



# African Academy of Sciences

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## The AAS Affiliates Programme: Objectives, Requirements and Benefits

### 1. Programme Objectives

**The AAS Affiliates Programme is intended to achieve the Academy's objective to stimulate and nurture the spirit of scientific discovery and technological innovation in Africa in order to promote sustainable development in the continent through research and development. It is intended to fill a niche gap with regard to the professional growth of young and early-to-mid career professionals in their effort to develop into research leaders. Several reports indicate that many countries and organizations are already implementing PhD training programmes to meet the teaching and research requirements of higher educational and research institutions. Many of these students train in well-established North institutions or relatively well set up African PhD training centers, but when they return to their home institutions they face great difficulties to develop as independent thinkers and leaders. They do not get enough opportunities that allow them to be the generator of new ideas, knowledge and innovative solutions to Africa's problems.**

**While the responsibility to attract and retain well trained Africans is the responsibility of the various African member states and their national and sub-regional institutions, pan-African Organizations like AAS can play a catalytic and supportive role to inspire and provide tangible support to such cohorts. The support provided by AAS will assist young scholars develop into research leaders in their respective fields. Up to 25 Affiliates will be elected every year.**

**The AAS Affiliates Programme is intended to provide inspirational support to such Africans as described below in 3.**

### 2. Requirements and nomination procedures

**The AAS Affiliates programme is targeted to support Africans who are aged 40 years or below, who are already employed in higher educational or research institutions and who have obtained their PhD during the last five years and have undertaken post-doctoral research experience. They may be in any field of specialization and must be nominated by their institutional leaders or a Fellow/Associate Fellow of the Academy. Self-Nomination is not allowed.**

**The nomination of a candidate for Affiliate Membership shall be managed in each region (Northern, Eastern Central, Western, and Southern Africa) by the respective regional office of AAS. Contacts of AAS Fellows who are in a given region may also be obtained from the respective office of the Academy. The Regional Office contacts are given in Appendix 1 below.**

**Nominations are made online on the AAS Ishango Online System (<https://aasishango.ccgrantracker.com>). Please follow the instructions in 4 below. Nominations must be received on or before 31 May 2017.**

### 3. AAS support to Affiliate Members of AAS

**The designation of 'Affiliate Member of AAS' is a meritorious recognition through competitive evaluation and review by a designated body from each region and finally approved by the Governing Council of the Academy. The designation of Affiliate Membership shall be for a period of five years<sup>1</sup>.**

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<sup>1</sup> There shall be no direct progression from Affiliate to Fellow.

AAS will organize a range of activities to enhance the professional development of the Affiliate members. Of particular interest may be special courses such as proposal writing, manuscript preparation, writing and presentation, ethical conduct of research, intellectual property issues, reviewing papers and proposals, etc.; organized in partnership with other leading global organizations, such as publishing houses. Affiliate members will be given opportunities to establish mentor-mentee relationships with gurus in their field of specialization from among AAS Fellows or elsewhere. AAS will also seek to support the participation of affiliate members in major conferences organized by the Academy or other sister academies. Other exciting opportunities will be explored with AAS partners and will be communicated as they become available.

#### 4. HOW TO APPLY

- i. Follow this link to get to the AAS Ishango Online System: <https://aasishango.ccgrantracker.com/>
- ii. Register as a new user if you have not used the system before. If you have used the system before please proceed to step vi.
- iii. The system will email you a temporary password.
- iv. Follow the link <https://aasishango.ccgrantracker.com/> again to access the system
- v. Go to existing user and log in with your temporary password (for first time users, you will be requested to replace your temporary password with one of your choice).
- vi. Once you log in go to new grant application and go to click here
- vii. Select AAS Affiliate Membership 2017 and click on apply to begin filling in the online form.
- viii. Once you have provided all the required information, please validate and submit the form.

Note that there are sections on the form where you, the nominator, will be required to give details of the nominee/candidate. Once you do this, an email will go to him/her asking him/her to participate in the nomination. Upon confirming participation, s/he will also have access to the online form that you have initiated and can assist with uploading his/her details on the form. Once you have completed all sections of the form, the system will enable you, the nominator, to validate the nomination and click on the submit button.

Please contact [o.osula@aasciences.ac.ke](mailto:o.osula@aasciences.ac.ke) if you need any clarification or encounter any difficulties as you use the online system.

#### Appendix 1

##### AAS Regional Offices and Contacts of respective Vice Presidents

Regional Office	Contact Person	Email
Northern Africa	Prof. Mahmoud Abdel-Aty, Professor of Mathematics and Information Science, University of Science and Technology at Zewail City, Egypt	<a href="mailto:abdelatyquantum@gmail.com">abdelatyquantum@gmail.com</a>
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