

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT PROGRAM RESEARCH MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

THE UASP FELLOWSHIP IN RESEARCH MANAGEMENT supports up to 32 mid- to senior-level university leaders from Africa and Eurasia to develop their capacity in research management and knowledge transfer through a 6-week fellowship in the United States. At its core, the UASP aims to grow the new generation of university leaders who understand and can adapt international trends and best practices in research management and knowledge transfer, who actively disseminate their knowledge within and beyond their institutions, and who will apply their ideas, skills and networks gained through the fellowship to drive improvement to their institution's performance.

Sample fellowship focus areas

- Institutional research strategy
- Incentivizing research
- Winning and managing research funding
- Enhancing reputation and visibility
- Publication
- Research ethics and integrity
- Researcher development, career support
- Postgraduate research programs
- Technology transfer & commercialization
- Institutional data, reporting, and audits

ONLINE APPLICATION: https://www.irex.org/uasp

FELLOWSHIP COMPONENTS



Financial Provisions

Roundtrip airfare, J-1 visa fees, accident and sickness insurance, housing, daily allowance of (for basic meals and incidentals), and a professional development allowance.



Research Management Training

2 weeks of intensive training and peer-to-peer learning in Washington, DC.



US Host University Placement (with Host Mentor) 4-week placement observing and analyzing research management operations at a respected public US university. Fellows' placements are assigned according to requested focus area(s) which are priorities of their home institution.



Implementation Plan & Comparative Case Study

Application of learning from the host placement to make recommendations for research management reform at the home institution.



Virtual Learning Environment

An online platform enables fellows to engage with UASP trainers, peers, and alumni prior to, during, and after the fellowship.



Postprogram Grants and Engagement Post-program small grants competition to put learning into action (e.g. to kickstart a reform at the home institution).

ABOUT THE UASP RESEARCH MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

2020-2021 PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

Eligible participants in the UASP must be employed by an institution affiliated with a Caucasus Resource Research Center (Eurasia) or with the African Research Universities Alliance (Africa). Applicants must have the support of their CRRC or ARUA to participate.



Yerevan State University

AZERBAIJAN

Khazar University

GEORGIA

Tbilisi Ivane Javakhishvili State University

ETHIOPIA

Addis Ababa University

GHANA

University of Ghana

KENYA

University of Nairobi

NIGERIA

University of Lagos University of Ibadan Obafemi Awolowo University

RWANDA

University of Rwanda

SENEGAL

University of Cheikh Anta Diop

SOUTH AFRICA

University of the Witwatersrand University of Stellenbosch Rhodes University University of KwaZulu Natal University of Pretoria University of Cape Town

TANZANIA

University of Dar es Salaam

UGANDA

Makerere University

TIMELINE



Applications due March 3, 2020

Award Notification April 2020



Cohort 1
Fellowships
take place
September November 2020



Cohort 2
Fellowships
take place



Small Grants and Coaching January -

IMPACT OF UASP SINCE 2002



87% delivered training to staff



55% developed new administrative processes



28% introduced new teaching, learning and assessment methods



32% provided a new service to students



26% established a new functional unit

SUCCESS STORIES

Olena Tupakhina established the first Technology Transfer Center at Zaporizhzhia National University. In its first six months of operation, ZNU successfully partnered with 11 different businesses. Nine patents have been confirmed in the fields of metallurgy and pharmaceuticals, with seven more pending.

Maia Mestvirishvili established the first Center of Psychology Consultation and Training at Tbilisi Ivane Javakhishvili State University.

Katerina Sirinyok-Dolgaryova developed and implemented an intensive research methods training for 30 Social Sciences faculty and postgraduate students from 4 institutions across Ukraine. Zaporizhzhya National University also approved Katerina's new 3-credit undergraduate course in Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods.

- UASP is the most professionally composed and administered program supporting professional development I have ever participated. It promotes international collaboration and justified concept 'learning by doing' ...and inspires for real changes at our home institutions.
 - Manana Mikaberidze, 2016-17 participant, Georgia

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