AFRICAN SOCIAL RESEARCH INITIATIVE (ASRI)
Collaborative Faculty Seed Grant

Application Deadline: March 22
Award Amount: $5,000-10,000

The African Social Research Initiative (ASRI) is part of the African Studies Center at the University of Michigan. ASRI was established in response to the critical need in Africa for high-quality social data for policy and planning in economics, urbanization, gender, citizenship and governance, education, demographics, environmental change, and public health. ASRI encourages collaborative research projects that cross national, institutional, and disciplinary boundaries, and innovative partnerships with policy-makers.

The purpose of ASRI seed grants is to provide faculty at the University of Michigan and colleagues at institutions of knowledge production based in Africa with seed funding to conduct pilot research on important social research topics, and/or initiate new partnerships in this domain, to advance scholarship and policy, and to be used to leverage future funding. Projects with co-investigators from any country in Africa are welcome. ASRI particularly encourages projects that provide data of critical policy value—evidenced by plans to translate research into action, and/or commitment to supporting junior faculty—and/or those that are multidisciplinary in nature. Preference will be given to those applicants who have not previously received an ASRI seed grant award.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Each proposal must be accompanied by a **completed cover sheet** as illustrated at the end of this RFA. Proposal narratives are limited to **5 pages, double-spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font, 1" margins**. References, budget, and budget justification are not included in the 5-page limit.

Proposal narratives should address:

- Background / Description of the problem
- Research Goals & Objectives

- Methods

- Roles & Responsibilities

- Significance of the research / potential next steps

- Deliverable expected as the outcome of the proposed project

- Anticipated potential challenges and potential solutions to those challenges

- 1-page itemized budget and budget justification, including a breakdown of expenses across Africa and the United States

- **Proposals MUST include co-investigators from both the University of Michigan and partner African institution(s).**

The cover sheet may be completed via the form below. The cover sheet and additional application materials should be submitted as a single PDF, named "**ASRI SEED GRANT [YOUR LAST NAME]**." The PDF document should be emailed to **asc-contact@umich.edu no later than March 22.** Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding. Applications will be reviewed by ASRI Steering Committee members.

USE OF HUMAN SUBJECTS

All research projects involving human subjects conducted in connection with this must have written evidence of compliance with required federal guidelines and approval from an institutional review board (IRB) . IRB approvals must be maintained and in effect throughout the project's connection with the program.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDED PROPOSALS

Grant recipients will be required to share an interim progress report halfway through their funding cycle, and will be required to submit a final report to ASRI no later than 6 months from the end of their funding cycle. In addition, grant recipients are required to provide a short summary of results for the ASRI website.

QUESTIONS

Questions may be directed to **asc-contact@umich.edu**.

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PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

Title of Proposed Project:

AFRICAN CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	
Name:	
Institution:	
Email:	Cellphone:
Signature (electronic acceptable):	

MICHIGAN CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	
Name:	
Institution:	
Email:	Cellphone:
Signature (electronic acceptable):	

Additional Co-Investigators:

Name	Position/Title	Department	Institution

Signature of U-M Co-PI department chair / dean / administrative representative

Name (printed):	
Position:	
Signature:	Date:

Project Abstract, including background, methods, anticipated results, and significance
(Limit to 300 words)