



Call for applications 2017

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Participate in a Joint Advanced Seminar - a PhD training event in Africa

The Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa (CARTA) is a collaboration jointly led by the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC), Kenya, and the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits), South Africa. The consortium consists of nine universities and four research institutes in Sub-Saharan Africa, and six academic institutions in Europe, Canada and the US. University of Gothenburg is one of them. The Consortium is currently funded primarily by Wellcome Trust, Carnegie Corporation, Sida and DAAD.

CARTA has two primary objectives: to strengthen research infrastructure and management capacity at African universities, and to support doctoral training through a model collaborative PhD programme. The objectives are designed to realize CARTA's ultimate goal of strengthening local research capacity to enable the African universities to conduct and lead internationally competitive research.

This is mainly being achieved by the recruitment of PhD fellows from faculties at the African universities and research centres that are members of CARTA. Each fellow is registered for a PhD (in different academic disciplines, but all relating to public health or population research) and joins a cohort of approximately 25 colleagues who will all progress through their training together.

Central to the training programme for CARTA fellows is a series of residential Joint Advanced Seminars (JAS), designed to enhance their skills and knowledge; guide and propel them through the research process; and provide a foundation for building networks of researchers, peers, and mentors. Residential training offers the advantage of getting the fellows to focus fully on specific programme tasks, learn collaboratively, interact with local and international facilitators, and develop and consolidate professional networks. The JAS is offered once annually for four years to each cohort, and builds skills and conceptual depth from year to year. Each JAS runs for 3 to 4 weeks.

As a PhD fellow at University of Gothenburg you have the possibility to participate in one of the JASs. The costs for travel (air ticket, airport transfers, visa), accommodation, and meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner), will be covered by CARTA through Sahlgrenska Academy at University of Gothenburg. You should be able to validate the course work in the JAS into your PhD education (discuss this with your supervisor or director of studies before taking the course, and see what the requirements are).

You can apply to participate in one of the following events in 2017:

JAS 1: Critical thinking, technical skills, and other core research competencies 27 February - 22 March 2017 in Kampala, Uganda

Week 1: 27 Feb – 3 March	Introduction to the philosophy of CARTA, development of research questions, and the research process
Week 2: 6 - 10 March	Reading, Writing and Referencing for Research. Research design and methodological choices
Week 3: 13 – 17 March	Public health and population research in practice and writing. Health systems, culture and health, demographic, epidemiological and health transitions. Introduction to ESE:O – Advanced Writing Skills
Week 4: 20 – 24 March	Towards a research protocol. Literature review. Conceptual framework

JAS 4: Professional development, 27 February - 22 March 2017 in Kampala, Uganda

Week 1: 27 Feb – 3 March	Leadership and researcher's role (grant proposals, strategic leadership and team work)
Week 2: 6 - 10 March	Education technology and policy influence
Week 3: 13 – 17 March	Educator's role (curriculum development, teaching, supervising and mentoring)
Week 4: 20 – 24 March	Grant and project management

JAS 2: Data management and analysis, 6-29 November in Johannesburg, South Africa

JAS 2 focuses on data management and analysis and is not divided up into modules. Fellows will learn to use software packages for qualitative and/or quantitative data management and analyses. Practice sessions use real research data and current software packages for hands-on training.

Please use the enclosed application form to apply and send it to:

Emma Bergstedt, Sahlgrenska Academy International Office, Box 400, 405 30 Göteborg

Before **25 January 2017** if you want to participate in JAS 1 or 4 (you will receive a decision within a week after the deadline), or before **1 September 2017** if you want to participate in JAS 2.

If you have questions or want more information (for example last year's timetables and session outlines), you can contact Emma: emma.bergstedt@gu.se, 031 786 6404. You can also contact Prof. Göran Bondjers who is one of the facilitators in JAS 1&4: goran.bondjers@gu.se

More information on CARTA can be found at: <http://www.cartafrika.org/> & <http://sahlgrenska.gu.se/english/about-us/int-coop/our-partners/carta>

Application for participation in CARTA JAS 1, 2 or 4, 2017

Name	
Personal identity number	
Faculty and department	
Date of admission to PhD studies	
Title of PhD project	
Main supervisor	

I want to participate in the following JAS:

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Why I want to participate in the JAS:

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Date

Date

Signature of PhD student

Signature of supervisor

Send to: Emma Bergstedt, Sahlgrenska Academy International Office, Box 400, 405 30 Göteborg

DEADLINE: January 25, 2017 for JAS 1 & 4, and **September 1 2017**, for JAS 2