

**Institute of African and Diaspora Studies**  
**(Culture, Gender and Identity Research Cluster)**  
**CALL FOR MASTERS IN ARTS (M.A) PROJECT**

The Institute of African and Diaspora Studies, University of Lagos, is pleased to invite applications from qualified masters-level students in the field of African Studies for a research project grant. This grant supports original research into the development of herbal medicine for the prevention and management of diabetes. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to an ongoing herbal medicine production programme with a grant from **Professor Rahamon Adisa Bello Endowment Trust Fund (PRABETFUL)**. The project is to record the indigenous processes of development, preparation, preservation, sale and effect of herbal medicine on selected cases.

**About the Grant**

**Grant Amount:** Two Hundred Thousand Naira (₦200,000)

**Grant Period:** April 2026 – September 2026

**Application Deadline:** 25th March, 2026

**Coverage:** The grant covers all approved costs related to fieldwork and the writing of the project.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled as a masters (M.A) student of African Studies in any University in Nigeria.
- Able to demonstrate a clear and credible research design linked to the project objective.
- Available to carry out full-time research activities in Lagos within the grant period of April to September 2026.
- Co-author a paper from the findings in a reputable journal.

**Additional Benefit**

The selected awardee will become an active member of an ongoing herbal medicine production initiative, gaining hands-on experience in the development, formulation and documentation of plant-based therapeutic products.

**Application Requirements**

Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

- A completed application letter addressed to the Principal Investigator (PI), Dr. Akinmayowa Akin-Otiko, Institute of African and Diaspora Studies, University of Lagos.
- A research proposal of not more than 1,000 words, outlining the research problem, objectives, methodology, fieldwork plan, and expected outcomes.
- A letter of support from the applicant's academic supervisor.
- Proof of current enrollment as a masters student

**Submission and Deadline**

All application materials should be submitted as a single PDF document, titled: M.A PROJECT GRANT 2026 to the Institute of African and Diaspora Studies, University of Lagos via [iads@unilag.edu.ng](mailto:iads@unilag.edu.ng) no later than: **25th March 2026**.

*The accepted candidate will be contacted by 7th April, 2026*