

The kasahorow Fellowship 2007

Description: The kasahorow Fellowship seeks to encourage the formal study of African languages.

Sponsoring Organization: kasahorow Communication Group of Suuch Solutions

The kasahorow Communication Group is a public service arm of Suuch Solutions. kasahorow was formed with the aim of reducing communication inefficiencies between traditional and modern Africa. kasahorow pursues this goal on two major fronts:

- **kasahorow.com** develops electronic African language processing aids.
 - *Website:* **www.kasahorow.com**
- **kasahorow.org** publishes emerging technical standards for African language processing. It is administered and funded by **kasahorow.com**.
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kasahorow's current electronic resources bridge the following African languages: Akan, Gbe (Ewe), and Hausa, with English.

kasahorow has developed a robust platform to handle African languages publishing on the Web. This Toolkit is completely Internet-based, enabling contributors to work anywhere with a connection to the electronic global village. Based on the Drupal framework for Web content management, kasahorow's Web Toolkit improves support for African language needs.

kasahorow's Advisory Board comprises Dorothy Gordon, Director, Kofi Annan Centre for Excellence in ICT, Ghana; Kwesi Kwaa Prah, Director, Center for the Advanced Study of African Society (CASAS), South Africa; and Kofi Blankson Ocansey, Managing Partner, Dixcove Ventures Advisory Group, Ghana/USA.

Fellowship Details:

- The successful applicant will receive will receive a grant of 500 GH¢ (5,000,000 N¢) towards tuition fees for the academic year, payable direct to the University.
- The successful applicant will be required to perform their national service with the kasahorow Communication Group in Accra.

Eligibility: All applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria and provide documentary evidence to that effect.

1. Be enrolled in full-time studies at University College of Education, Winneba.
2. Be in the 4th year of studies.
3. Be enrolled in a course under one of the following Faculties:
 - a. Department of Ga-Damgbe Education
 - b. Department of Gur-Gonja Education
 - c. Department of Ewe Education
 - d. Department of Akan-Nzema Education.

Process:

www.kasahorow.org/contribute/fellowship

- A complete application consists of the following documents: a writing sample, a curriculum vitae and the Fellowship application form.
- Applicants must submit a writing sample on any subject (past course work is acceptable) between 750 and 1,500 words in an indigenous language.
- The writing sample must be type-written and submitted as a PDF document.
- The writing sample, curriculum vitae, and the completed application form should be submitted via email to fellowship.submission@kasahorow.com. Entries may not be submitted in any other way.
- Each applicant can only submit one piece of work.
- Submitted work must be original. Any form of plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification.
- The essays will be appraised by a panel of judges. The essays will be graded for their originality, clarity and use of language.
- The successful applicant will be required to present themselves for an interview at the kasahorow Communication Group's offices in Accra.
 - The Group reserves the right to withhold the offer of employment if the interview proves to be unsuccessful or for any other reason.
 - Should the interview prove to be successful, the successful applicant will be made an offer of employment for one year.
 - Job descriptions, rate of pay, and other minutiae will be discussed upon successful completion of the interview.

Timeframe:

Deadline for submissions: November 1, 2007

Announcement of Fellowship winner: December 1, 2007

Interview for national service: December 2007