

Although there are no standardized forms, applications should be submitted in English and contain the following:

- full name, address, and affiliation
- full name of spouse if he/she will accompany applicant
- preferred dates (including the earliest and the latest possible dates)
- title of project
- names and complete addresses of four people to whom the Foundation may write for evaluation of your work

Write to: Susan Garfield, Coordinator, Bellagio Study and Conference Center, The Rockefeller Foundation, 1133 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

RECENT AFRICA-RELATED GRANTS MADE BY THE FORD FOUNDATION

International Press Institute (London), \$13,200, for a seminar on the rural press in Africa, held in Nairobi, October, 1978.

African Commercial Educational and Industrial Trust Fund (South Africa), \$5,000, for a legal bursary program in South Africa.

American Academy of Arts and Sciences, \$96,000 over one year, for preparation of a special African issue of the scholarly publication, *Daedalus*.

Arab Republic of Egypt, \$11,500, for a workshop on legal aspects of foreign investment in Egypt.

Association for the Advancement of Agricultural Sciences in Africa, \$9,800, for a workshop on plant genetics in Nigeria.

Bourguiba Institute of Modern Languages (Tunisia), \$34,000, for planning of a summer institute on language teaching methods.

Economic planning in East Africa, \$264,000 three-year supplement, for consultants and training of government economists in Kenya and Tanzania.

Government of Kenya, \$4,100, for a study of career patterns of female extension workers in the Ministry of Agriculture.

—\$1,250, acquisition of computer programs for analysis of socioeconomic data on rural Kenya by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Laval University (Canada), \$208,000 two-year supplement, for training in educational research methods of students from French-speaking West Africa and for field research in Africa.

Middle East agriculture, \$171,000 one-year Foundation-managed project, for research on corn, wheat, and rice production in Egypt, agricultural, mechanization, and advisory assistance in the Sudan.

University of Nairobi, \$7,650, for a meeting of East African social scientists.

Organization of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Associations, \$11,000, for a meeting on human rights in the Caribbean.

Population research, \$115,000 over eighteen months, for a research competition on population and development in the Middle East, North Africa, and Turkey.

Stanford University, \$130,000 over twenty months, for training of students from French-speaking West African countries in educational research methods.

LETTER/EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFRICANISTS

Ms. Sue M. Malone
2157 Mt. View Road
Marriottsville, Maryland 21104

October 1978

Dear Ms. Malone,

In July of this year we suspended your membership in the Association because we had no record of your payment of 1977 dues. If this was an error on our part, please let us know at once. If it was a lapse of memory on your part, we hope you will send us a check for twenty-five dollars (regular) or twelve dollars (student) to reinstate your membership.

If you have decided not to renew, we hope you will tell us why. Please check the appropriate box (if it applies) or let us have your comments.

- [] lack of interest
- [] lack of money
- [x] lack of employment
- [] out of country
- [] address change
- [x] change of field
- [] disapprove of ASA administration
- [] disapprove of journals (please specify [] Issue, [] Review, [] Newsletter)
- [] disapprove of ASA's policies

Comments: *At the time I decided not to renew membership, I sent in a note explaining why not. I had been a doctoral student in African history at Boston U., 1972-76 and had completed all course work. While preparing a dissertation topic and waiting for my husband to finish his service obligation, I had planned to teach part-time. It was then that I finally became aware of the incredible rat-race to find a teaching position. Openings were rare, the competition was great, the pay was poor, and the job security was poor, usually limited to a single semester. After putting up with this situation for a year and a half, I decided I did not want to spend my life beating my head against hundreds of other applicants, moving all over the country to find a short-term position for low pay, only to them face the tenure hassle and finally, if I made it that far, the publish-or-perish battles. My interest in and love for history sold out to job security and financial independence.*

I completed an 11-month training program to become a medical records administrator. I now run a medical records department, supervising fifteen employees, and am making more than twice what I ever would have made by this time as a teacher. Job offers continue to come my way and I know I now have mobility to move where I want to rather than where I have to, and I have financial independence.

If I sound a little bitter, I certainly am. I feel that no one from high school to graduate school ever gave me a realistic idea what the job market was like. I had to learn it myself the hard way. I think that academia, in particular, needs to pull its head out of the sand and inform its student population that degrees in history, English, art history, sociology, etc. may be appropriate for general skill-building and for personal enrichment, but that they do little, in themselves, to assure you of a living.

Sincerely,
Sue M. Malone
2157 Mt. View Road
Marriottsville, Maryland

EMPLOYMENT

The African Studies Newsletter regularly publishes a listing of positions wanted in African studies. Persons seeking positions will be listed anonymously, identified by a key number, with a brief description of qualifications. Letters in response to any of these numerical listings should be sent c/o the key number to the office of the Newsletter, which will forward them to the person concerned. Programs with positions open will be listed by name. Should a prospective employer prefer to remain anonymous, however, we shall be glad to put simply a key number and a description in the Newsletter, and use the correspondence procedure described above.

Listings for positions open should be sent to the office of the Newsletter at least 4-5 months before application deadlines. Institutions are encouraged to advertise anticipated job openings whenever possible.

Rates are as follows:

Members of the Association—one free listing per year
Non-members of the Association—\$5.00 per listing
Institutions—\$10.00 per listing

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, Department of African and Afro-American Studies has announced an opening for an Assistant Professor of African and Afro-American Studies beginning academic year 1979-80. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Sociology. A commitment to African and Afro-American studies should be demonstrated in one or more of the following ways: dissertation on an African or