



Call for Applications

Fellowships for African Scholars in Peace, Security and Development (Degree-Awarding)

Including

MSc Global Leadership and Peacebuilding

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/courses/global-leadership-and-peacebuilding-msc>

About the Fellowship

This award is available to young **African scholars** who are interested in pursuing research and academic careers in peace, security, and development. It encompasses an eighteen-month period, comprising rigorous academic research, writing and policy analysis in the field of peace and security, and a six-month attachment to an African University, a Regional Organisation, or a Centre of Excellence based in Africa to acquire practical experience.

The Fellowship programme exposes African scholars and practitioners to the complexities of security and development issues facing the African continent. Fellows gain academic knowledge within the master's Programme at King's College London and benefit from uniquely tailored mentoring sessions. During the fellowship, fellows contribute to the African Leadership Centre's ten-year [research agenda](#) entitled, "Peace, Society and the State in Africa." Through partnerships with African universities and other research institutions, they will be able to transfer research outputs into learning across partner institutions, enabling and strengthening digital knowledge transfer through various platforms and influencing policy in the process.

Eligibility

- Candidates must have citizenship in an African country.
- Successful candidates must hold valid travel documents prior to acceptance.
- Candidates must hold a **Master's or Bachelor's** degree with an equivalent level of professional experience.
- The fellowship is open to junior faculty members based in universities in Africa from departments of political science; international relations; history, law, development studies, peace, security and conflict studies, and related departments.
- Candidates need to demonstrate an interest in pursuing careers in the field of peace, security and development. Previous study or engagement with the issues of security and development is not required. However, candidates must demonstrate a basic familiarity with these issues.
- Candidates must additionally be able to demonstrate the capacity to undertake research on issues relating to peace and security in Africa. Successful candidates will be attached to a Research Cluster where they will work with African Leadership Centre (ALC) Research Associates and Senior Research Fellows to undertake research on select aspects of the ALC Research Agenda on "[Peace, Society and the State in Africa](#)".
- Candidates must be able to demonstrate the following values during the application phase: ***Promoting African led ideas and processes of Change; Independent thinking; Integrity; Pursuit of Excellence; Recognition of Youth Agency and Respect for diversity in all its forms.***
- Candidates will be expected to have a clear plan on how to utilise knowledge gained in the Fellowship upon returning to their countries and academic institutions
- Candidates must be fluent in spoken and written English as all aspects of the programme are delivered in English. **In addition, an English Language Proficiency Test will be required to gain unconditional acceptance to the MSc Programme at King's College London.**

Programme Delivery

The Programme is delivered in two phases:

Phase 1: The first phase consists of a 12-month training programme based at King's College London. This phase will comprise regular group mentoring sessions with renowned academics, policy analysts and practitioners. It will also include a taught master's programme in [Global Leadership and Peacebuilding](#), which will be taught at King's College London. For a large part of this phase, Fellows will be based at King's College London. In addition, Fellows will spend brief periods at the African Leadership Centre in Nairobi and the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Nairobi, where they will be required to undertake research and deliver research papers on peace, security and development in Africa.

Institutional Visits: During the 12-month period at King's College in London, fellows will undertake visits to academic, policy and research institutions working on issues of peace, security and development.

Phase 2: For the second phase, Fellows will be attached to select partner universities in Africa, for a period of 6 months. During this time, fellows will work as faculty members and contribute to academic and policy research among other activities. This phase is designed to encourage the dissemination and exchange of ideas on the issues that were studied during the first phase of the programme.

Research Project: During phase 2, fellows will also be expected to conduct a research project on a key aspect of peace, security and development, and to produce a research report and a policy brief from their research. These outputs will be published and disseminated through relevant academic and policy platforms and publications. This phase of research and writing will last for 6 months.

Mentoring: During both phases, fellows will have access to the programme's network of mentors, in the form of regular group mentoring and training on key thematic issues. One-on-one mentoring sessions will also be encouraged, to help guide students through the programme.

Terms of the Fellowship

Application to King's College London: in addition to applying for this fellowship through the link provided in the 'How to Apply' section below, applicants are also required to secure unconditional acceptance for the **full-time MSc programme in Global Leadership and Peacebuilding**. To apply for this MSc programme applicants are required to apply to the **Peace & Security Fellowship Programme** through the King's application portal [here](#) by **April 15, 2024**. Please be informed that for most applicants from African countries an English Language Proficiency Test will be required to gain unconditional acceptance to the MSc programme.

