

# ASAPA COLLABORATIVE GRANTS –CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## Purpose

The purpose of ASAPA's Collaborative grants is to encourage collaborative research projects between ASAPA members and faculty/researchers in Sudanese academic institutions. These projects are intended to leverage the resources and expertise that can be provided by the principal investigator (PI), who is typically the ASAPA member, to explore research questions of significant interest to a researcher and/or an academician (typically the co-PI) in Sudan. The evaluation and selection of winning proposals will be conducted by the ASAPA executive committee based on intellectual merit, broader impacts, and proposed tangible outcomes of the grant.

## Funding

ASAPA will provide multiple awards ranging between \$500 to \$1500 each, based on the availability of funds, total requested funds, number of proposals submitted, and proposed activities. The funds will be transferred to the ASAPA member (PI) to manage and disperse to their co-PI and team members. The winning teams should plan to spend the funds within a year from the award date. Examples of the appropriate use of funds include student wages, stipends to Sudanese faculty members, materials, and/or travel expenses critical to research activities. In addition, ASAPA members should strive to complement the project with their own university resources (e.g., internal/in-kind matching, use of computing and library resources, etc.).

## Guidelines

- Each proposal should include at least a PI and a co-PI. The PI is typically the ASAPA member who will submit the proposal, and the co-PI is typically a full-time employee at a Sudanese University or Institution. Exceptions may be made for having a Sudanese post-doc or Ph.D. student (in the USA) as a co-PI if the executive committee expects the project to have direct broader impacts on Sudan (e.g., working with data from Sudan).
- Proposals should describe how the ASAPA member's resources and/or expertise will be leveraged to explore research questions of significant interest to Sudan.
- Project deliverables should be SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and timely) and be doable within the project period. We encourage deliverables and subsequent research outputs to be made available through open access methods. When applicable, we also encourage proposals to consider the sustainability of the research activities.
- Each eligible PI may submit at most two proposals in each funding cycle.
- The Executive Committee reserve the right to request additional clarifications and materials on the proposals and decline proposals that it considers outside of the scope of this program.
- Failure to deliver the proposed activities and outcomes may result in temporarily excluding the proposal's team from applying for funding in the next funding cycle.

## Timeline

- June 15, 2022: call for proposals announced. Potential co-PIs are encouraged to browse the ASAPA members database and contact potential collaborators (PIs) based on their expertise and interests.

- July 25, 2022: Proposals due. Submit your proposal through ASAPA front page ([asapa-usa.org](http://asapa-usa.org)).
- August 7, 2022: Awards announced (expected).
- July, 2023: Workshop to showcase project deliverables. Best project awards announced.

## **Proposal Requirements (3 pages)**

- Title Page (1 page): Title of project, names, and affiliations of the PI and co-PI.
- Proposal Narrative (2 pages):
  - Problem Statement: What research question does your project address? what are your objectives for the project? What are the anticipated broader impacts of your project? How does your project leverage the PI's (ASAPA member) resources and expertise?
  - Description of the Proposed Project: Describe 1) the hypothesis you are testing, 2) the data you are collecting/analyzing, 3) the deliverables and timeline of the project, and 4) your future publication and funding opportunities to be supported by the project
  - A brief Budget Breakdown
- Bio sketches or CVs of the PI and co-PI (not counted towards the page limit).