

**Call for Participants for the
Academy of Management Africa Conference
Pre-Conference Doctoral Workshop**

*Producing and Building Management Knowledge That Contributes to
Africa's Advancement*

A DOCTORAL STUDENT WORKSHOP

**Gordon Institute of Business Science, University of Pretoria
Johannesburg, South Africa
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Date: 6-7 January 2013 ¹

Location: Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS)
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The Academy of Management (AOM) is holding its first conference outside of North America at the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS) in Johannesburg, South Africa from 7 -10 January 2013. The Academy of Management (AOM) is the leading professional association for scholars dedicated to creating and disseminating knowledge about management and organizations. It is the oldest and largest scholarly management association in the world with nearly 20 000 members from more than 100 nations.

A doctoral workshop will be held on 6-7 January 2013 at GIBS prior to the conference. The workshop begins at noon on 6 January and ends at noon on January 7. This will allow attendees to participate in the conference that begins on January 7. The doctoral workshop aims to bring together doctoral students from Africa and the rest of the world to engage with top scholars on the latest theoretical developments in the field of management (broadly defined). The workshop will also provide a forum for doctoral students to build networks with one another within South Africa, across the continent and internationally as well as an opportunity to receive feedback about the relevance of their research from both a theoretical and practical perspective.

The AOM, the Africa Academy of Management (AFAM), the National Research Foundation of South Africa, GIBS and Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) are collaborating on this event. The newly formed Africa Academy of Management (AFAM) has committed itself to building and sustaining research capacity among African scholars in the field of management. The National Research Foundation of South Africa supports and promotes research through funding, human capacity development and the provision of research facilities to facilitate the creation of knowledge, innovation and development in all fields of the natural and social sciences, humanities and technology. Its South African PhD Project initiative aims to increase the number of qualified postgraduate professionals in South Africa. A key part of Canada's aid program since 1970, IDRC supports research in developing

¹ The doctoral workshop is from 6 January to 7 January 2013 at noon. Participants must also attend the AOM Conference that follows the workshop from 7 January at noon till the evening of 10 January.

countries to promote growth and development, and to foster innovative, lasting local solutions that aim to bring choice and change to those who need it most.

HOW TO APPLY

The workshop is open to participation by all registered doctoral candidates across the world whose research focuses on management topics, broadly defined. Participant selection is competitive and applications will be evaluated by the workshop organisers. To apply, applicants must submit a three (3) page document that contains the following information:

1. Full name and nationality
2. Contact Details (email, fax number, telephone/cell and physical address - street, town/city, country)
3. Current position/ professional affiliation
4. A 500 word abstract of the thesis topic
5. Place of enrolment for the Ph.D.
6. Status of Doctoral Studies: Year of doctoral study, Full-time or Part-time; and status of research proposal
7. Funding request if from Africa. This needs to be accompanied by proof of occupation and residence in Africa, e.g. a letter of employment from the university.
8. A statement which says "If selected for the pre-conference workshop, I acknowledge that I will definitely attend both the workshop and conference."

FUNDING SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

The doctoral workshop does not carry any costs, but participants are required to register for and participate in the main conference which immediately follows the workshop. The conference registration fee for doctoral students from Africa (excluding South Africa) is \$200 per student. The registration fee for students from elsewhere (including South Africa) is \$1375. The registration fee does not include travel and accommodation, but does include most meals, experiential journeys and interactive workshops that are part of the conference.

There are some funds available to support the following categories of doctoral candidates:

A. Doctoral candidates from African countries other than South Africa

Thanks to the generous support of the IDRC and of GIBS, funds to cover registration fees, travel and accommodation will be made available on a limited basis. Candidates must be resident in an African

country other than South Africa. Grants are available for those with a demonstrated need. The request for support should be part of the document submission.

B. Doctoral candidates from South Africa

Thanks to generous support from the National Research Foundation of South Africa, funds to cover travel and accommodation will be made available on a limited basis to **FULL-TIME** South African doctoral candidates residing in South Africa. Smaller grants may be made available to part-time students depending on availability and demonstrated need. Applicants should request support as part of the document submission.

C. Doctoral candidates from the rest of the world

Unfortunately, the workshop organisers do not have any funds available to support doctoral students who are studying elsewhere in the world, including African scholars studying outside of Africa. Please approach your institution for financial support to attend the workshop and the conference.

The **deadline** for document submission is 28 September 2012. No applications will be accepted after this date. Please put ***Africa Conference Pre-Conference Doctoral Workshop*** as the subject line on your e-mail when submitting your application. **Please submit your application documents via email to:**

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Notification of acceptance: By 5 October 2012

For more information see:

AOM Africa Conference: <http://aom.org/africaconference>

National Research Foundation: <http://www.nrf.ac.za>

Africa Academy of Management: <http://www.africa-aom.org>

IDRC Canada: <https://www.idrc.ca>

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