



Dictionary of African Christian Biography

Project Luke Application Form

Provisions and Expectations of the Project Luke Fellowship:

1. Two fellowships will be awarded for the 2009-2010 academic calendar year.
2. Fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis.
3. Applications and all supporting documents must be in hand no later than November 30th of 2008.
4. The academic year extends eight months from the first week of September until the last week of April the following year.
5. The fellowship does not provide for family members to accompany the fellowship recipient.
6. The fellowship does not make provision for travel expenses.
7. The fellowship does not make provision for the required U.S. medical insurance.
8. Applicants must provide a letter of guarantee from a church, mission, or reputable institution in North America or Europe guaranteeing the applicant's roundtrip travel expense, required medical insurance, and any emergency expenses.
9. The fellowship includes the following: (a) use of a furnished apartment for the eight months of the fellowship; (b) a monthly allowance of \$550 U.S. for the eight months of the fellowship; (c) a textbook allowance of \$200 U.S.
10. Fellowship recipients agree to: (a) live in residence at OMSC, participating in the community life and worship; (b) participate in the study program of OMSC, attending a minimum of twenty-two weekly seminars in the course of the academic year; (c) complete the writing of ten biographical studies for inclusion in the *DACB*; (d) be prepared to give one or two lectures on the subject(s) of their study; (e) be willing to prepare one article for the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, if requested to do so; (f) upon returning home, serve as an official *DACB* resource person, available for consultation with *DACB* researchers and writers in Africa.

Proposed Subjects of Research

Please provide information on ten (or more) persons whom you regard as significant figures in the history, special character and vitality of the African church (regional, national, continental, or international). On separate paper, provide a short summary of each of your proposed subjects, including sources of information. These will normally not be living subjects. This material must be included with your application.

As you draw up the list of your ten proposed biographical subjects, please take into account the following guidelines:

1. Subjects whose stories already appear in the *DACB* will normally not be considered. Therefore, when drawing up your list of proposed subjects, it is important to consult the *DACB* either online or at a *DACB* participating institution, to ascertain whether or not the *DACB* already has stories on your proposed subjects.
2. Your subjects need not be confined to professional clerics, missionaries, or theologians, but might

include laypersons from various walks of life whose stories are essential to an understanding of the church in Africa.

3. Articles, which you will finalize during your residency at OMSC, must not be longer than 3,000 words, and must not be shorter than 500 words.
4. As the intent and purpose of the *DACB* is to record the history of African Christianity, we ask that you focus, whenever possible, on writing the stories of deceased subjects. Please include approximate birth and death dates for your proposed subjects.
5. Your ten proposed biographical subjects should not include more than two living subjects. The living subjects should fulfill the requirements in #6.
6. If you choose to write on living subjects, their stories will not be published in the *DACB* unless the subject is (a) of a very venerable age (over 70) and (b) they have retired from all active ministry (in other words, their story is complete). If the living subjects do not fulfill these conditions, their stories will be kept on file in the *DACB* office for future use.

N.B. If you are accepted as a Project Luke fellow, you will be asked to provide a detailed list of sources for each of your proposed subjects, once your list has been approved by the project manager. We urge you to collect some sources of information locally before coming to OMSC. These sources may include (but are not limited to): local archives, interviews (tape recorded, transcribed, or in note form), local newspaper and magazine articles, institutional records, and school files.

Personal Information

Name: _____

Male ____ Female ____ Age _____

Place of birth:

Date of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____

City/Town: _____

State/Province: _____

Country from which you hold your passport: _____

Address to which correspondence should be sent:

Street or P.O. Box: _____

City/Town: _____

State/Province: _____

Country: _____

Telephone Numbers:

Home: _____ Work: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail*: _____

*N.B. As email is the fastest and easiest mode of communication we strongly urge you to include it.

