



Amani Research Fellowship Programme

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Inaugural Cohort, November 2019

Gulu, Northern Uganda

Introduction

Amani Institute Uganda, in collaboration with Advocates for Research in Development (ARiD), invites applications to its inaugural annual research fellowship programme for the year 2019. The Research Fellowship Programme (RFP) is a new annual multi-disciplinary interactive, intensive, inter-linked research mentorship programme conceptualised with a goal of nurturing a new generation of researchers in an African context. The Fellowship seeks to equip its participants with a range of practical, much-needed applied research skills and experience in a conflict, post-conflict and forced migration context.

The programme builds on over ten (10) years of practical research experience, including research teaching, research projects and conflict sensitivity programming, identified and documented by the two collaborating institutions i.e. Amani Institute Uganda (AIU) based in Gulu and the Advocates for Research in Development (ARiD) based in Pader.

Target groups

The Fellowship seeks to equip aspiring and practicing researchers, including undergraduate, masters and PhD students, with knowledge and skills on a range of practical and applied research methodologies and how to go about executing them, especially in fragile contexts-conflict, post-conflict and forced migration settings.

This unique multi-disciplinary research training programme is designed to accommodate early to mid-career researchers, graduate students, masters and PhD students, practitioners in various disciplines and scholars interested in learning new or emerging issues and applied skills in contemporary research.

Course content/modules

The interactive intensive interlinked fellowship is a taught course delivered over a period of three (03) months for each cohort, with a combination of theoretical and practical learnings.

In each cohort, there is theory-based session which runs for six consecutive days followed by practical application of the knowledge acquired in the field. The six modules will explore a range of topics, including:

- introduction to social science research;
- applied research methodologies;
- ethical issues in social science research;
- research in conflict/post-conflict settings;
- research in forced migration context;
- research in SGBV context;
- primary and secondary data collection and analysis;
- media/social media research;
- research amongst victims of conflicts;
- community mobilisation and surveys;
- conducting research with vulnerable community (e.g. children, PWDs, etc.);
- critical literature review;
- writing a research proposal;
- research presentation, and
- research publication.

Structure of the Fellowship

Each cohort runs for three (03) months. Each fellow is expected to complete twenty-five (25) hours of readings and attend six interactive, intensive and inter-linked taught session and at least thirty (30) days of practical/field work at a partner organisation or any institution of choice. Each fellow will be guided to undertake a field research and produce a publishable research report on a topic of choice at the end of the course to qualify to be awarded a certificate. The full course package shall be availed to admitted applicants only.

Inaugural Cohort, Gulu 2019

The **inaugural cohort of 2019** will commence, with a twenty-five hours reading before the first convening from **11th -16th November 2019 in Gulu, Northern Uganda**. The programme fellows stand great chances of winning placement in some of the participating research institutions, and even getting employed as research associates.

Resource persons

The resource persons for the programme are drawn from local experts and practitioners engaging in the relevant field, both internally within the collaborating institutions and externally from key actors and organisations pioneering or leading in the relevant field.

Additional resource persons shall be drawn internationally, from a pool of leading experts and researchers in the field of gender, justice and security who are collaborating partners within the UKRI-GCRF funded Gender, Justice and Security Hub. The Gender, Justice and Security Hub is a five-year project working at the overlap of Sustainable Development Goal 5 on gender equality and Goal 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions, and the implementation of women, peace and security agenda.

Amani Institute Uganda is a partner in this unique coalition of major UK and DAC-list country research institutions, working extensively with local and global civil society, practitioners, governments and international organisations to advance gender justice and inclusive peace. The Hub has expertise in four thematic areas: transformation and empowerment; livelihoods, land and rights, migration and displacement; and masculinities and sexualities [see: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/women-peace-security/research/Gender-Justice-and-Security-Hub>].

The convenors also hereby invite experienced researchers, scholars and/or practitioners in the field of conflict resolution, peacebuilding, transitional justice, human rights and development in conflict, post-conflict and transitional contexts interested in engaging as resource persons in this programme to express their interest.

