



UAPS / AIR P3 AFRICA FELLOWSHIP (COHORT 3) Fellowship Guidelines 2026/2027

The UAPS/AIR P3 Africa Fellowship is a joint initiative of UAPS and the American Institutes for Research (AIR). It supports early- and mid-career African researchers through an integrated combination of a research grant, intensive training, and expert mentorship equipping fellows to produce high-impact population and health research on the African continent.

Eligibility

- UAPS dues-paying Student Member in good standing
- Citizen of an African country, currently based and working in Africa
- Master's degree in demography, public health, sociology, economics, epidemiology, statistics, or related field
- Currently enrolled in a doctoral programme with coursework completed
- Previous AfRes-Data or UAPS/AIR P3 fellows are not eligible




Research focus

- Population studies: reproductive health, migration, urbanisation, climate change, adolescent health, ageing, gender, health and well-being
- Must be conducted in and relevant to an African context
- Applications accepted in English or French

Key Dates

Call opens	5 May 2026
Application deadline	5 June 2026, 23:59 UTC
Notification to applicants Fellowship commencement	Latest 6 July 2026
Training workshop	Within 2 months of start
Grant tranche 1 (USD 5,000)	Within 2 weeks of workshop
Mid-term report due	December 2026 (month 6)
Virtual progress showcase	7-8 months after commencement
Grant tranche 2 (USD 5,000)	Within 4 weeks of approved report
Final report + outputs due	Month 12

Fellowship Components

 Research Grant USD 10,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disbursed in two equal tranches of USD 5,000 	 Training Workshop 5 days, residential <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods 	 Mentorship 12 months, paired <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matched by theme, method, and geography
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tranche 1: within 2 weeks of the training workshop • Tranche 2: within 4 weeks of approved mid-term report • Covers: data collection, research assistance, fieldwork travel, analysis tools, and dissemination • Budget changes >20% per line item require prior written approval • No salary to the fellow, no capital equipment >USD 1,000, no overhead charges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with DHS, IPUMS, census and administrative data • Scientific writing and journal article structure • Peer review and academic publishing • Research ethics and ethical approval • Policy translation and evidence briefs • Travel, accommodation, and subsistence covered by the programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory meeting within first 2 weeks • Minimum monthly check-ins throughout the year • Feedback on proposal, data tools, draft findings, and final report • Guidance on writing, journal selection, and career planning • Both fellow and mentor submit progress notes at mid-term and end
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Application Requirements

All components are mandatory. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Submit via the portal: <https://forms.gle/N7rpKmp4kmYNPAKY8>

Component	Requirements
Research proposal	Max 8 pages (excluding references). Must include title and abstract (max 200 words), introduction and research problem, objectives, methodology (design, data sources, sampling, analysis), ethical considerations, expected outputs, dissemination plan (min. one journal article + policy brief), work plan, and itemised budget using the provided template (max USD 10,000) see annex B
CV	Max 3 pages. Academic qualifications, research positions, publications, presentations, grants, and professional memberships.
Statement of intent	Max 1 page. Motivation, how research connects to career goals, and fellowship's contribution to your development.
Two letters of recommendation	Submitted directly by referees to the portal (not by the applicant): - https://forms.gle/ysVr1Ji692B4qpgQ8 . At least one from a senior academic. On official letterhead, signed.
Institutional support letter	Signed letter from head of department/dean confirming affiliation and support.
Degree certificate	Scanned copy of highest qualifying degree (or doctoral enrolment confirmation).

Selection Process

Three-stage review

- Administrative screening — completeness check
- Technical review — two independent Scientific Review Committee members
- Final selection — UAPS Selection Committee; geographic balance applied across sub-regions

Criterion	Weight	Max
Methodological rigor and feasibility	30%	30
Scientific merit and originality	20%	20
Relevance to African population issues	20%	20
Quality and clarity of proposal	10%	10
Applicant qualifications and potential	10%	10
Budget and work plan	10%	10
TOTAL	100%	100

Notification within 8 weeks of deadline. Decisions are final.

Fellow Obligations

Deliverables

- Mid-term progress report + financial statement (month 6)
- PPT for mid-term virtual showcase
- Final research report, min. 10,000 words (month 12)
- At least one journal article submitted for peer review (submit to JAPS)
- Policy brief, 2–4 pages
- End-of-fellowship presentation at UAPS/AIR annual seminar

Conduct & acknowledgement

- Attend full training workshop
- Respond to secretariat within 5 working days
- Notify secretariat of any significant changes to scope or affiliation
- Acknowledge fellowship in all outputs: “This research was supported by the UAPS/AIR P3 Africa Fellowship.”
- Retain all research data for minimum 5 years

Obtain ethical approvals before data collection

Contact & Apply

Application portal: <https://forms.gle/N7rpKmp4kmYNPAKY8>

Enquiries: fellowship@uaps-uepa.org (subject: UAPS/AIR P3 Fellowship Enquiry)

Website: www.uaps-uepa.org | Response within 5 working days | English or French

Annex A: Checklist for Applicants

Use this checklist to confirm your application is complete before submitting.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Application item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Research proposal (max 8 pages, excluding references)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Budget narrative using the provided template (total ≤ USD 10,000)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Curriculum vitae (max 3 pages)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statement of intent (max 1 page)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two letters of recommendation submitted directly by referees
<input type="checkbox"/>	Institutional support letter from department/institute head
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of highest qualifying degree certificate (or doctoral enrolment confirmation)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application submitted via the portal before the deadline
<input type="checkbox"/>	Referees were notified and confirmed portal submission before the deadline

Annex B: Budget Template

Applicants must use the following categories when preparing the research budget. All amounts in USD.

Budget line/description	Justification	Quantity/unit	Amount (USD)
Data collection costs			
Research assistance			
Travel and accommodation (fieldwork)			
Materials, supplies, and equipment			
Data analysis software			
Dissemination (publication/conference)			
Other (specify)			
TOTAL			/ 10,000