The Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) is a high-level research institute dedicated to innovative thinking, the production of new knowledge and the nurturing of emerging leaders. STIAS has established an early career research fellowship programme called Iso Lomso.

Iso Lomso, meaning “the Eye of Tomorrow” in isiXhosa, was launched in 2016 and aims to boost the careers of some of the brightest young minds in African academia. Iso Lomso recognises that for many younger academics the pressures of teaching, administration and contract work mean they receive little support and incentive to develop their research strengths, as was recently highlighted in the GloSYS Africa survey. Iso Lomso addresses this by providing sustained research support for the duration of the three year fellowship. Fellows will spend various periods of residency at the STIAS Wallenberg Research Centre in Stellenbosch to pursue their research projects. They will also receive support to attend international conferences, convene workshops, and visit sister institutes for advanced study elsewhere in the world.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible applicants must:
- Be a national of any African country;
- Be born after the 1st of January 1977;
- Have an affiliation at a research or higher education institution in an African country, and continue to do so for the foreseeable future;
- Have obtained a doctoral degree from any recognised higher education institution (worldwide) after the 1st of January 2012;
- Have completed a post-doctoral fellowship or equivalent post-PhD research programme;
- Be in a position to commence a first period of residency at STIAS during the second half of 2019 or the first half of 2020.

**WHAT SPONSORSHIP WILL COVER**

- A three-year attachment to STIAS during which time they may spend a total of ten months in residence at STIAS to develop and pursue a long-term research programme;
- A monthly stipend for daily living costs;
- Access to the Stellenbosch University library (including electronic resources) and a high-speed internet connection
- The possibility of a residency at a sister institute for advanced study in North America, Europe or elsewhere;
- Funding to attend up to two international conferences or training workshops;
- Support to convene a workshop with collaborators at STIAS;
- Lecturer replacement subsidy for the fellow’s home institution during residency periods.
- A child care subsidy for fellows accompanied by young children while in residence.

**HOW TO APPLY**

To apply, eligible candidates need to complete the Iso Lomso 2018 Application Form which can be downloaded at stias.ac.za/iso-lomso. Applications may be submitted electronically via email to isolomso@sun.ac.za by the end of Saturday, 20 October 2018 (Central African Time).

The completed application form should be signed, dated and submitted together with the following documents, all in PDF format:
- A motivational cover letter of not more than one page in length
- A pre-proposal for a three-year research project.
One or two recent writing examples authored by the applicant (articles or book sections) related to the proposed project.

- A copy of the applicant’s doctoral certificate
- Letter of support from the applicant’s home institution.
- Two letters of recommendation from scholars who are familiar with the applicant’s work, preferably one from the applicant’s current home institution and one from another institution.

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