Information and Guidelines

The Institute of African American Research (IAAR) launched its Faculty Affiliate Program in 2013. The purpose of the program is to create a listing and foster a community of UNC-Chapel Hill inter-disciplinary scholars whose research includes the study of African Americans and/or the broader African diaspora.

About the IAAR:
Established in 1995, the IAAR supports and facilitates transformative and timely research concerning African Americans and the broader African Diaspora. The IAAR mission is to expand understanding and cultivate engagement with critical questions and innovative and timely studies about people of African descent.

Who should apply to become an IAAR Faculty Affiliate?
The IAAR welcomes applications from UNC-CH faculty and postdoctoral fellows who meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant holds the status of tenure track faculty, fixed term faculty, research faculty or adjunct faculty at UNC-CH. Or, the applicant is resident at UNC-CH as a postdoctoral fellow for any period of time. (Faculty Affiliate status will terminate when or if the postdoctoral fellow has terminated affiliation with UNC-CH).
2. The applicant has been engaged in research or has demonstrated scholarly interest related to African Americans and/or the broader African diaspora within the past five years.
3. The applicant’s research agenda over the past five years includes an estimated 30% focus on or attention to African Americans and/or the broader African Diaspora.

What benefits do IAAR Faculty Affiliates receive?
IAAR Faculty Affiliates will have access to the following:

1. the opportunity to network among a community of scholars engaged in research concerning African Americans and the broader African diaspora
2. services for grant proposal writing, development, submission and post-award administration
3. the opportunity to have their scholarly achievements profiled in IAAR’s public communications
4. priority admission to IAAR workshops and other events that are by registration only.
5. a developing database of successful grants and fellowship applications for research concerning African Americans and the broader African Diaspora

What responsibilities do IAAR Faculty Affiliates have?
IAAR Affiliates are requested to do at least one of the following:
1. attend one IAAR event per year
2. submit a grant through the IAAR within the next three years
3. review at least two applications for an applicant to the Faculty Fellows or Graduate Student Summer Research Grant competitions over the next three years
4. review a student or faculty member’s paper or proposal that involves research concerning African Americans or the African diaspora over the next three years, or
5. be willing to give a talk at an IAAR event within five years of becoming a Faculty Affiliate

How to apply:

The IAAR accepts applications to the Faculty Affiliate program throughout the academic year. There is no application deadline.

Applicants should submit the following:
1. the Faculty Affiliate Application Form (see below)
2. a maximum 250-word research statement discussing the applicant’s major research interests and how his/her research in the past five years has concerned African Americans and/or the broader African diaspora.
3. An updated C.V.

Applications can be emailed to IAAR director, Karla Slocum, at kslocum@unc.edu

Applicants should receive a decision within three weeks of applying.

For further inquiries, please contact the IAAR director, Karla Slocum, at kslocum@unc.edu . For further information please visit our website at iaar.unc.edu.
FACULTY AFFILIATE APPLICATION FORM

Name: 

Title: 

Department(s): 

On Campus Mailing Address: 

Email: 

Phone (campus or other preferred number): 

Please describe any relationship you have had with the IAAR in the past (e.g., advisory board member, grant awardee, speaker at IAAR event, etc.). Please include dates of roles held with IAAR.