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Dear ACAS board member:

As you know, with Namibia now independent, and South Africa nearing liberation, the need for research on all aspects of South and southern African development is greater than ever. For this reason, I am writing to ask you to nominate southern, and particularly South, African graduate students for the third session of the Southern African Summer Program (SASP). Please nominate those whom you think could contribute to developing research capacity relating to the development options available to the people of South Africa when they win liberation.

As you may recall, ACAS has supported the Southern African Summer Program from its outset. Your help would be greatly appreciated once again.

This summer's SASP will take place at Clark University from June 17-July 13 (see the enclosed brochure). We anticipate that the United Nations Education and Training Programme for South Africans (UNEPTSA) will fund ten South African and Namibian graduate students, now studying in the United States, to take part. Additional participants from independent southern African countries will receive financial support from their sponsors.

The South African participants will work together to design their research to contribute information (including the lessons of experience from other African countries) needed to formulate post-liberation policies on such widely varied issues as nationalization; an appropriate land policy; how to restructure education; what kinds of urban housing to build; how to strengthen


SADCC's role in regional development -- and many more.

We are particularly looking for interested, qualified South African graduate students among the many studying here in the US who would be interested in contributing to research relating to a free South Africa. If you know of anyone, please ask him/her to apply to the Southern African Summer Program immediately, and simultaneously to apply to UNETPSA for financial assistance. Time is short, so they really should apply NOW. We would be grateful, too, if you could send us a brief reference letter to help guide selection of the participants.

We would, of course, also welcome applications from graduate students from other southern African countries. They will need to arrange funding with their own sponsors. Both IIE and AAI have indicated a willingness to assist.

We would really appreciate your help in this matter, and look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Very sincerely,

  
Ann Seidman,

Director, Southern African Summer Program

Enclosure: SASP brochures