



Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Fellowships

Postgraduate application form and guidelines 2009-2010



The Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Fellowship program was established in honor of Mr. Samba as winner of the 2008 J. Paul Getty Award for Conservation Leadership. Mr. Samba received the Getty Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to conservation through personal leadership. As the president of the remote village of Andavadoaka in southwestern Madagascar, Mr. Samba spent several years working to protect the region's fragile marine biodiversity and habitats. This work resulted in the creation of Madagascar's first community-managed marine protected area and also inspired the development of alternative livelihood and environmental education initiatives. The fellowships are sponsored by the Ann and Gordon Getty Foundation and managed by World Wildlife Fund in partnership with Blue Ventures.

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Effective policy, education, fieldwork, and other conservation initiatives depend on sound technical knowledge and skills. The Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Fellowships support the academic training of conservationists in Madagascar in a wide variety of disciplines so that they may gain the knowledge and skills necessary to manage their country's marine natural resources in diverse and complex contexts. The fellowships support both interdisciplinary and specialized studies and allow grantees to pursue opportunities in Madagascar's higher education institutions. The Samba-Getty Fellowships assist individuals pursuing masters' and doctoral degrees. All Samba-Getty Fellows must have significant conservation experience, leadership potential in their fields, and a commitment to advance marine species and habitat conservation in Madagascar.

BENEFITS

As part of their awards, Samba-Getty Fellows receive:

- Financial support for tuition, books, travel to and from the training institution, and room and board for academic program for up to two years;
- Costs for field research required by the academic institution to obtain the degree;

ELIGIBILITY

- The proposed field of study must be relevant to the conservation of marine species and habitat.
- All applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of Madagascar.
- Applicants must have at least two year's work experience in conservation.
- Applicants must be enrolled in, admitted to, or have applied to a graduate degree program (master's or PhD) at an institution of higher education in Madagascar by the application deadline and must begin their studies within one year of the application deadline. You may apply for a fellowship even if you have not yet been accepted into your academic program, however you will not receive funds from WWF until you submit proof of admission.

SELECTION

Samba-Getty Fellows are selected through a competitive, merit-based process. Eligible candidates must submit a completed application form along with two letters of recommendation and other supporting documents to the appropriate location. An independent, interdisciplinary panel of experts is convened to review applications and to identify top candidates based on the following criteria:

- **Leadership** through involvement in community and volunteer activities, the workplace, local and national government, and other areas.
- **Impact of your proposed academic research** in contributing to marine conservation in Madagascar.
- **Motivation and commitment** to contribute to conservation in a Madagascar and to share what is learned with others in their field.
- **Professional qualifications** as evidenced by previous and current conservation-related positions, references from colleagues in the field, publications, and other sources.
- **Prior academic achievement** as shown by grades, academic awards, references from teachers and professors, and so on.

Application Instructions

Please be sure to follow all steps below when applying for a Samba-Getty Fellowship.

- Complete ALL pages of the application form.
- All application materials must be postmarked by the application deadline.
- Type your name at the top right corner of each page of the application form.
- Print the application and sign the "Applicant Agreement" page (Section VI of the application).
- Do NOT staple or bind any pages of your application form.
- A complete application dossier consists of:
 - a completed application form;
 - two letters of recommendation;
 - legalised academic transcripts (Baccalauréat and university);
 - a detailed CV with a recent photograph;
 - proof of admission to your academic program if already admitted; and
 - any other documents relevant to your application. See the "Application Checklist" below for more details.
- Make a copy of your application dossier for your records.
- Submit your application with all required documents by email to Judith.Balint@wwfus.org and lalao@blueventures.org
- You may mail your application along with required and relevant recommended documents listed in the application checklist below to: Samba-Getty Scholarships, C/O Mme RAZANOELISOA Jacqueline, IHSM BP 141 Toliara
- Applications without required documents will not be considered.

The deadline for application is 30 January 2010

Application Checklist

Required Documents

- Completed application form including the signed Personal Service Agreement and signed Applicant Acceptance Agreement.
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers, professors, and/or professional colleagues. Recommendation letters from family members will not be accepted.
- Most recent academic transcripts (university only).
- Proof of admission to the academic program you plan to attend or a copy of the signature page of your university application.
- CV or résumé.

Recommended Documents

- Statement of expected costs from your proposed academic institution.
- Copies of awards or certificates you have received (no more than 3).
- Copies of *abstracts* from published journal articles, research projects, papers presented at conferences, etc. that you have authored. *Do not* submit entire documents (no more than 3).
- Thesis or dissertation abstract (maximum 1 page).



Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Fellowship 2009-2010 APPLICATION FORM

Press TAB to move to the next field.

