

## **Philippe Wamba Summer Research Travel Grant**

**Application Deadline: Friday, April 18, 2014**

**Eligibility: Continuing FAS undergraduate and graduate students**

This grant was established in 2008 by Danny Rimer in memory of Philippe Wamba. This summer travel award is intended to support a Harvard undergraduate or graduate student carrying out field work or research in Africa. Preference is given to the student who most exemplifies the outstanding academic performance of Philippe Wamba. A 1993 graduate of Harvard College, Philippe Wamba, in his short life, had a profound impact on his fellow students and the faculty of the African and African American Studies Department. Following his graduation, he soon returned to Harvard University where he became the Editor-in-Chief of *Africana.com*.

### **Program Description**

The Philippe Wamba Summer Research Travel Grant provides funding for research and field work in Africa for currently enrolled Harvard FAS undergraduate and graduate students.

### **Stipend**

The recipient is awarded funding of up to \$10,000.

### **Application Process**

Interested students should submit the following:

- Cover letter describing your field work or research interest
- Résumé
- Two-page proposal outlining your goals and detailing any preliminary work in your area of interest
- A letter of recommendation from two faculty members or advisors who are knowledgeable about your field work or research (The letter of recommendation should discuss the student's aptitude and preparedness for the work and travel, as well as its relevance, if any, to their program of study. It should also offer any information that the recommender has about the field work or research. Applications for research should be supported by letters indicating the recommender's evaluation of the scholarly merits of the project, the likelihood that it will be completed according to the student's proposed timetable, the student's degree of preparation for the project, and its relation to their current program of

study. Recommenders may also provide further information about the student's character, intellect, motivation, and project.

- Budget indicating how funds will be utilized: you should also identify any other funding applied for and/or received

Recipients will be responsible for submitting a 1,000-word report on their work over the summer, including an accounting of how the funds were spent. This report is due no later than November 1 in the office of the Department Coordinator, Kathleen Cloutier.

Students must adhere to Harvard College or GSAS Policies on undergraduate or graduate travel abroad. Please visit the Office of Career Services website <http://www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu> for travel policies.

Please submit your completed application no later than 5pm on **Friday, April 18, 2014** to:

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