



Nordiska Afrikainstitutet

The Nordic Africa Institute

The Nordic Africa Institute is a centre for research, knowledge, policy advice and information on Africa. Based in Uppsala, Sweden, we are a government agency, funded jointly by Sweden, Finland and Iceland.

The Nordic Africa Institute invites applications for the position of

Nordic Researcher

from Sweden

Closing date for applications: 22 January 2018

About the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI)

The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) was founded in 1962 and since then has provided knowledge in the form of high-quality research, timely information and extensive documentation on Africa. Over a period of half a century, NAI has remained committed to academic and policy research, information dissemination and documentation on African issues. NAI has followed the trends and development of Africa studies in the Nordic region and in African continent, and also actively initiated new ideas and forms of engagement to fulfil its mission as the main centre for African knowledge in the Nordic countries and to serve its stakeholders in the Nordic countries and globally.

The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) is currently implementing a Five Year Strategy, 2017-2021, which has promoting academic and policy-oriented research programmes on Africa in the Nordic countries as one of its strategic goals. It is in pursuit of this goal that NAI is looking for a Senior Researcher with considerable experience in academic and policy-relevant research on Africa issues to join its team of resident researchers. The positions will be filled by a researcher with residence in Sweden for the duration of two years. NAI is looking for qualified researchers with demonstrable research skills and competences who can conduct independent academic and policy research on Africa.

NAI offers a stimulating intellectual environment, an interdisciplinary research orientation, a team of researchers from different social and scientific backgrounds, and a library with modern facilities. In addition, the institute is linked to an extensive networks of research institutions in Africa and the Nordic countries.

Job Description

Successful candidate will be expected to propose a research project that will be located within one of the Institute's research thematic areas, namely:

- Inclusive growth, poverty and inequality in urban and rural Africa
- Climate change and sustainable development
- Conflict, security and democratic transformation
- Mobility and migration
- Gender equality

The Senior Researcher at the Institute is expected to initiate and execute research projects, policy dialogues, media programmes and other intellectual engagements and activity including proposal writing, seminar workshops, and networking with government official and policy makers in the Nordic countries. In addition, the Senior Researcher carries out other activities as may be assigned to them by the Head of Research such as review of proposals for scholarship programmes, planning and organizing seminars, workshops and conferences, and facilitating academic collaboration with researchers and research institutions working on African issues around the world, particularly in Africa and the Nordic countries.

Qualifications

- A PhD degree in a social science or humanities discipline. The applicant should have a considerable experience of work on Africa-related issues.
- Strong writing ability and capacity to present complex issues in a readable form for both academic and non-academic audiences.
- Strong analytical skills.
- Strong communication skills and ability to work in a multi-cultural environment.
- Knowledge of particularly Swedish but also wider Nordic as well as African research institutions and policy environment, and networks of researchers, policy makers, advocacy groups, and other relevant actors.
- Excellent knowledge of spoken and written English.
- Working knowledge of research centers, networks, and universities in the Nordic countries and in Africa will be an added advantage.

The application

The application should contain:

- A. A proposal for research project not exceeding 5 pages. It should include:
 - Research questions, problems, methodology and theory;
 - Possible sources of funding for research project outside the Nordic Africa Institute;
 - Strategy for dissemination of research results (including contribution to policy engagements).
- B. A complete CV with a list of scientific publications where it is clearly indicated which publications are formally considered as peer reviewed.
- C. Three of the applicant's own peer review publications (in three copies each if print copies are sent) relating to the proposed area of research.
- D. The names and addresses (phone, fax, e-mail) of at least two referees.

As part of the recruitment process, shortlisted candidates will be invited to present their proposed research projects for the Nordic Africa Institute.

Condition of Service

To be eligible to apply for the position you must live and work in Sweden.

Contract period will be for a fixed period of two years. Salary is negotiable within the Institute's current salary levels and remuneration packages. Starting date of the employment is negotiable.

Contact persons:

Victor Adetula, Head of Research, Eva-Lena Svensson, Human Resources Manager. Trade Union representatives: Johan Sävström (OFR/ST) and Henrik Alfredsson (Saco-S). All can be reached at +46 18 471 52 00.

More information about NAI's research focal areas and themes, on-going research activities, grants, library services and publications is available on the Institute's website: www.nai.uu.se.

The application should be sent:

- a) preferably by email to nai-applications@nai.uu.se. (Including publications to the extent possible or by indication of internet addresses where they might be available).
- b) or in hard copy by regular post to The Nordic Africa Institute, P. O. Box 1703, SE-751 47 Uppsala, Sweden.

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NAI is committed to an Equal Opportunities Policy in employment and since the institute strives for a balanced proportion of men and women, women are particularly encouraged to apply for the position.