Details of the MSc Global Leadership and Peacebuilding can be found at this link: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/courses/global-leadership-and-peacebuilding-msc>

1. **Student Visas:** All foreign students at King's College London will be subject to the immigration rules of the UK, which can be found on the King's College London web page for obtaining student visas: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/international/student-support.aspx>. The offer of a place on the programme will be subject to successful candidates obtaining a student visa. To obtain a student visa potential candidate need to be **Unconditionally Accepted** for the MSc Global Leadership and Peacebuilding. Failure to obtain a visa to enter the UK automatically invalidates the offer of a place on the fellowship programme. Responsibility for processing and financing all visa applications rests solely with successful candidates. The implementing organizations will provide necessary documentation as needed.
2. **Expectant/Nursing mothers:** Given the intense nature of the programme including its short phases in different locations as well as necessary extensive travel, successful applicants that are expectant or nursing mothers while encouraged to apply, will be advised to defer their admission to the programme.
3. **Medical Exam:** Successful applicants will be required to undergo medical examinations at

recommended venues prior to taking up their positions, to aid visa applications and to confirm fitness for undertaking the programme.

4. **Programme completion/Return to base:** The programme will last a total of 18 months. During Phases 1 and 2, Fellows will be expected to make full-time commitments to the programme. It is a condition that successful candidates shall return to their base or home countries at the end of the programme.

Funding

This is a fully funded opportunity, not including any visa application and processing costs. Funds will be made available to cover tuition, subsistence in the UK and Africa, accommodation, research-related costs, and all travel expenses related to the programme.¹ However, successful applicants are expected to find their own accommodation both in the UK and Africa. In the UK, successful candidates will be able to apply for University of London accommodation, and they can also make their own accommodation arrangements. Successful candidates are strongly advised to make all necessary accommodation arrangements well in advance of taking up their positions at King's College London.

Information on KCLstudent accommodation can be found at this link:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/accommodation/index.aspx>

Termination

The African Leadership Centre jointly with King's College London and University of Nairobi, reserves the right to terminate the conferral of a Fellowship, in the event of a breach in the Terms and Conditions of the programme.

How to Apply

Applications to the fellowship programme will be accepted online at the following link: <http://applications.africanleadershipcentre.org/>. **The deadline for applications is April 15, 2024.** In addition to this and as noted above, applicants to this fellowship programme make individual successful applications to the Peace & Security Fellowship Programme through the King's application portal [here](#).

Before you begin your application, please take time to carefully go through the online application guidance [available here](#).

The following documents are required before your application will be considered complete:

- Fully completed application questionnaire on the online application system.
- A supporting statement of between **500 and 750 words** - outline why you want to be part of this programme, what your unique contribution would be and what change you see yourself contributing to in your community/ area of work after the programme.
- 2 letters of recommendation (To be received directly from the Referees by **the deadline of 15th**

April 2024, 23:59 hrs EAT

¹ Please note that the funds are intended for individual Fellows only. Funds do not cover dependents and are not intended to support family members. Successful candidates will need to make alternative arrangements to cover the costs and other livelihood needs of dependents before arrival in the UK and/ or Kenya or attachment location. Under the UK Immigration laws, prospective applicants must satisfy the Home Office that they have sufficient funds to support themselves and their dependents before arrival in the UK (taking into account the stipend to be provided by the Mentoring Programme). Similar immigration requirements apply in Kenya and other African countries where fellows may be attached.

- Recent curriculum vitae of **2 pages** maximum.
- One writing sample (maximum **1000 words** each - example can include an original research paper, extracts from a dissertation, an essay paper, policy paper relevant to peace and security).
- One research proposal of no more than **1000 words** – The conflict between Hamas and Israel has been raging for a while. Daily global media outlets report on the impact of this conflict on peace, security and development across the world; Africa is not exempt. As a prospective ALC Peace, Security and Development Fellow, you are tasked with developing a research project on the impact of the war between Hamas and Israel on the African continent. Write a research proposal outlining how you would go about this research paying particular attention to one of the following: (i) the impact on contested gender relations in the continent; (ii) the impact on relations between citizens and the state and, in particular, young people; (iii) some of the international or continental normative frameworks that you might rely on for your analysis; or (iv) the types of leadership issues that African policymakers and practitioners would contend with as they seek to navigate the impacts of the war in Europe (**1000 words max**).

On the online application system given above, please indicate that you have completed the King's College Application. All supporting documents should be submitted via the online portal indicated above. Please note that no email applications will be accepted. If you are experiencing problems with the online application portal, please contact us at admissions@africanleadershipcentre.org. **We encourage all applicants to submit their applications early to avoid delays and failure to submit because of technical challenges.**