

Call for Applications

Writing Workshop for Ph.D. students and early career postdoctoral researchers

With the generous support of [the British Academy](#) and the British Institute in Eastern Africa, the Institute for Peace and Security Studies of Addis Ababa University and the University of Edinburgh, in collaboration with the Journal of Eastern African Studies, are organizing a four day, intensive Writing Workshop in Addis Ababa for researchers in the **social sciences and history** during **22-26 November 2021**. The Writing Workshop will bring about 24 **Ph.D. students** and **early career postdoctoral researchers** (three years or less after graduation) together in a writing boot-camp format. Over the course of four days, participants will have opportunities to refine and rework draft articles towards a publishable standard by taking advantage of lectures, group work as well as one-to-one sessions with an assigned mentor. The Workshop will be followed by a two-day networking event including panel discussions with editors from major African Studies and Peace and Security Studies journals and a reception with the wider Addis Ababa University academic community.

The organizers of the Writing Workshop hereby call for applications. Interested Ph.D. students working in the **Social Sciences or History** and **registered** in an **Ethiopian public institution** and early-career postdoctoral researchers working at **Ethiopian Universities** are encouraged to apply and take advantage of this opportunity. The organisers are particularly interested to support research which relates to the **IPSS's core themes of peace, security, development, and governance**. To be eligible, applicants must send the following documents by **01 September 2021** to phdprogramme@ipss-addis.org:

- 1) **Letter of Admission** to a Ph.D. programme, or **evidence of graduation** from a relevant Ph.D. programme, in or after, 2018;
- 2) Brief CV (less than 3 pages), highlighting any publications;
- 3) A **draft article** or **Ph.D. chapter** (maximum of 8,000 words, including references) that the applicant aims to work on and improve during the workshop, and which is based on the applicant's original research (i.e. not a literature review);
- 4) **Recommendation letter**;
- 5) A **motivation letter** highlighting why the applicant deserves a place in the workshop, and the relevance of the draft article.

Full expenses, including economy-class return air-ticket (from destinations within Ethiopia), accommodation (21-28 November 2021), and meals, will be covered for all participants through funding received from British Academy. We particularly **encourage applications women**.