

**CENTRE FOR URBAN MANAGEMENT STUDIES (CUMS),
UNIVERSITY OF GHANA**

PHD Scholarship Opportunities

The Centre for Urban Management Studies (CUMS), University of Ghana, Legon, seeks qualified candidates from relevant academic units of the University of Ghana to apply for two sets of PhD research scholarships.

A. PhD research in Sustainable Cities (3 Scholarships)

The Pan African Research College on Sustainable Cities was launched in 2017. Funded by the Robert Bosch Stiftung, Germany, the College will see researchers in diverse field share knowledge to better understand the complexities of urban Africa. The College is made up of senior researchers from five partner universities, namely the University of Ghana, University of Nairobi, the United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources (Accra, Ghana), University of Cape Town and University of the Witwatersrand.

The Centre for Urban Management Studies invites applicants to submit a three-page proposal on different perspectives of urban sustainability including urban sprawl, land management, housing, waste management and sanitation, transportation, pollution, agriculture and food security, energy use, crime and violence, and governance. Specific research questions on these different perspectives of urban sustainability to which the proposal can address include:

1. What are the alternative provisioning of basic services within the ‘formal-informal’ continuum, especially for the urban poor and marginalised groups?
2. What are the typologies of urban sprawl and other land use dynamics (housing, agriculture, transportation, etc) and their impacts on sustainability considerations?
3. How do African cities reposition themselves in the debates about urban sustainability in order to better understand policies and practices of Africa’s built environment?
4. How do different typologies of governance impact on sustainability in urban Africa? Also, what are the evidence-based approaches and regulatory frameworks in urban sustainability?

Requirements:

1. Applicants should have completed Year One course work programme in the following preferred areas of study: Population Studies, Economics, Geography, Sociology, Social Work, Psychology, Political Science, Environmental Studies, Climate Science,

Development Studies, Gender Studies, Migration Studies, Social Policy Studies and Urban and Regional Planning.

2. Strong quantitative and qualitative analytical background, and knowledge in urban studies will be an advantage.

B. PhD research in Mobility and Sociality in Cities (3 Scholarships)

This scholarship is intended to respond to unprecedented levels of urbanisation and mobility driven by conflict, ambition, and respatialising economies. It is aimed at developing African-based contributions to theories of human mobility and transforming modes of social engagement, authority, representation and expression. Funded by the Mellon Foundation, USA, the initiative brings together five African Universities dedicated to cultivating a generation of African scholars who can reshape global social theory and scholarly conversations on mobility, cities and social change. These universities are University of Ghana, University of Cape Town, University of Nairobi, University of the Witwatersrand and University of Zimbabwe.

We invite social sciences and humanities PhD in Year Two who have completed their course work programmes to submit a three-page research proposals dedicated to answering one or more of the following questions:

1. What new forms of moral authority operate in rapidly urbanising contexts? What are the forms of alternative authority that emerge in contexts where the State is largely absent?
2. How are these changing people's imagination of traditional hierarchies of age, gender and family structure? How are these connected to new notions of morality rooted in age, gender and social obligation?
3. How are changing forms of violence legitimated? What becomes visible as violence and what is eclipsed?
4. How does widespread translocalism and ongoing mobility reshape urban morphologies and residential patterns; social interactions; subjective understanding of citizenship; representation and civic identity: what is political society in spaces only loosely structured by states and formal markets?
5. What cultural practices are being reshaped and reconceptualised by mobile urban residents? What are the practical enacted ethics that enable people to make sense of varied diversities and to communicate and exchange across social divisions? How do people make sense of difference without shared histories or the disciplining institutions of common states, religion, or markets?

Requirements:

1. Applicants should have completed Year One in any relevant units of the humanities (Arts and Social Sciences) of the University of Ghana.

2. Strong qualitative analytical background, and knowledge in urban studies will be an advantage.

How to Apply

- Qualified candidates should address applications to: The Director, Centre for Urban Management Studies (CUMS), University of Ghana, Legon via email: cums@ug.edu.gh; gowusu@ug.edu.gh by **August 9, 2018**.
- The application should include:
 1. Three-page research proposal;
 2. One-page motivation letter indicating preferred research area(s);
 3. Letter of recommendation from Head of Department and;
 4. Detail CV including past research and publications.

Qualified female candidates are encouraged to apply.