Fees

Applicants based in northern Uganda: **USD 250** (two hundred and fifty US Dollars) or its equivalent in the local currency.

Applicants from within Uganda: **USD 350** (three hundred and fifty US Dollars) or its equivalent in the local currency.

Applicants from outside Uganda: **USD 1,000** (one thousand US Dollars) or its equivalent in the local currency.

The course fee covers the cost of materials, accommodation for 5 days at each session, resource persons facilitation, meals, refreshments and certificate only. Transport are the responsibility of the fellows. All fees shall be paid only upon admissions to the course.

Scholarships

Some few scholarships are available for deserving fellows who can demonstrate high motivation and need for such support.

Application requirements:

- Application letter stating your interest in the fellowship
- One-page research proposal on any aspect of interest;
- One reference letter from your organization or institution

- Current CV (maximum 3 pages)
- Separate application for scholarships.

Application procedure:

- 1) Send a copy of your application to fellowship.amani@aridafrika.org and copy to amaniuganda@gmail.com with the subject **Research Fellowship Programme 2019**.
- 2) Application can also be hand delivered to our office at Plot 13 R Laborline, Pece Division, Gulu Municipality, next to NWSC Tank or ARiD Head Office on Obol Akal Rd, Pader Town Council.
- 3) Deadline for submitting application is **10th October 2019**.

For **further information** regarding the **Research Fellowship Programme**, and the application procedure, please kindly visit www.amaniuganda.org and www.aridafrika.org and email oolalawyer@gmail.com. Phone contact: +256-772398275.

About Amani Institute Uganda

Amani Institute Uganda (AIU) is a think-tank, a research-based institute established to promote rights, peace, justice and development through knowledge generation and people’s empowerment. Registered in 2013 (Reg. No. 172317) as a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee, Amani Institute Uganda conducts action-oriented research, documentation, analysis and strategic programming. Our Motto “*kudumisha amani*” means “**sustaining the peace**” inspired by Amani’s niche in navigating the complex challenges in transitioning from humanitarian emergencies to post-conflict recovery and development phase. Our Office is Located at Plot 13R Labor line, Peace Division, Gulu Municipality.

Mission

Our mission is to promote rights, peace, justice and development through research, documentation, analysis and strategic programming.

Vision

We envision a peaceful and prosperous post-conflict communities living in dignity and enjoying equal opportunities.

Strategic Objectives

To build local capacities for research, localize impact of international research, empower vulnerable and at-risks individuals and groups to access justice and enjoy their human rights through;

- Research
- Documentation
- Advocacy

- Consultancies
- Mediation support
- Civic education
- Mentorship/Trainings

Core values

We are embedded in a conflict affected region, informed by our direct and collective experiences, mindful of key ethical dilemmas, committed to enhancing impact of research, accountable and open to equal partnership and learning.

Theory of Change:

By identifying critical issues impacting the pursuit of rights, peace, justice and development; creating civic space, and dynamic platforms for intelligent deliberations, Amani promotes justice and democratization, as well as contributes to sustainable peacebuilding and development.

About Advocates for Research in Development (ARiD)

Advocates for Research in Development (ARiD) is a leading community focused policy research advocacy and consulting NGO. ARiD was founded in 2010, and legally registered as a charity organization to operate in Uganda with the Registration No. 0105.

The founding of ARiD was premised on the view that the legacy of decades of war in northern Uganda adversely impacted the youth, women and persons with disabilities, including children. Key in the engagement strategies include rights awareness, voice and actions.

Mission: ARiD thrives to promote social justice through empowerment, partnership and inclusion of the marginalized in development processes.

Vision: A just, peaceful, and prosperous society.

Values: protection, participation, non-discrimination, integrity, accountability, collaboration, love, and compassion.

Strategic Objectives: These include: (a) Conflict early warning and preventive diplomacy, mediation, governance, human rights and peacebuilding; (b) Education and training; (c) action research for policy advocacy on social justice; (d) Institutional strengthening and capacity enhancement; (e) Empowerment of the marginalized in society using a Rights-Based Approach to governance.