

The [Center for African Studies](#) is pleased to announce the launching of the first

## **Owomoyela Yoruba Studies Graduate Scholarship Competition**

**Purpose:** The study of Yoruba language, literature, and culture receives special attention at OSU through an endowment established in honor of [Professor Oyekan Owomoyela](#), a noted Yoruba studies scholar and philanthropist. It supports academic and cultural activities focused on Yoruba culture in Western Nigeria and in other parts of West Africa, as well throughout the Yoruba Diaspora in such places as the Bahia region of Brazil, Cuba, and throughout the Atlantic World. Ohio State's Center for African Studies administers the endowment in collaboration with faculty from the [Department of African American and African Studies](#), and the [Department of Spanish and Portuguese](#), as well as the [Yoruba Club 21](#), a Columbus-based socio-cultural group for people of Yoruba descent.

**Scholarship fund use:** Funds may be requested for research, study, performance, and other activities and events with a focus on Yoruba language, literatures, or culture, in Nigeria and/or in the Diaspora. Proposals for specific research projects can request funds to support:

- Travel expenses related to research or a research collaboration (transportation, lodging, airfare, other)
- Research project expenses (eg. acquiring data, supplies and materials)
- Costs for development and hosting of a workshop, speaker, cultural or outreach event, or creative and expressive arts projects

Upon completion, scholarship recipients will share a presentation about their supported activity/research in an appropriate public forum.

**Eligibility:** Graduate students applying must be in good academic standing.

**Selection Criteria:** Criteria for selection include the quality of the project and its contributions to Yoruba Studies, the academic record and qualifications of the candidate, and the strength of the candidate's recommendation. Recipients will be selected by a committee of faculty and advisors to the Owomoyela Yoruba Studies Fund.

**Awards:** For 2018, up to \$1000 will be awarded for student scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded by November 30<sup>th</sup> and may be used through June 30, 2019.

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## **Application Contents**

Applications must include:

- A brief proposal (three-five double-spaced pages) that includes an abstract, statement of its significance to the field, any progress to date, time to completion, and qualifications for completing the project.
- Simple budget outline and narrative detailing total costs of activity/event, funds already secured or being applied for, requested amount of Owomoyela funds and how they will be used.
- Academic transcript of the applicant.
- Letter of recommendation from an Ohio State faculty member.

**Applications are due by 11:59 p.m on Thursday, November 1st, 2018. All documents must be submitted electronically to [cas@osu.edu](mailto:cas@osu.edu)**

For more information or to discuss ideas for proposals, please send an email to [cas@osu.edu](mailto:cas@osu.edu).

**Scholarship Announcements will be made by November 30, 2018. Funds may be used from December 15<sup>th</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.**