CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:
2019-2020 FELLOWSHIPS
FOR BAYREUTH-BASED CLUSTER MEMBERS

The “Africa Multiple” Cluster of Excellence maintains a fellow program within its Academy of Advanced African Studies (BA) designed for cluster members based at the University of Bayreuth. This program complements the fellowships for external scholars.

In the academic year 2019-2020, the BA offers up to four fellowships for one semester (six months) to Bayreuth-based cluster members, who would like to:

- pursue projects of significance to the cluster’s theoretical and thematic agenda;
- advance research and scholarly debates in African studies together with the external fellows and other cluster members;
- be relieved of teaching duties for one semester in order to concentrate on academic writing.

WHAT ARE BAYREUTH ACADEMY FELLOWS?

Fellows drawn from Bayreuth-based cluster members join an international group of junior and senior scholars—professors, postdoctoral researchers, and doctoral students—affiliated to the Cluster of Excellence. Apart from pursuing their research and/or writing projects and engaging in informal exchanges with members of the cluster, fellow activities include:

- participating in cluster events while in residence; these include regular Thursday afternoon lectures, seminars, and discussion groups;
- presenting a 45-minute talk based on the fellow’s work within the BA;
- attending occasional social events for fellows;
- optional participation in one of the BA’s postdoctoral working groups;
- optional offering of discussion sessions for doctoral students and possibly contributing to existing formats such as summer schools.

Successful applicants will be granted a sabbatical (Forschungssemester). Cluster funds will be used to pay the salary of a substitute instructor to take over their teaching duties (at the level of TV-L E 13).

ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS

In order to be eligible for an internal fellowship, Bayreuth-based scholars need to:

- pursue a research and/or writing project that falls in the purview of the cluster’s general theme and research sections (publication projects may include monographs, edited volumes, or special issues of journals);
- commit to the general rule of residence at the University of Bayreuth during the fellowship period.
As the BA is especially eager to create synergies between fellows, internal fellows may also propose to pursue collaborative work with other fellows on a theme of mutual interest that will either lead to a new research project or a joint publication.

**HOW TO APPLY**

If you are interested in applying, you need to submit the following documents:

- a short cover letter explaining your motivation to apply for a BA fellowship and indicating the envisaged time period of the fellowship;
- an updated version of your CV;
- an outline (ca. 800-1,000 words) of the research and/or writing project you are proposing as a fellow, with details of the results you hope to attain; if you envision a collaborative project, please identify the fellows you intend to work with.

Please send all documents **by e-mail** as a single pdf file to the cluster’s Vice Dean of Research, Prof. Dr. Erdmute Alber at the following address: EXC2052@uni-bayreuth.de. The application deadline is **April 30, 2019**.

For further information and questions, please contact the coordinator of the BA, Robert Debusmann: bayreuth.academy@uni-bayreuth.de.