AfricaLics is part of the worldwide research network, The Global Network for the Economics of Learning, Innovation, and Competence Building Systems (Globelics). The purpose of the 6th AfricaLics Ph.D. Academy is to support the training of African Doctoral students engaged in research in the academic field of ‘innovation and development’. This is a multidisciplinary field which includes researchers from a range of disciplines often studying innovation studies, the economics of innovation, innovation management, technology management, science and technology studies. Students and faculty working in the field of innovation and development and principally interested in how innovation relates to economic and social development in Africa are the main target group for the PhD Academy, but the Academy also aims to stimulate awareness of policy and management issues related to this burgeoning field of research.

The Academy will host around 20-25 students from Africa and a handful of students from the rest of the world. The Academy will invite frontier researchers in the field of innovation and development from around the world to provide lectures and mentor students. The AfricaLics Ph.D. Academy sessions will include the following activities:

- Lectures by senior researchers on areas ranging from research methodologies to the latest theories and empirical research in the fields of innovation, innovation management and science policy.
- Presentations by Doctoral students of their work with feedback from the senior scholars facilitating at the event.
- Sessions focused on enabling interaction between the students and practitioners and policy makers on innovation and development issues

**Participants and qualification requirements**

The number of candidates will be a maximum of 30. To qualify for participation, the applicant should fulfil the following requirements:

- be at least in the beginning of his/her second year at the time of the academy
- work explicitly on issues related to policy-oriented analysis of science, technology and innovation
- be able to present an original paper reflecting his/her research and/or thesis work

To improve diversity in the emerging academic community on innovation and development studies research in Africa, we encourage female scholars and those from low income countries to apply.
Submission

Participants must submit an extended abstract of not more than 5 pages. Abstracts should be typed double-spaced in French or in English with font size 12. The abstract should state the objectives, methodology, expected results and conclusions of the student’s PhD, including supporting figures and main references.

The abstract must be submitted together with the applicant’s CV and a recommendation letter from the principal Ph.D. supervisor or a senior scholar who knows the applicant’s work.

These three documents should be sent to the AfricaLics Secretariat (phd-academy@africalics.org) on or before 15th May, 2018.

Documents can be submitted in English or French. Please note however that the main language of the Academies is English and simultaneous translation is not always available.

Selection

All extended abstracts will be reviewed by at least two senior scholars from a review panel made up of members of the AfricaLics Scientific Board, AfricaLics Secretariat and the host University.

Selection will be made based on academic quality of papers as well as on the basis of criteria aimed at promoting diversity (by location, gender etc.). Selection criteria for AfricaLics events are published on the AfricaLics website: http://www.africalics.org/selection-criteria/

Successful applicants will be notified by 30th June, 2018 of their acceptance to the Academy.

Sponsorship and travel support

Accommodation expenses including meals

These will be covered and paid for by AfricaLics for all selected participants for the two weeks of the Academy. This will start the night before the Academy (19th September, 2018) and finish the afternoon of the closing ceremony (2nd October, 2018). Participants wishing to stay on before 19th September 2018 or from 3rd October 2018 onwards, will be responsible for all their own costs in country during these periods.

Local transfers

Airport transfers will be provided from CASABLANCA Mohammed V (CMN) international airport to the Academy location on 19th September 2018 and back to the Casablanca airport on 3rd October 2018. If you leave on a different day, local transfers provided (and paid for) by the organisers are not guaranteed.
Travel support

We encourage applicants to apply to their host institution or projects for travel support. That said, AfricaLics does have a small amount of funding to pay for a return economy class airfare for participants unable to secure funding from their institutions. NOTE: this is not guaranteed to all participants and it is not always possible for AfricaLics to grant the full amount requested.

To qualify for travel support for the Academy you must:

1. Have had your paper accepted
2. Be a national of a low or low-middle income classified country and be studying in a low or low middle income classified country
3. Be able to provide a signed and stamped letter from your home institution confirming that there are no funding schemes available for you at your university.

To apply for travel support, you must submit a completed travel support form and the letter from your institution with your application.

The application form and full terms and conditions of travel support available from the AfricaLics Secretariat is available at [http://www.africalics.org/travel-support/](http://www.africalics.org/travel-support/).

NOTE: if you are successful in your travel support application but miss your flight, have to change your flight or are unable to fly due to visa issues you will NOT be able to be reimbursed for your ticket or any cost to change or cancel the ticket. Only those who have successfully been awarded travel support (have written confirmation) and who attend the Academy in full will receive their air ticket reimbursed to the exact cost of their ticket, or the limit informed in advance by by the Secretariat (whichever is lessor).

Please email secretariat@africalics.org if you have any queries with regards to travel support.

Visas, travel insurance, other related costs

The AfricaLics Secretariat and local host university are unable to provide any additional support for other associated costs to attend the Academy. Selected students will therefore be responsible for getting any visas required for travel to Morocco (including transit visas). This includes the cost of the visa itself or any associated travel or postage costs associated with getting the visa(s). Students are also responsible for the organisation of, and the costs associated with, getting themselves to their nearest international airport i.e. ground transportation in their home country. Similarly, AfricaLics will not cover the costs related to travel insurance, yellow fever vaccinations etc.

Final paper upload and confirmation of attendance

Selected participants will be expected to have confirmed their attendance (including travel arranged and paid for and any visas and travel insurance in place) by 20th August, 2018.
All selected participants who confirm attendance will also be expected to upload a final FULL paper (details of this will be given in your acceptance letter) by 20th August, 2018.

**Organisation and support**

The 6th AfricaLics Ph.D. Academy is jointly organized by the Université Cadi Ayyad Marrakech with support from the AfricaLics Secretariat hosted at the African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS), Kenya.

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The local organizing committee is lead by: Prof. Essaid Tarbalouti, Professeur Habilité à diriger les recherches à la Faculté des Sciences Juridiques, Economiques et Sociales, Université Cadi Ayyad - Marrakech.

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