I. Personal Information

1. Your name as it appears in official documents:

2. Family name/surname:

3. Given name:

4. Sex: female male

5. Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy):

6. Nationality(ies):

7. Country of residency:

8. Contact information: home work university other

If work, please state the name of the organization:

Full street address:

City, state or province, and post code:

Country:

You can reach me at this address until (dd/mm/yyyy):

Telephone (*include country and city code*):

Email address:

9. Native language(s):

10. Marital status: single married other

11. Number of dependents:

Name:

II. Educational and Professional History

12. Beginning with the most recent institution, list all universities, colleges, and secondary schools attended.

Institution	City and Country	Degree Obtained? (Diploma, Certificate, MS, PhD)	Major, Degree Subject, or Specialization	Start Date	End Date

13. List any foreign languages you speak and rate your conversational ability in each (excellent, good, fair, poor).

14. Current place of employment (name of organization):

Full mailing address (street address) of your employer:

City, state or province, and post code:

Country:

Website:

Supervisor's name and title:

Supervisor's email:

15. Your job title:

16. Please describe your current job responsibilities:

17. When did you begin employment at this organization? (*mm/yyyy*)

18. Please list previous *paid* conservation positions you have held. Begin with your most recent position.

Employer	Dates employed (from – to)	City and Country	Position (title)

Name:

19. Please describe previous *unpaid* conservation positions you have held and any volunteer activities (conservation-related and others) in which you participated.
20. Please list up to *five* of your most significant awards, publications, or other accomplishment relevant to your application.
- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
21. What is your current relationship with WWF?
- current employee former employee current consultant
- relative of employee work at WWF partner organization not affiliated
- seconded to WWF from a government agency or other organization
- other (specify): _____

III. Proposed Academic Program

22. Name of proposed academic institution and department/faculty where you will receive your master's or PhD degree
23. Degree you are pursuing (*examples: master of science degree in conservation biology; PhD in anthropology*):
24. Your degree specialization (*10 words or less*):
25. What is your status with your proposed academic institution?
- I have already begun attending classes. *If you are already enrolled and attending classes, please include a copy of your most recent transcripts with your application.*
- I have been accepted for admission. *If you have been accepted, please include a copy of your acceptance letter with your application.*
- I have applied and I am waiting for an admissions decision. *Please submit a copy of the signed page of your university application, if available.*
- When do you expect an admissions decision (*dd/mm/yyyy*)?
- I have not yet applied to a university.

Name:

26. Contact information for your proposed academic institution. *Please include the name and email address of the contact person or your advisor at your academic institution, if available. If you have not had contact with a specific person, please provide the university's general contact information.*

Name and title of contact person or academic advisor:

City:

Country:

Telephone:

Email:

University web site address:

27. What is the total length of your academic program? (months and/or years):

28. When did you or when will you begin your academic program? (dd/mm/yyyy):

29. When is the start date of the academic term for which you are requesting funds? (dd/mm/yyyy):

(WWF does not reimburse Samba-Getty Fellows for expenses already incurred)

30. When do you expect to complete your degree? (mm/yyyy):

IV. Funding Sources and Budget

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Because funds are limited, WWF strongly encourages applicants to seek other sources of funding. If your total educational costs for year one exceed \$20,000, you must show that you have secured or applied for other sources for funding, or can partially cover your expenses with personal or family funds. Showing significant cost-sharing from other sources may improve your chances of receiving a fellowship. Failure to report other funding sources may disqualify you from receiving a fellowship. Please make certain your costs are realistic. WWF verifies all costs and other funding sources before offering fellowships. Grossly overestimated or underestimated costs may disqualify you from receiving a Samba-Getty Fellowship.

31. Other funding sources. *Please list all funding from sources other than WWF that you have already secured or have requested from other organizations. Also list personal or family funds, if any, that will be used to support your education costs. Include the amount received or requested in US dollars.*

Source of funding	Amount in US dollars	Funding secured?	What period of time will these funds cover? (mm/yyyy)	If not yet secured, provide decision date
	\$			
	\$			
	\$			
	\$			
	\$			

Instructions for Question 32

Budget for First 12-month of this fellowship. The table on the following page is used to estimate the funds you will need for the first 12 months of this fellowship to cover approved expenses. To ensure that the funds you are requesting from WWF are accurate and sufficient to meet your education-related costs, please consult with your university regarding current costs and fees. Please include any information you receive regarding costs from your university with your application. This worksheet is to be used for the first 12 months of the fellowship only, even if you need two years of funding. Please note that failure to report other funding sources may disqualify you from receiving financial assistance from WWF.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES:

- **tuition and related fees**
- **living expenses for meals and accommodations**
- **required books and materials**
- **most research expenses if directly related to academic program (please provide a detailed list including costs)**

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES:

- **reimbursement for university admissions or language proficiency exams**
- **living expenses for family members**
- **clothing or other personal items**
- **excess baggage and moving expenses such as telephone connection, cable, furniture etc.**
- **telephone and communications expenses (including cellular phones)**
- **travel not related to the academic program including sight-seeing, entertainment, short courses or seminars**
- **computers or other equipment such as printers, scanners, digital cameras, etc.**
- **purchase of automobiles or other vehicles and automobile insurance and maintenance**
- **wages or stipends for others associated with research projects including professors and field assistants**

