



Call for Applications

CRVS Fellows Program

The **IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen Civil Registration and Vital Statistics** is pleased to announce a CRVS fellows program.

To stimulate and support increased engagement of young demographers and population scientists in CRVS/Legal-ID related work, we invite young and mid-career professionals to apply to undertake a mentored fellowship with our IUSSP Panel.

Deadline for applications: 31 May 2019.

Programmatic Focus

Selected fellows are expected to undertake research in one of three complementary and mutually-strengthening focus areas:

1. Applied research on completeness and quality assessment of vital event registration (namely births, deaths and marriages) and strengthening of the feedback loop between completeness/quality assessment and CRVS systems strengthening efforts;
2. Interdisciplinary research into the relationship between civil registration and related population data systems and new biometrically-based legal identity systems;
3. Practical research (including qualitative field-based research and mixed methods research) on the proximate determinants and the social and economic consequences of under-registration of vital events.

Duration

Fellowships will be for a period of 2 years – starting in July, 2019 and concluding in June, 2021.

Mode of Engagement

The fellowship will be a non-resident fellowship.

The IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen Civil Registration and Vital Statistics will guide and support selected fellows in their research over the course of the fellowship. Fellows will be mentored in the development of a scholarly paper, over the course of the fellowship. Fellows will receive funding to present their ongoing research in workshops and side meetings of the panel in 2019-2021. The Fellowship funding will cover travel, accommodation and any conference registration fees associated with participation in workshops and conferences. Fellows will not receive a stipend during the course of their fellowship.

Expected Outputs

Selected fellows will be expected to publish the CRVS research they undertake in a peer-reviewed journal or edited volume. The IUSSP Scientific Panel will guide and support selected fellows towards this publication goal. Fellows will also be encouraged to communicate their research and findings to a broader, non-technical audience via a short article in N-IUSSP, a blog post, or short article.

Eligibility

The program is open to early and mid-career demographers and population statisticians interested in civil registration and vital statistics. Early/mid-career professionals from official statistics, civil registration authorities, university graduate programs, and research institutes are encouraged to apply. Applicants from low- and middle-income countries are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants should hold, at least, a Masters degree in demography or Population Studies (or related discipline), be fluent in either English, French or Spanish, and have a working-level competence in English or French (if not fluency).

How to Apply

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply, by completing the [online application form](#) accessible via the home page of the IUSSP website (www.iussp.org).

The form requires:

- uploading of a **short cover letter*** (max. 1 page), briefly describing the proposed mentored research project being proposed.
- uploading of a **curriculum vitae***
- listing your university degrees.
- listing your professional experience.
- listing up to five publications (those most relevant to civil registration and demography).
- listing the names and contact details of at least 2 professional/academic references.

Please prepare your application materials beforehand to be able to copy-paste into the online application form.

The application form can be edited after completion until the 31 May deadline (using the same email as the first time).

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Enquiries: Any enquiries should be directed to [Dr. Romesh Silva](#) (rosilva@unfpa.org).

*The cover letter and CV should be uploaded in Word or pdf formats and should use the following file naming convention:

- for the cover letter: "LASTNAME-firstname-CoverLetter" e.g. SMITH-Lynda-CoverLetter.pdf
- for the CV: "LASTNAME-firstname-CV" e.g. SMITH-Michael-CV.doc