Nyaradzai Changamire, a second year doctoral student in the College of Education’s educational policy and leadership concentration with a specialization in international education, has been awarded an international fellowship from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for 2015-16. Changamire, who is from Zimbabwe, is also the recipient of the 2014-2015 Graduate School/College of Education Fellowship and the college’s C.L. Vendien Endowed scholarship.

AAUW’s International Fellowship program has been in existence since 1917. It provides support for one year of graduate or postgraduate study in the United States to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Preference is given to women who show prior commitment to the advancement of women and girls through civic, community, or professional work. During the award year, the recipients pursue graduate studies and community projects to empower women and girls in the United States and around the globe.

Changamire’s proposal for the fellowship focused on her research interests in exploring how education programs in refugee camps contribute to restoring normalcy for women and girls when they are displaced by conflict or natural or human-made disasters. Changamire hopes that the research will contribute to better provision of services that are relevant to women and girls in emergency settings. Upon graduation, she intends to pursue a career as a university professor and a development practitioner.

AAUW is one of the world’s leading supporters of graduate women’s education, having awarded more than $100 million in fellowships, grants, and awards to 12,000 women from more than 140 countries since 1888. The AAUW Fellowships and Grants program is one of the oldest and largest in the world exclusively for women.