



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY



**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY
DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH AND GRADUATE TRAINING
SUPPORTING EARLY-CAREER ACADEMICS AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY (SECA)
WITH SUPPORT FROM THE CARNEGIE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR EARLY-CAREER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

APPLICATION DUE DATE: 31st JANUARY 2020 5:00 PM

Makerere University received a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York aimed at *Supporting Early-Career Academics at Makerere University (SECA)*. This two-year grant will focus on enhancing the research capacity of Makerere University staff by providing research fellowships to 15 early-career academics, tenable at Makerere University, awarded on a competitive basis, to begin by 2020.

The Directorate of Research and Graduate Training invites applications from eligible Makerere University staff (*see eligibility criteria below*).

The aims of the fellowship program are: first, to identify and support future research leaders across all disciplines, and second, to create a pool of new doctoral supervisors.

Women are strongly encouraged to apply. At least 50 percent of the fellowships will be awarded to female applicants.

Eligibility requirements

- i. Full-time employees of Makerere University on permanent or contractual terms
- ii. PhD holder in any discipline
- iii. Rank of Assistant Lecturer or Lecturer within 10 years of receiving PhD degree.
- iv. Minimum of two peer-reviewed and recognised scholarly publications already published or accepted for publication.
- v. Applicants should not hold another on-going fellowship or major research grant (as PI) at the same time.

Benefits of the Fellowship

The fellowship will include funds for the following:

- 1) A grant worth up to USD 37,700 to cover research expenses
- 2) Participation in two research or disciplinary skills training workshops offered outside Makerere University
- 3) Presentation of papers at two international conferences
- 4) Author fees for two articles published in reputable peer-reviewed journals
- 5) Dissemination of research findings to an appropriate policy or public audience
- 6) Organization of a seminar or workshop series in the fellow's department
- 7) Payment of one year of tuition and research costs for a master's degree student, who will also act as a research assistant
- 8) Mentoring by a senior academic

In addition, the fellow's department will be eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$7,000 to upgrade research infrastructure, for example augmenting internet access, adding to or replacing research technology, and developing of new courses or teaching materials. The fellow's mentor will be sponsored to present a paper at one international conference.

Obligations and Deliverables of the Fellow

Fellows must commit to the following:

- 1) Complete research, dissemination, and departmental activities within two years of the commencement of the fellowship
- 2) Supervise the master's student to completion of the student's dissertation
- 3) Work ethically and professionally with the mentor to hone research and supervisory skills
- 4) Participate in DRGT-organized skills training workshops
- 5) Produce at least two peer-reviewed publications
- 6) Submit regular progress quarterly reports on the fellowship, endorsed by the mentor, to the Project Coordination Office, and the final report no later than one month after the completion of the fellowship (*Template to be provided*). All peer reviewed publications and submitted manuscripts must be attached to the report.

Application Instructions and Procedures

Required documents

- i. A research concept describing the research to be undertaken, not exceeding five pages (**Arial font, size 11, single-spaced**) including a reference list
- ii. A realistic budget with a justification should be attached
- iii. Work-plan and Procurement Plan
- iv. A current CV (maximum 5 pages)
- v. Softcopies of up to four, but not less than two, recent peer-reviewed publications
- vi. A letter from the Head of Department indicating that once successful, the Fellow will be granted protected research time during the fellowship period
- vii. Two recommendation letters from academic referees. The recommendation letters should comment on the character of the applicant in terms of adhering to regulations and deadlines and should be submitted to DRGT by the referees or representatives of the referees but not the applicant. Referees should email the reference letter directly to the Director DRGT at director@rgt.mak.ac.ug with a copy to conference@rgt.mak.ac.ug

Application Instructions

- i. Detailed information about the application and the application form for the fellowship can be obtained from the DRGT website <https://rgt.mak.ac.ug/>
- ii. The application form should be submitted in Microsoft Word in **Arial font, size 11, single-spaced**. Applicants should save their file using the following format:
lastname_firstname_SECA2019.doc
- iii. Applicants must ensure that scanned copies of any attached documents are legible
- iv. Referees should email the reference letter directly to the Director DRGT at director@rgt.mak.ac.ug with a copy to Email: conference@rgt.mak.ac.ug
- v. Electronic submission of application for fellowship with supporting documents should be sent to the Director, Directorate of Research and Graduate Training, Makerere University; Email: director@rgt.mak.ac.ug Copy to: conference@rgt.mak.ac.ug
- vi. Hard copies should be addressed to the Director, Directorate of Research and Graduate Training, Makerere University P.O.BOX 7062 Kampala, Senate Building Level 4, Room 410. Makerere University.

Incomplete applications and all applications that do not meet eligibility and formatting requirements (including page limits) will not be considered. For your application to be considered, it must reach the Director, DRGT by 5:00pm on 31st January, 2020.

For further information, contact:

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