**STIAS Iso Lomso Fellowship - Call for Applications 2025**

**Application Form for a three-year fellowship 2026-2028**

This form can be saved to your computer and then filled in by typing in the shaded areas. Please save the completed document under your name in PDF format and email it as an attachment together with the required additional documents by the deadline.

Please read the **Iso Lomso Call for Applications 2025** carefully in preparation for your application. You can download the call from [www.stias.ac.za/iso-lomso/](http://www.stias.ac.za/iso-lomso/)

This application form should be submitted electronically via email to [isolomso@sun.ac.za](mailto:isolomso@sun.ac.za).

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SATURDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2025

**1. Applicant Eligibility Checklist (mark with X)**

1. Are you a citizen of an African Country?

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| Yes |  |
| No |  |

2. Were you born after 1 January 1983?

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| Yes |  |
| No |  |

3. Do you currently maintain affiliation at an institution in Africa, and will you continue to do so for the duration of the proposed fellowship period? (Please provide more details in the motivation letter.)

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| Yes |  |
| No |  |

4. Was your doctoral degree officially conferred after 1 January 2017?

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| Yes |  |
| No |  |

5. The Iso Lomso fellowship does not fund experimental or field research (refer to page 3 of the call); if your project includes experimental or field work, do you currently have funding available for this?

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| Does not apply |  |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |

6. Are you in a position to spend between two and five months on a first residency at STIAS during the 2026 academic year?

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| Yes |  |
| No |  |

If you answered “No” to any of the above questions and wish to discuss your eligibility, please write to [isolomso@sun.ac.za](mailto:isolomso@sun.ac.za) about the criterion in question.

**2. Administrative Information**

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| Surname |  |
| Given name and other names |  |
| Date and place of birth |  |
| Gender |  |
| Citizenship |  |
| Country of residence |  |
| Doctoral degree granting institution |  |
| Title of dissertation |  |
| Date the doctorate was officially granted |  |
| Current Department & Institution |  |
| Postal address |  |
| E-mail address |  |
| Alternative e-mail address (if any) |  |
| Telephone (include international dialling code) |  |
| Mobile phone (include international dialling code) |  |
| Major discipline |  |
| Ancillary discipline (if any) |  |

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| Descriptive project title: |
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| Abstract (summary of the project or topic, not more than 200 words): |
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**3. Personal history**

Higher Education qualifications:

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| Name of institution and country | Field of study | Years of enrolment | Degree and year conferred |
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Post-doctoral fellowships or equivalent post-PhD research experience:

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| Name of institution and country | Dates of the fellowship | Title of project | Research outputs |
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Any other research projects you have undertaken:

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Employment history:

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| Name of institution and country | Department/unit | Position held | Years at institution (provide dates) |
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**4. List of academic publications**

List relevant journal papers, book chapters, or books (provide full bibliographic details, two pages maximum):

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**Checklist of completed application documents – see following page (mark with X):**

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|  | Yes | No |
| 1. Iso Lomso application form (this document) |  |  |
| 2. Motivation letter |  |  |
| 3. Pre-proposal |  |  |
| 4. Writing example(s) |  |  |
| 5. Copy of doctoral certificate |  |  |
| 6. Institutional letter of support |  |  |
| 7. Curriculum Vitae |  |  |
| 8. Recommenders have agreed to submit letters of recommendation |  |  |

**Please provide the following details about your recommenders:**

First recommender:

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| Title, Name and Surname |  |
| Name of institution and country |  |
| Email address |  |
| Telephone (include international dialling code) |  |

Second recommender:

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| Title, Name and Surname |  |
| Name of institution and country |  |
| Email address |  |
| Telephone (include international dialling code) |  |

By signing this form, you declare to the best of your knowledge that the information provided herein is accurate and valid.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Application documents required:**

The completed application form should be signed, dated and submitted together with the following documents, all in PDF format and numbered 1 to 7 as below.

Please submit these documents by email to [isolomso@sun.ac.za](mailto:isolomso@sun.ac.za).

1. The **application form** (this document)
2. A **motivation letter** (one page maximum; must include a brief description of your academic career and your current institutional position, including any courses you teach, any graduate supervision, and other institutional roles you currently fulfil. It is also suggested that you provide some background on the ideas and experiences that have shaped and motivated your intellectual work).
3. A **pre-proposal** for your research project, consisting of a short essay of two to three pages which describes:
   1. a summary of your current research/work;
   2. the main thesis of the proposed research project (problem statement and aim of the project);
   3. an overview of existing literature and other sources;
   4. theoretical background and methodological approach;
   5. the significance/relevance of the project for African scholarship;
   6. a provisional time framework with proposed periods of residency at STIAS and additional activities (for instance attendance of international conferences, a residency at another institute, a workshop to be convened at STIAS), as well as proposed research outputs such as articles/book manuscript, etc. The Iso Lomso fellowship may coincide with a research project funded by another programme.
4. One or two recent **writing examples** of your work(articles or book sections) related to the proposed project (any language).
5. A certified copy or scan of your **doctoral certificate**.
6. A **letter of support** from your home institution (either from the head of department, dean of faculty, principal of college, or equivalent) which contains a confirmation of the applicant’s academic position and an assurance from the institution that the applicant will be released for residential research periods. [Please note: STIAS provides teaching replacement funding during periods of residency. Institutions are also reminded that research residencies aim not only to support candidates’ own research projects, but also to develop a cohort of academic leaders to the benefit of home institutions and to African scholarship in general.]
7. An up-to-date **Curriculum Vitae**
8. Recommendation, consisting of **two letters of recommendation** from scholars familiar with your work, preferably one from your current institution and one from another institution. Recommenders will need to receive a copy of your pre-proposal in order to comment on the proposed project. The letter should be printed on an official institutional letterhead and must include:
   1. Name of recommender;
   2. Academic position of recommender;
   3. Answers to the following questions:
      1. How long and in what capacity has the recommender known the applicant?
      2. How does the recommender evaluate the merit of the applicants’ proposed project, and the applicant’s ability to complete the proposed work during three years?
   4. Any further relevant information about the applicant or proposed project (including how the project matches the research priorities of the applicant’s home institution, if known).

The letters of recommendation will be confidential and should be sent by the recommender directly to [isolomso@sun.ac.za](mailto:isolomso@sun.ac.za).