



## Scientist-in-Residence Fellowship Program

The Royal Museum for Central Africa (RMCA) offers Scientists in Residence the opportunity to carry out research on the collections, archives and libraries of the institution in the framework of 'Provenance Research'. The program will provide African researchers easy access to the RMCA's collections and will allow them to carry out research regarding the history and the methods of acquisition of these collections. A residency is expected to last between 4 and maximum 8 weeks.

The program provides financial support for the research residency at the RMCA. This support includes among others: flight, accommodation, insurance and daily allowance. Beneficiaries have an equipped laboratory and/or office space at their disposal during their stay.

The theme of this 2020 edition is **"Provenance research on ethnographic objects"**. The scientist in residence will carry out research in collaboration with RMCA's scientists and colleagues in charge of collections management. The research will be focused on the provenance's history of a selection of ethnographic objects. This selection will be made in consultation with the scientist in residence, based on his / her research proposal. Upon request, a training on digitization of collections will also be provided to the researcher.

### **Profile:**

#### ***Expected skills:***

- You have a Doctorate degree or PhD, preferably in the field of human sciences
- You have research experience of at least two years
- You have a thorough knowledge of French and English (spoken and written)
- You are affiliated with a scientific institution or university in the Democratic Republic of Congo or in Rwanda
- You have a sufficient command of the Microsoft Office suite
- You have proven experience in the use of databases

### **Research Proposal:**

#### ***In general :***

Candidates need to submit a research proposal explaining the research activities intended during their residency.

In your research proposal you must describe what research you want to conduct, keeping in line with the theme of this call, and explain the expected results. You must specify your research strategy and methodology. Explain on what basis you will determine a (exploitable) selection of ethnographic objects. Describe your selection strategy and detailed criteria. Describe from which sources you wish to work in order to carry out your research. You will explain how this research will be highlighted and how its results will be made available to RMCA and the international scientific community. Describe what activities will be implemented in order to disseminate the research's results.

### **Biography:**

Briefly and concisely describe your professional career and areas of interest.

**CV:**

Your curriculum vitae must include details of your educational background, relevant professional experience and a list of your publications.

**Please send your research proposal, biography and CV before 10<sup>st</sup> of February 2020 (17h) to:**

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