

ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES

2013/2014 AAU SMALL GRANTS FOR DISSERTATIONS/THESES PROGRAMME

The Association of African Universities (AAU) is pleased to announce the 2013/2014 edition of its **Small Grants for Dissertations/Theses Programme** under the Sida Research Cooperation support. The Programme is aimed at facilitating timely completion of doctoral research theses and dissertations, and improving the quality of research within its member institutions.

Eligibility: The Programme is open to graduate students, researchers, lecturers, and staff registered for PhD or MPhil in the nominating universities, and who are preparing dissertations/theses in fields of study that contribute to development, with special preference for the following themes:

1. Economics and related disciplines, especially entrepreneurship in Africa;
2. Engineering and information technology;
3. Education, Gender and HIV/AIDS;
4. Agriculture, Food Security and related disciplines.

Application Procedure: AAU member institutions in good standing on the payment of their subscriptions¹, are invited to nominate a maximum of **THREE (3)** doctoral and **ONE (1)** MPhil candidates each, at least one of who must be female. At most **three** awards will be made in any nominating institution within the limits of available funds. Applications should therefore indicate the **degree of priority** it attaches to each of its four nominees.

Nominations must include the following:

Research Proposal: An original/innovative research proposal of not more than 10 typewritten pages clearly outlining the *Problem Statement, Literature Review, Methodology, Expected Results, a Work Plan and Timetable*.

Status Report: Report indicating progress so far made on the thesis/dissertation, what remains to be done and the additional resources required to complete the project.

Budget: A detailed Budget with expenses clearly linked to specific phases of the proposed activity. The Budget should not exceed US\$4,000 for the PhD and US\$2,000 for MPhil.

Apart from trips for fieldwork in the country in which the research is actually conducted, travel abroad is not funded.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: Nominations are currently being accepted from heads of institutions in good standing from now till February 28, 2014.

Nominations should be sent to:

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