

CALL FOR PAPERS

Multidisciplinary Approaches to Food Security, Public Health and Governance:

Emerging research for sustainable development in West Africa

University of Ibadan, Nigeria

September 5 & 6, 2016

The **West African Research Association (WARA)** and the **University of Ibadan Office of International Programs** announce a two-day symposium at the University of Ibadan (UI). The symposium will showcase innovative research in food security, public health, and governance taking place in the region. It will be an opportunity for scholars, especially WARA grantees, to share research strategies, findings and projects with colleagues at University of Ibadan and other institutions in West Africa. The WARA Travel Grant program promotes individual and collaborative research across national and linguistic boundaries. Since 2000, WARA has awarded more than 100 travel grants to West African scholars working in a wide range of disciplines.

West Africa is a richly endowed region, its expanding population faces growing challenges in the production, distribution and access to food. While considerable strides have been made in the treatment and control of certain diseases, others such as malaria and ebola, continue to tax existing health infrastructure. Developing governance frameworks that are responsive to these and other challenges is vital. Research being carried out by scholars in West Africa is of great importance as the continent harnesses its resources for sustainable development. This symposium will bring together past recipients of WARA Travel Grants and other scholars working in the areas of food security, public health, and governance.

We welcome proposals for paper, panel and poster presentations on themes of food security, public health, and governance. We especially encourage former WARA/WARC Travel Grantees to participate. Proposals must consist of:

- A 500 word abstract, including the title of the proposed conference presentation
- A two page CV

Proposals may be submitted in English, French or Portuguese. All proposals must be submitted online at https://fs9.formsite.com/westafricanresearchassociation/form30/form_login.html

The deadline for receipt of abstracts is April 15, 2016. Late submissions will not be considered.

Abstracts will be reviewed by a panel of scholars from WARA and UI, and successful applicants will be notified by May 15, 2016. Up to 24 papers will be selected for distribution among six sessions.



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