

QES West Africa

Research Opportunity West Africa, Summer 2025

Calling all PhD students!

Summer opportunity to work with partners in Ghana on community based participatory research

About the opportunity

The International Centre for the Advancement of Community Based Rehabilitation (ICACBR) at Queen's has been collaborating with colleagues in West Africa on community based participatory research in health equity and inclusive education systems for persons with disabilities and their families. The objective of this project is to make community based, participatory research a sustainable practice for all partner institutions moving forward.

As part of this project, we are delighted to offer an opportunity to a doctoral student, with preference given to women applicants, to apply for a travel and subsistence grant to travel to Ghana to support the implementation of community based participatory research (CBPR) methods with community partner organizations. You may also collaborate with local scholars to complete knowledge transfer workshops on CBPR at the partner institutions.

Applicants will be expected to have an interest in participatory research, and partnership with organizations in Ghana. Besides collaborating for a minimum of 30% of their time abroad with a community based organization, successful candidates will also have the opportunity to advance their own research interests while participating in this funded opportunity.

Why apply?

- Enhance professional networks with colleagues also working in participatory research
- Build global connections with colleagues in Ghana and West Africa
- Work collaboratively to build community based participatory research skills
- Learn and participate in creating trusting, reciprocal partnerships for research
- Develop professional, personal and scholarly intercultural competence by spending time working and researching outside of Kingston
- Learn more about framing your research within a community context, locally and globally

What's expected of you?

- Participate in pre-departure training and complete mandatory pre-departure reporting prior to travel.
- Undertake your own research, build connections, and develop your personal research program while in country
- Participate in leadership, networking, and community engagement activities
- Complete research with a community partner organization for a minimum of 30% of the scholarship time.
- Complete final narrative reporting
- Adhere to financial reporting requirements of the program (e.g., documentation, boarding passes, etc.)
- For more information on the QES program, visit the [website](#).

What's expected of us?

- We will provide you with an \$8,000 award to cover travel, accommodation and expenses.
- Successful applicants must be physically present and actively engaging in QE Scholar activities in their country of choice for a minimum of 35 days.
- All travel must be completed by 31st August 2025.
- The ICACBR will provide advice and pre-departure support. Booking of travel, visas, insurance, accommodation etc. will be the responsibility of the successful applicant.
- We will connect you with academic and community partners in the country of choice.

Eligibility

- Applicants who are either:
 - o enrolled as a **current full-time PhD student**
 - o have a **postdoctoral position** at Queen's
 - o or who are **early career researchers** at Queen's
- Applicants must be Canadian citizens or hold permanent resident status in Canada.
- Applicants who identify as women will be given priority.

How to apply

- Submit a CV and a short proposal (no more than 500 words) covering the following criteria:
 - o Summary of your proposed activities for the QE Scholarship
 - o Background and experience of community based participatory research
 - o Length of mobility (i.e. how many days you wish to spend in Ghana/DRC)
- Send to icacbr@queensu.ca by end of day **Sunday 1st June 2025**.
- Successful applicants will be informed by the end of June.