Instructions for completing the budget worksheet:

1. Enter the exchange rates for any currencies that you use in your calculations. WWF reserves the right to use more current exchange rates at the time fellowships are disbursed. If your educational costs are in US dollars, you need not enter exchange rates here.
2. Complete each column on the worksheet as follows:
 - A. Enter one year's cost for each line item (tuition, airfare, etc.) in the local currency used by your university in Column A. If you do not have costs for a line item, enter "0" or leave blank.
 - B. Enter the amount for each line item that you or your family will contribute to your expenses in Column B in US dollars. If you will receive a salary from your employer while you attend your academic program, enter the total amount here under the appropriate category.
 - C. Enter the amount for each line item for which you will receive funds from sources other than WWF in Column C in US dollars. Do NOT include funds that have been requested but not yet secured.
 - D. Enter the amount you would like to request from WWF for each line item in US Dollars.
3. Enter the total cost of your education costs for year 1 in your university's local currency in column A. Enter the total amount you are requesting from WWF in \$US in column D.

Name:

32. Budget for Year One. *Please read the instruction on the following page before you complete this question. Use this table to outline your proposed budget for the **first 12 months** of your fellowship. Please attach an additional page to explain each budget item in greater detail, if necessary. Please make certain your costs are realistic. WWF verifies all costs and other funding sources before offering fellowships. Grossly overestimated or underestimated costs may disqualify you from receiving a Samba-Getty Fellowship.*

Enter the currency exchange rates you will use in your calculations.

University local currency: = US \$1.00

	A	B	C	D
Item	Total Cost for Year One university's local currency	Amount Covered by Personal or Family Funds in US\$	Amount Covered by Other Funding Sources in US\$	Amount Requested from WWF for Year One in US\$
Tuition and Fees				
Tuition		\$	\$	\$
Other fees required by university		\$	\$	\$
Living Expenses				
Housing and food		\$	\$	\$
Transportation while at university		\$	\$	\$
Books and Materials				
Books		\$	\$	\$
Materials (attach list of materials needed)		\$	\$	\$
Other Expenses				
Please attach a detailed list of all other expenses		\$	\$	\$
Total Education Costs for Year one in university's local currency		Total Column D Amount Requested from WWF for Year One		\$

33. Will you require funds for a second year? yes no

Note: If your academic program is longer than one year and you believe you will need funds for a second year, check yes. If selected for an award, the exact amount of your grant on the second year will be determined at a later time

What is the approximate amount you will require in your second year?

Name:

V. Essays

The fellowship selection committee bases its decisions largely on the essay portion of the application. Please provide full and thoughtful responses to the questions below.

34. Please describe clearly and concisely the proposed research for your master's or doctoral degree.
Please note that if you receive a Samba-Getty Fellowship and you change your thesis or dissertation research, you must notify WWF.
- a. What is the title of your proposed thesis/dissertation (if available)?
 - b. Where do you propose to conduct your thesis/dissertation research? *Please give region, protected area, or community. If possible, give geographic coordinates of your research site.*
 - c. Please discuss in detail how your field of study and proposed research will contribute to conservation. For doctoral degrees please also include your hypothesis, project objectives, and methodology (1-2 pages).

Name:

35. Describe your immediate career goals after you complete your academic program. How will your academic training contribute to your professional goals?

36. Describe a situation that required leadership on your part (does not have to be conservation related). What did you do? What was the outcome?

Name:

VI. Applicant Agreement

Please print out this page and sign!

Personal Service Agreement

WWF requires all award recipients to work for two years upon completion of training or degree to advance efforts in their home countries or regions. This service obligation must be fulfilled upon completion of your academic degree. Two years of service in volunteer, full-time, or part-time employment qualify for fulfillment of this personal service agreement.

I understand that if I am awarded and accept a Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Fellowship from Education for Nature Program, I will incur a two-year service requirement as stated above.

Signature

Date

Applicant Acceptance Agreement

If awarded a Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Fellowship, I agree to keep World Wildlife Fund informed of my contact information and academic progress, and to prepare the required reports after the award period, as may be requested. I understand that if I fail to maintain satisfactory academic progress or if my conduct is considered prejudicial to the best interests of the Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Fellowships Program and Education for Nature Program, my award may be withdrawn and payments terminated. I agree, upon acceptance of a Roger Samba and J. Paul Getty Fellowship, to allow my name to be published in association with this program and any related sponsors.

I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of my statements made in this application and to WWF staff are true and made in good faith.

Signature

Date

How did you learn about Samba-Getty Fellowships?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WWF staff in my country | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWF staff from the United States | <input type="checkbox"/> EFN alumnus/grantee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper or magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> Professor/academic institution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |