



APPLICATION DEADLINE

15th October 2020

BACKGROUND

The University of Michigan is inviting applications for the University of [Michigan African Presidential](#) (UMAPS) program. UMAPS is a fellowship program that annually supports a cohort of around 15 early/mid-career researchers from universities in select African countries for **semester-long research residencies at the University of Michigan**. Currently in its 13th year, the program has 162 alumni, from 39 universities in 11 different countries. The UMAPS Program brings early career faculty from African universities to Ann Arbor, Michigan. Scholars are paired with a faculty collaborator during their stay and have full access to the University of Michigan's resources to **further their work on a research project, an academic degree, publications, grant proposal, or other relevant activity**. The program supports the **development of the next generation of African scholars by integrating them into international academic networks**, and promotes University of Michigan's international commitment to research and teaching collaborations across diverse disciplines, from engineering to literature to economics.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be an early career faculty member who has taught in the higher education system for **less than ten years**.
- Be **employed at an institution of higher education**. Fellows' home institution has to commit to continuing their remuneration for the duration of their participation in the program.
- The fellowship is open to researchers in **all fields of study** represented at the University of Michigan
- Be able to demonstrate support from home institution with **letter of recommendation** from head of department, dean, or vice chancellor
- Be able to remain in residence for five months

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS:

Key features of the program include:

- Funding covers travel to the US, housing for the duration of the fellowship, stipend to cover living costs, health insurance, and a research allowance.
- Fellows are paired with a researcher from the University of Michigan with whom they share research interests, and who acts as their local host and mentor.
- Fellows are fully integrated into the campus academic community through affiliation with an academic unit in their area of study. Fellows have full access to all services of the University, including use of the library facilities, computer networks, statistical consultation services, and more.
- Fellows get an opportunity to present their research to the campus community at a public colloquium.

- Fellows participate in several professional development activities, including a semester-long academic writing workshop.
- Fellows remain members of the University of Michigan community even after the conclusion of their tenure in the program, and have access to opportunities for participation in University of Michigan events, select funding opportunities, etc.

HOW TO APPLY

- Applications must be submitted [online](#).
- The following documents are required:
 - Curriculum vitae
 - Scholarly program/research proposal (not to exceed five pages)

Application guidelines can be found [here](#) and on the attached document.

Please send a complete copy with all supporting documents submitted for this application to the Faculty Research Office – natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za.

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CONTACTS FOR CALL QUERIES

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