

Maxwell African Scholars Union

Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs
Syracuse University

Call for Proposals

Goekjian and Perryman/Maxwell African Scholars Union Research Grants

DEADLINE: Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 11:59 pm EDT

Application link: <http://bit.ly/MASU2021>

Attention Syracuse University Graduate Students

This year the Moynihan Institute's Maxwell African Scholars Union (MASU) will grant awards to graduate students of up to \$2,500 to support research concerning sub-Saharan Africa. The purpose of the award is to provide students the opportunity to gather preliminary data, make contacts, map topics, or increase the competitiveness of future proposals for funding. Any graduate student enrolled in a MA or PhD program at Syracuse University may apply.

The awards are competitive. Proposals will be judged on the basis of (i) the quality of the proposed research, (ii) the organization and thoughtfulness of the proposal, and (iii) the appropriateness and feasibility of the research plan in relation to the student's background and qualifications.

You may apply for more than one grant from the Moynihan Institute, but no more than one award will be given by the Moynihan Institute per year per student. Awards are ranked separately, so if your proposal is accepted by more than one committee, you will be awarded the better opportunity. If you win an award this year, you may apply for this or another award next year.

PROPOSAL FORMAT:

Part 1.

Personal Information.

The online application consists of a number of questions about your academic status, contact information, outstanding award applications and preliminary information about your project.

Part 2.

The Proposal. Upload your proposal as a PDF file to the online application.

Page 1. Course of Study Status.

Provide a brief summary of your progress and current status in your academic program (coursework completed, research focus, faculty supervisor, dissertation committee if applicable).

Pages 2-3. Research or Project Description.

Please describe the research for which you are seeking funds. Your proposal text must be **no longer than 500 words**. Briefly describe your subject, locate your work and potential contributions in the most important relevant scholarship;

outline your proposed methods and state why they fit your topic. A list of references may add a page to the 500 words of text. Include a word count at the end of your 500-word narrative. **Proposals exceeding the 500-word limit will not be considered.**

Page 4. Budget.

Grants will be awarded for up to \$2,500. Please provide a detailed budget. Categories may include stipends, living expenses (either in Syracuse or elsewhere while doing research), travel, per diems, survey design and administration, book/data/software purchases, research fees, and so on. Equipment is not eligible for inclusion in the budget.

Page 5. Other Support.

Please provide details about other research support that you have received for this and related research this summer. If you have no other research support, say so explicitly. Finally, please list the other applications that you have made for research support from summer 2021 through summer 2022 (e.g., FLAS, etc.).

Part 3.

Vita. Upload your Curriculum Vitae to the online application. Your contact information (mail, tel., email) should appear there.

Part 4.

Endorsement.

Please arrange for one recommendation letter from a Syracuse University faculty member to be submitted as part of your application. The letter must be focused on the research you propose. Include the person's name in your proposal, and ask that person to send their letter as a PDF via their university email account to Havva Karakas-Keles at: hkarakas@syr.edu **no later than Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EDT.**

In the online application you will be asked to identify this person and they will receive an email requesting the letter upon submission of your application. It is your responsibility to make sure that the recommender provides us with a letter of recommendation for you on time (that is **Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 11:59 pm EDT**).

After applying, you should receive a notice indicating that your application was received.

OTHER DETAILS:

Proposals will be read by a faculty committee. The committee will rank the proposals according to their research promise, consistency with the goals indicated in these guidelines, and cost effectiveness. Award notices will be sent by email on or about April 30, 2021.

We will be offering a Proposal Writing Workshop on March 5, 2021 at 2pm. The workshop will be hosted by Sue Wadley, Professor of Anthropology, Emerita. You may register at here: <https://syracuseuniversity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrceqsqTgpH9QR1AJSWS3esM13Ob8Qpqqx>

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Our Expectations:

Please note that (i) Award recipients are required to send a brief biography and project abstract (one to two paragraphs in all) and a photo to Havva Karakas-Keles (hkarakas@syr.edu) by May 8, 2021 for use on the website. (ii) We expect that you will give a research presentation upon invitation. (iii) Additional requirements will be explained in the award notice.

For more information, contact Havva Karakas-Keles, Regional Programs Coordinator at hkarakas@syr.edu