

Deadline

The application must be completed online and in SUBMITTED status no later than 11:59 p.m. (EST) on November 13, 2015.

Eligibility

All applicants must be citizens of and reside in a sub-Saharan African country while working toward a PhD at an accredited university in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, or Uganda. Please note that Kenya has been added to the list of eligible countries.

Additionally, applicants must meet the following criteria for any of the given fellowship opportunities.

Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship – US \$3,000 in support of preliminary research intended to strengthen the doctoral dissertation proposal:

1. Applicants must hold a master's degree and be enrolled in a PhD program or intending to enroll within twelve months
2. Applicants must be working on a dissertation proposal which they will submit for approval by the end of the fellowship period
3. Applicants must work on a topic related to peace, security, and development

Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship – US \$15,000 in support of 6-12 months of doctoral dissertation research:

1. Applicants must be enrolled in a Ph.D program
2. Applicants must have an approved dissertation proposal and are still in the data collection phase of their research
3. Applicants must work on a topic related to peace, security, and development

Doctoral Dissertation Completion Fellowship – US \$15,000 in support of the completion of the doctoral dissertation:

1. Applicants must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program
2. Applicants must be able to complete their dissertations in the fellowship period (i.e. in the course of one year)

3. Applicants must have completed at least one chapter of the dissertation
4. Applicants must work on a topic related to peace, security, and development

Application

The application consists of the following (all to be submitted online):

- Completed Online Application Form
- Autobiographical Sketch
- Short Narrative Explaining Fit of the Topic to Peace, Security, and Development (no more than 200 words)
- Short Answer Section on Research Questions
- Short Answer Section on Methods
- Description of Work in Progress or Already Completed
- Short Answer Section on Changes in Research Design and Findings
- Plans for the Use of the Fellowship
- Short Answer for Re-applicants
- Uploaded References (2)

- Uploaded Language Evaluation Form (if necessary)

Applicants for the Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship also will be required to upload their approved dissertation proposals.

Applicants for the Doctoral Dissertation Completion Fellowship also will be required to upload one completed chapter of their dissertation.

Online Application

Applications for the Next Gen Fellowship Program can only be submitted through the SSRC's Online Application Portal. Please contact us if this poses difficulties for you.

Online Administration Form

You will be asked to enter information about the department and university in which you are teaching, the department and university in which you are pursuing a Ph.D., and additional information about your education, your publication, and your research history.

Budget

Only those applicants nominated for an award will be asked to submit a budget. There is no need to submit a budget at the point in the application process.

References Letters

Two Reference Letters must be submitted with your application. One Reference Letter must come from your principal faculty advisor. The second letter should be from someone who is familiar with your work and academic interests. Only two Reference Letters will be accepted. You may choose to send a copy of your Project Proposal to referees so that they may evaluate the statement and comment on your ability to carry it out.

The letters must be uploaded in PDF form by 11:59 p.m. (EST) on November 13, 2015 by your Reference Letter writers.

Submission

Upon successful submission of your application, you will receive an email confirmation from the SSRC. Please contact nextgenafrika@ssrc.org if you do not receive this email within 24 hours of submission.

Please note that it is in your best interest to submit your application in advance of the deadline to avoid any technical difficulties. Once submitted, you will not be able to revise your application.

If you have questions about the application process, please consult the [FAQs](#). If your question is not answered there, please contact program staff at nextgenafrika@ssrc.org.