



# HOST AN INTERNATIONAL FELLOW

## UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT PROGRAM (UASP) RESEARCH MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIPS



**THE UASP FELLOWSHIP**, administered by IREX since 2002, develops higher education management capacity in universities in Africa and Euraisa. The model brings cohorts of university administrators and faculty to the United States for training and a four-week work placement to meet counterparts at a partnering U.S. host institution. Effective host institution placements are the linchpin of successful UASP fellowships—they offer in-depth opportunities for fellows to observe and compare U.S. institutional administrative systems and share best practices. Fellows return home equipped with progressive management techniques, U.S. relationships, and a practical plan to implement institutional reform. Most recently the fellowship has specifically focused on developing research management capacity.

### PARTNER WITH IREX: HOST A FELLOW AT YOUR UNIVERSITY



Mentor a fellow on campus for 4 weeks



Facilitate access to university facilities / resources



Set up introductions, meetings, shadowing opportunities



Provide feedback on fellow's proposed home institution reforms



Foster relationships for future research collaboration

#### IREX PROVIDES

- Host mentor honorarium **per fellow** (US institutions may host up to 5 fellows per cohort)
- Logistics / funding for fellow travel / accommodation
- Introduction to fellow before arrival on campus
- Information about fellow's institution and goals
- Strategies and coaching for effective hosting

#### HOST INSTITUTION MENTORS

- Interested in global ties with African institutions
- Excited to share an inside look at U.S. systems and practices
- Can expose fellow to institutional strengths that match their focus
- Available for 4 weeks in March or into early April

**CONTACT IREX TO EXPRESS INTEREST: [UASP@IREX.ORG](mailto:UASP@IREX.ORG)**

# ABOUT THE UASP RESEARCH MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

## WHO ARE UASP FELLOWS?

- Research managers and faculty from Africa
- Making strides to grow or improve their university's research program and familiar with its needs
- Hold a position of influence to recommend and implement changes at their university upon return
- Past research management focus areas have included:

Institutional research strategy	Researcher career support
Incentivizing research	Research methods training
Winning / managing research funds	Postgraduate programs
Publication and enhancing reputation	Technology transfer

## PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

DR CONGO  
ETHIOPIA  
GHANA  
KENYA  
MAURITIUS  
MOROCCO  
MOZAMBIQUE  
NIGERIA  
RWANDA  
SENEGAL  
SOUTH AFRICA  
TANZANIA  
UGANDA



*\*Most recent (but not all) iterations of the fellowship focus on research management;  
\*Eligible "sending" countries and institutions are subject to change from year to year*

## TIMELINE



**US Host Institutions Finalized**  
July-Sept. 2024



**Virtual Exchange**  
Oct. - Feb. (8 meetings)



**Fellows arrive, Training in DC**  
Early March 2025 (3 days)



**Host Institution Placements**  
March/ April 2025 (4 weeks)



**Training in DC, Fellows depart**  
Early April 2025 (3 days)



**Small grants**  
Fellows implement reforms at home institutions  
May - March 2026

## IMPACT



**84%** of UASP fellows implemented administrative reforms at their home institutions



**63%** of fellows maintain contact with their US host institutions



**33%** established formal collaborations between fellows' home and host institutions

*We had an amazing experience with our fellow. We are looking at starting a joint R&D effort as well as a potential exchange program for faculty and students.*

**Rick Swatloski**  
Director  
Office of Technology Transfer  
The University of Alabama

*Mrs. Folu Aramide participated in all aspects of research based activities as though she was a staff of our institution. It was a tremendous success for the fellow and also provided the unit with insight into other research paradigms.*

**Dr. Ikechukwu Ukeje**  
Special Asst. to the Vice President  
for Research, Kennesaw State University

*Northwestern University will continue to work with University of Lagos' Office of Research on at least two NIH grants.*

**Daniel Young**  
Center for Global Health  
Northwestern University