthly allowance of 400 €. For fellows affiliated with an African institution at the commencement of the IFG, this monthly allowance will be 1.000 €.

Non-affiliated senior fellows receive a monthly grant of 2.000 € in total. Non-affiliated junior fellows will receive a monthly grant of 1.200 €.

For all fellows MIASA will provide accommodation and reimburse travel costs. In addition, a contribution to support research undertaken at MIASA (max. 250 €/ fellow month) can be granted upon application.

The Institute provides its fellows with modern office space and an up-to-date infrastructure. Fellows have full access to all library services at the University of Ghana. A full-time presence of fellows at MIASA for the fellowship period is expected.

The Institute supports academic exchange across existing boundaries: between disciplines, between different cultures and countries, between established and younger researchers. Furthermore, MIASA engages in activities opening the research community to society and politics. Fellows will be part of this community and profit from the lively research environment of the university.

MIASA is committed to inclusion and gender equality. The MIASA fellowship program aims for gender parity and is promoting affirmative action policies.

Applications

The completed application form together with the required documents has to be up-loaded on the application webpage (<https://frias.wufoo.com/forms/miasa-individual-fellowships-202021/>) and submitted by **September 30, 2019; 24.00 h CET**.

Information on the application and selection process (required documents, eligibility criteria, evaluation criteria, timeline and stages of the selection process) is provided at: <https://www.ug.edu.gh/mias-africa/>.

Eligibility

Eligible for application are early career researchers (1-6 years after completion of their PhD) and senior researchers (more than 6 years after completion of their PhD) from around the globe in a relevant discipline of the Humanities or the Social Sciences at the time of the application deadline.

Selection

The all-important selection criteria are the academic excellence of the applicant and the research proposal. Additionally, what will be taken into account are the required experience and capability to conduct the research project as well as the fit of the proposed topic with MIASA's umbrella topic and overall aims.

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Call for Applications

The Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA) offers

Two German- West African Tandem Fellowships (Junior/Senior)

for 3-5 months each

at the University of Ghana

for the Academic Year 2020/21

Application deadline: September 30, 2019, 24 h CET

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To promote cross-continental dialogue and exchange, MIASA is accepting applications for **two tandem fellowships (3-5 months)** at the University of Ghana. They will allow researchers to conduct their own research projects. Two researchers – one from West Africa and one from Germany – will work in a collaborative manner on a particular research topic addressing in one way or another MIASA's umbrella topic and overall aims. Their joint application must highlight the additional academic value of their cooperation. The application should also define the objectives and anticipated outcomes of their collaboration.

The fellowships will be awarded to researchers of top academic quality with an innovative and high quality research topic, and will be selected through a highly competitive, strictly merit-based selection process.

The fellowships are held for 3 to 5 months between September 2020 and August 2021. The successful applicants will become MIASA Fellows with all the corresponding rights and obligations for the requested funding period.

The fellows' salary costs will be met by MIASA on the principle of "no loss, no gain," for every full fellowship month, and paid directly to his/her home institution. Furthermore, non-African based fellows will receive a monthly allowance of 400 €. For fellows affiliated to an African home institution at the time of the commencement of the fellowship this monthly allowance will amount to 1.000 €.

For all fellows MIASA will provide accommodation and reimburse travel costs. To promote the joint research, a shared research cost contribution of 500€/ fellow month, e.g. for conducting field research or organizing a small academic event (e.g. workshop), can be granted upon application.

The Institute provides its fellows with modern office space and an up-to-date infrastructure. Fellows have full access to all library services at the University of Ghana. A full-time presence of fellows at MIASA for the fellowship period is expected. To complete the research stay, MIASA expects the fellows to publish their joint research results in at least two academic articles.

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Eligibility

Eligible for application are junior researchers (1-6 years after completion of their PhD) and senior researchers (more than 6 years after completion of their PhD) in a relevant discipline of the Humanities or the Social Sciences who are based at an institution in West Africa or in Germany at the time of the application deadline.

Selection

The all-important selection criteria are the academic excellence of both the applicants and the research proposal. Additionally, the required experience and capability to conduct the research project will be taken into account, as well as the fit of the proposed topic with MIASA's umbrella topic and overall aims, and its contribution to a sustainable research alliance between Africa and Germany.

MIASA's Academic Advisory Board will be responsible for the selection of the fellows.

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