The 5th AfricaLics Ph.D. Academy on Innovation and Competence Building Systems will be held at Obafemi Awolowo University, 19th to 30th June, 2017. 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 5th AfricaLics Ph.D. Academy is to support the training of African Doctoral students engaged in research on National Innovation Systems for Economic Development in Africa. The Academy also aims to stimulate awareness of policy and management issues related to this 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 science policy and innovation management from around the world to provide lectures and mentor students. The topics of the lectures will cover specific issues within innovation studies, innovation management, informal sector and economic development as well as research methods and innovation policy.

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

**Host:** Obafemi Awolowo University in collaboration with National Centre for Technology Management (Federal Ministry of Science and Technology), Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

**Senior scholars invited to facilitate are:** Edward Lorenz (USA/ France), David Kaplan (South Africa/ France), Keun Lee (South Korea), Mammo Muchie (South Africa), Judith Sutz (Uruguay) and others including well known scholars from the region.

**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
- work explicitly on issues related to policy-oriented analysis of science, technology and innovation systems and technology management
- be able to present an original paper reflecting his/her research and/or thesis work

**Submission**

Participants must submit an extended abstract of not more than 5 pages. Abstracts should be typed double-spaced in French or in English. The abstract should state the objectives, methodology, expected results and conclusions of the work, including supporting figures and main references. The abstract 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, should be sent to the Local Secretariat (academy2017@africalics.org) on or before 31st January, 2017. Applicants should note that all lectures will be in English.

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.

**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 Obafemi Awolowo University. Selection will be made based on academic quality of papers as well as to promote diversity (by location, gender etc.).

Successful applicants will be notified by 1st March, 2017 of their acceptance to the Academy. Students selected should provide a full paper latest by 15th April, 2017.

**Sponsorship**

Accommodation expenses including meals will be covered for all selected participants for the two weeks of the Academy. Local transfers from the airport to the Academy location and back to the airport will also be provided.

We encourage applicants to apply to their host institution or projects for travel support. Travel expenses for participants unable to secure funding from their institutions may be considered. For students unable to gain funding from their institution, it is possible to apply to the AfricaLics Secretariat for travel support. You can apply for the travel grant between 1st and 15th February, 2017. Be sure to use the cheapest route that will enable you to arrive during the day on 18th June, 2017.
Please email secretariat@africalics.org for the application form and terms and conditions of the travel support available. Note that there are limited funds available and not all applications for travel support will be successful. Preference will be given to candidates with approved papers from low and middle-income countries.

Organisation and support

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