Health

Your health condition: _____

Physical handicap considerations, if any. Explain: _____

Church in which you hold active membership

Name: _____

Denomination: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State: _____

Country: _____

Comment on your present involvement with your church: _____

Academic Experience

Name/Address of College or University (Undergraduate):

Name: _____

City: _____

Country: _____

Degree: _____ Major: _____

Year graduated: _____

Name/Address of University or Seminary (Graduate):

Name: _____

City: _____

Country: _____

Degree: _____ Major: _____

Year graduated: _____

Title of thesis: _____

Current Position

____ **Doctoral Student** (For what degree: _____)

Institution: _____

Academic Discipline: _____

____ **Faculty Member** (Academic position/rank: _____)

Institution: _____

Academic Discipline: _____

____ **Other:** _____

Personal Statement

On a separate sheet of paper, outline your primary concerns, hopes and goals for use of your time at OMSC, including some indication of why you feel uniquely qualified to research and write the stories of your proposed biographical subjects. Please write no more than two pages double spaced or one page single spaced.

Language Proficiency

In which of the following European languages would you consider yourself proficient:

English _____

French _____

Portuguese _____

If English is not your first language, please estimate your proficiency in English:

Reading Comprehension: Excellent ___ Very Good ___ Adequate ___ Weak ___ Poor ___

Writing Ability: Excellent ___ Very Good ___ Adequate ___ Weak ___ Poor ___

Conversational Skills: Excellent ___ Very Good ___ Adequate ___ Weak ___ Poor ___

Ability to Understand Lectures: Excellent ___ Very Good ___ Adequate ___ Weak ___ Poor ___

Did you complete this application without assistance? Yes _____ No _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Letters of Reference

Please give the names, titles and addresses of three persons qualified to comment on your ability to fulfill the terms of the Project Luke Fellowship. Instruct them to send their recommendations directly to: Dr. Jonathan Bonk, *DACB* Project Luke, 490 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511-2196, USA. Without these letters, your application cannot be processed.

1. **Name:** _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

2. **Name:** _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

3. **Name:** _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Passport Information

In order for OMSC to issue a U.S. Department of State form DS-2019, Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status, you must complete all of the questions listed below. List names **exactly** as they appear on your **passport**, and attach a photocopy of the passport page showing your name.

___ Mr. ___ Ms. _____
(family name) (first name) (middle name)

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Place of Birth _____
(month) (day) (year)

Country of Citizenship _____

Country of Permanent Residence _____

Occupation in home country _____

If you are already in the United States, what is your visa type?

() B-1 () B-2 () F-1 () J-1 () Immigrant (Permanent Resident) () Other: _____

Instructions

Please complete this application and send it, along with a copy of your resume, to:

Dr. Jonathan Bonk, Project Luke Fellowship,
490 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511, USA
Telephone: 1-203-624-6672
Fax: 1-203-865-2857
E-Mail: DACB@OMSC.org

Also, you must have your guarantor complete the financial form (next page). Return it with your application.

VERIFICATION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

To the Applicant: Please submit this financial verification form with your completed application. If more than one agency will provide financial assistance, complete a separate form for each agency. If you plan to cover your own expenses, please indicate that below and include supporting bank statements in US dollars. The information on this form is needed to process a request for a J-1/J-2 visa. Without complete and accurate financial information, the visa request will not be approved. Thank you for your assistance.

This is to confirm that _____ will provide financial support
(Name of agency/individual acting as guarantor)
to _____ who will be in residence at the Overseas
(Name of applicant)
Ministries Study Center from _____ to _____.

To the Guarantor: Please complete the portion below, indicating amounts in US dollars. ONLY complete the items for which you or your agency will be financially responsible.

Roundtrip travel expenses to the USA \$ _____

Medical insurance coverage as required
by the United States Exchange Visitor Program \$ _____
(average is \$92 per month/per person; actual amount
may be more or less, depending on the age of the applicant)

Apartment assessments (monthly amount _____
X _____ number of months applicant will be in residence) \$ Project Luke Scholarship

Living expenses \$ Project Luke Scholarship

Emergency expenses \$ _____

Signature of guarantor _____

Name (printed) _____ Title _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____