

FEMINIST AFRICA



Call for Applications

Feminist Africa Online Writing Workshop, 16 November - 19 November

Feminist Africa is a continental Gender Studies Journal that was established in 2002 at the African Gender Institute, University of Cape Town. Following the Yiri Consensus of 2018, the journal moved homes to the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ghana. For over twenty years it has provided a cutting-edge platform designed for intellectual and activist research, dialogue and strategy for postcolonial feminism. *Feminist Africa* is a transformative, anti-imperialist and anti-colonial scholarly journal that works by “building skills as it grows” through a suite of collaborative training interventions, internships and workshops.

In this spirit, *Feminist Africa* seeks to provide Africa-based early career researchers working on feminist/gender analysis in the social sciences with the space and intellectual community to transform a draft paper into a publishable journal piece. The need for such a workshop comes from the observation that although there is significant feminist research being conducted especially at graduate level, much of this remains unpublished and therefore its visibility and impact is minimal beyond the thesis. One way of intervening in the basic research-to-publication pipeline and enhance production of feminist knowledge is by bridging the training and mentorship gap in the writing process. In this regard, the 4-day online writing workshop is designed to provide early career scholars with a grounded understanding of feminist methodologies, gender analysis and academic writing. The ultimate objective is to deepen the footprint and impact of feminist research and publications done by early career researchers in Africa.

Objectives

- To strengthen the academic writing skills of African early career scholars, with particular attention to female scholars,
- To enhance the success rate of early career African scholars’ submissions to high quality journals,
- To build a network of Africa-based scholars working on feminist/gender analysis.

Structure

The 4-day programme will be organised as an online writing retreat, with daily seminars and writing sessions. The seminars will include practical guidance on academic writing, mentorship in formulating feminist questions, and publishing in high quality journals.

Funding

Successful applicants will be provided with funding support for high speed internet access.

Eligibility

Applications are welcomed from early career researchers who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- a doctorate which was awarded within 5 years of the application deadline, i.e. doctoral certificate awarded after July 2021 to date
- employed at a recognised university or research institute in Sub-Saharan Africa,
- fluency in written **and** spoken English (there will be no translation services provided).

Application

The application should include the following:

- a motivation letter (1-page maximum) outlining basis of interest in the writing workshop and expectations;
- a draft basic research paper (5,000-8,000 words in English) that contains original data and preliminary data analysis;
- an abstract of the paper (max. 500 words);
- a full CV;
- a PhD award certificate;
- **Applications should be sent to conference@feministafrica.net**
- **Submission deadline: Monday, 3rd August 2026**
- Any enquiries should be directed to: contact@feministafrica.net

Selection

Applications will be assessed and selected through a strictly merit-based procedure. The main selection criteria are:

- A PhD certificate granted between July 2021 and July 2026 **OR** written evidence from a supervisor of teaching and satisfactory research progress towards a PhD over the last five years,
- Employment at a university or research institute on the African continent,
- Excellence, relevance and **originality** of the draft research paper,
- Strength of gender/feminist analysis.