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Dear Professor Nawangwe,

Inviting Applications for STIAS Research Fellowship

Warm Greetings. I trust you and your colleagues are keeping well in these COVID-19 pandemic induced uncertain times.

I am contacting you to encourage the top researchers and scholars in your university and affiliated research centres to pursue a residency research fellowship at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) during 2022.

STIAS fellowships cover all costs related to travel, accommodation, and day-to-day living expenses in Stellenbosch. Applications for fellowships of one academic semester, (approximately mid-January to mid-June 2022; or mid-July to mid-December 2022) may be submitted via e-mail at any time in advance of announced deadlines. Upcoming deadlines are **15 December 2020** and **31 May 2021** for the above-mentioned semesters respectively.

STIAS has over the past two decades established itself as a leading, independent Institute for Advanced Study, the first of its kind in Africa. It seeks to advance scholarship across all disciplines. It is born from a belief in the capacity of Africa as a leading contributor to the global research community and producer of new knowledge.

Modelled on similar Institutes internationally, STIAS offers various fellowships and scholarships and provides a uniquely supportive space for thinking, reading, debating and writing in its state-of-the-art research centre in Stellenbosch. While in residence, established and emerging researchers from across the world focus on their research, meet daily at lunch, present and participate in weekly seminars, and lectures for a wider audience. In creating and curating this space, STIAS provides ideal conditions for innovative and original thinking to thrive.

STIAS will reach a major milestone in 2021 as the first institution outside of Scandinavia to co-host a Nobel Symposium. This will become an annual event and dates will be announced on our website soon. For a researcher to be in residence at STIAS during one of these prestigious

events will be a lifetime opportunity to engage with Nobel Laureates and other world research leaders.

For more information on STIAS, its history, objectives, facilities and more, visit <https://stias.ac.za/about/>.

To apply for a STIAS individual or team fellowship, and to learn more about our early career fellowship programme *Iso Lomso*, visit <https://stias.ac.za/fellowships/>.

Please feel free to contact STIAS Programme Manager Dr Christoff Pauw for any enquiries at cpauw@sun.ac.za. We look forward to hosting the leading scholars from your institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Kirumira', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Edward K. Kirumira
Director: STIAS