

## Digital Fellowship Program: Ghana / Uganda / Nigeria

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### **Call for Applications: Digital Fellowships March-September 2022**

We are pleased to announce an open call for **6 Digital Fellowships**, to be awarded to students and young professionals in architecture related fields or with demonstrable interest in architecture, who are based in Ghana, Uganda or Nigeria.

#### **Shared Heritage Africa: Rediscovering Masterpieces**

The documentation and investigation of buildings can tell us a lot about how politics works, and a lot about the nature of the relationship between state and society - a concern of all partner organisations. The project focuses on the rediscovery of post-war modern buildings from the 1950-1970s. These fall in the period of independence from colonial rule, here from the United Kingdom (Ghana 1957, Nigeria 1960 and Uganda 1962), and have a great educational and socio-political significance. One focus of our discussions with the respective universities, which were founded by the majority during this period of independence and for which new campuses were usually built, among others:

- Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana (1952/1961),
- University of Lagos (UNILAG), Lagos, Nigeria (1962),
- University of Nigeria (UNN) (formerly Nigeria College of Arts Science and Technology), Nsukka, Nigeria, (1950s),
- Busitema University (formerly National College of Agricultural Mechanisation), Busitema, Uganda (1968),
- Kyambogo University (formerly Uganda Polytechnic), Kampala, Uganda (1958).

#### **Digital Fellowship Program**

The 6 month long digital fellowship program involves participants working on documentation, investigation and representation of those post-war modernist buildings from the 1950-1970s in Ghana, Nigeria and Uganda. The fellowship program focuses on development of written and visual material on those buildings through scientific writing, photography and digital publishing using different media (text, photo, film and internet).

The fellows will be involved in online tutoring and in-person activities undertaken over the period. They will contribute to the online platform Architectuur and the new digest/Blog "Shared Heritage Africa", allowing for exchange with the professional actors and society, locally and globally. The results shall be presented and discussed at the 17<sup>th</sup> International DOCOMOMO Conference (IDC) in Valencia (Spain) in September 2022. Each fellow will receive a travel grant for joining the conference.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Eligibility**

Please note the following conditions for participation:

- Students and young professionals in architecture related fields or with demonstrable interest in architecture and other related disciplines, such as: Architecture, Urban Design, History, Social Science, Journalism, Urban Studies, Creative Writing, are eligible to participate.
- If they are based in Ghana, Uganda or Nigeria.
- Strong written communication skills and/or photography and/or digital publishing skills are required.
- Previous experience conducting and communicating ideas or research publicly (blogs, articles, dissertations) is desirable.

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<sup>1</sup> The grant is subject to travel conditions and requirements and general COVID-regulations in the home country and in Europe and Spain in September 2022. If travel is not possible, the grant will be modified into another award or used for another event.

### **Application**

If you are interested in developing your critical architectural writing skills and approach to architectural photography, illustration and digital publishing, please apply by **February 15, 2022** by filling in your details here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGn7dHnHS1SBkc9LydR\\_R9BD\\_kFBYRAJ3hG79WBDQ3a6wRUg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGn7dHnHS1SBkc9LydR_R9BD_kFBYRAJ3hG79WBDQ3a6wRUg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **Timeline**

Call for Fellowship: December 17, 2021

Deadline for Applications: February 15, 2022

Decision Notification: March 2022

Fellowship Start: April 1, 2022

### **Partner organisations**

DOCOMOMO Germany (Dessau, Germany), Architectuul (Tallinn, Estonia), Jean Molitor (Berlin, Germany), The Liverpool School of Architecture (Liverpool, United Kingdom), Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development (Lagos, Nigeria), Uganda Martyrs University (Nikozi, Uganda), DOCOMOMO Ghana (Accra, Ghana), DOCOMOMO International (Lisbon, Portugal).