Established in 1957, the African Studies Association (ASA) is the flagship membership organization devoted to enhancing the exchange of information about Africa. With nearly 2,000 individual and institutional members worldwide, the ASA encourages the production and dissemination of knowledge about Africa, past and present. Each year, the ASA hosts an Annual Meeting to facilitate its mission and foster its global networks of Africanists scholars and practitioners. The 2024 ASA Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago, December 12–14, creating new opportunities to access path-breaking research and key debates in the field.

Thanks to the generous support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY), the ASA is excited to announce two opportunities for Carnegie supports scholars: a pre-conference skillsbuilding workshop as well as two panels at the 2024 Annual Meeting on which Carnegie supported fellows will be invited to present their work.
Carnegie scholars are invited to submit presentation proposals to one of the following topics:

Sustainable African Futures: Climate Change, Policy, & Innovation
What is the role of government and policy in African environmental sustainability? How are communities innovating and navigating urban growth, conservation efforts, & international food supply chains with sustainability in mind? How are local agricultural practices and trends responding to the need for environmental sustainability? How is technology supporting or counteracting sustainability efforts? What is the role of international business and external funding in climate change mitigation efforts throughout Africa? In what ways can environmentally sustainable futures shape equitable governance structures, social stability, and peace-building?

African Identities Amidst Urbanism, Migration, & the Digital
How are African identities (re)constructed in diasporic, urbanizing, and online contexts? How do different social platforms and technological innovations shape or curate African identities? How have government leaders, public figures, or influencers approached narratives around identity, nativism, and immigration in recent years, and how have their approaches impacted the public discourse? Has digital connectedness helped or hindered the project of building multivalent African identities? Where do conflict, refugees, and peace-building efforts factor in to identities in Africa and its Diasporas? How and to what extent do capitalism and consumerism impact urban identity construction? How have Black Internationalist, Pan-African, and Decolonial philosophies impacted global African identities?

Paper Proposal
The paper abstract should consist of a statement about the topic, the nature and extent of the research on which the paper is based, and a brief summary of the main argument(s) (a maximum of 200 words). All proposals must be submitted via this form and must be received by Friday, June 14, 2024.

Participation Expectations
The ASA’s two-part event will provide multiple touchpoints for engagement and mentorship. The November workshop, held online, will focus on presentation skills as well as the development and effective utilization of visual aids for 10 Carnegie supported scholars in two topical groups. Each presentation group will include five Carnegie supported scholars, a peer mentor, and a senior scholar mentor. The ASA will then facilitate the in-person participation of all scholars at the Annual Meeting, December 12-14 in Chicago. First-time Grantees will utilize the workshop training, and adapt it for an in-person setting. Returning Grantees will utilize the workshop training to draw deeper connections across presentations as the session discussants. Scholars attending the Annual Meeting will be expected to communicate with panel chairs via email one month prior to the Annual Meeting. Returning Grantees will be expected to make edits to their paper draft for publication review prior to the Annual Meeting. Selected participants will be granted two-year memberships in the African Studies Association and ASA Emerging Scholars Network and a data stipend to support internet connection to facilitate workshop participation and communication. Annual Meeting attendees will additionally receive conference registration, travel funding, visa support, and travel insurance.

Eligibility
The African Studies Association invites fellows from the following networks to submit paper proposals:
- African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS)
- African Leadership Centre
- African Peacebuilding Network
- African Research Universities Alliance, Centers of Excellence
- Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa
- Makerere Institute for Social Research
- Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa
- Partnership for African Social and Governance Research
- Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture
- Science for Africa Foundation (POSSIBLE-Africa)
- CCNY supported projects at the University of Ghana
- CCNY supported projects at Makerere University
- CCNY supported projects at the University of the Witwatersrand
- CCNY supported projects at the University of Cape Town
- CCNY supported fellows at the University of Pretoria Future Africa Institute
- Centre on African Philanthropy and Social Investment at the University of the Witwatersrand

Please note: Individuals that have previously been awarded an ASA Presidential Fellowship or a CCNY Fellowship to attend the ASA Annual Meeting are not eligible as a First Time Grantee for the 2024 CCNY Fellowship. They should apply as a Returning Peer Mentor. Fellows that have participated more than once are not eligible.

Proposals can be submitted via this form. All proposals must be submitted by Friday, June 14. Proposals submitted via email will not be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Alix Saba at alix@africanstudies.org or Reed Couvillon at reed@africanstudies.org.