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### Non-Residential Fellows
The Non-Resident Fellowship aims to support experienced civil society professionals and academics to work on innovative projects which their current work environment may not be conducive to. CDD will provide the full range of its capacity to develop projects from ideation to execution. While we generally accept residential fellows in cohorts, we deal with non-resident fellows on an individual basis. This does not preclude working with other fellows and staff; CDD highly encourages collaboration where possible. While non-resident fellows are not typically expected to report to CDD, we can arrange for short-term stints at the office where necessary.

### Qualifications
As CDD is in the nascent stages of an expanded fellowship program, we have just a few guidelines for application:

- We are only accepting applications from PhD students or post-doctoral scholars whose research is relevant to CDD’s thematic areas.
- We are not accepting applications from Nigerian citizens or Nigerian dual citizens for our residential fellowships. Nigerians and Nigerian dual citizens are welcome to apply for non-residential fellowships.
- We encourage women, West Africans, and Africans studying West Africa to apply.
- Proficiency in English is required, proficiency in French is a strong plus.

### Stipends
CDD will award a modest stipend to a small number of applicants, specifically those who can demonstrate financial need. The stipends may vary depending on the length of the program. We do not expect that most fellows will receive CDD funding. We are able to provide references for external grants or other kinds of support. All fellows under the named fellowship will receive full funding—right now, named fellows are not being accepted.

### Questions
Questions about the fellowship should be directed to fellowship@cddwestafrica.org

### How To Apply
Applicants should send to fellowship@cddwestafrica.org:

- A resume or C.V.
- A personal statement not more than 1000 words long that responds to the following:
  - What is the project you propose to implement? This should address the problems the project seeks to solve, the methods you
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We accept applications on a rolling basis. We aim to respond to complete applications within 4 weeks.