



# DAAD

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## **DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH AND GRADUATE TRAINING (DRGT)**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR COMPETITIVE MASTERS AND PhD SCHOLARSHIPS 2019/20 DAAD In-Country/In-Region Scholarships for Postgraduates, Eastern Africa**

### **Brief description:**

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in collaboration with Makerere University is once again in a position to offer up to 6 PhD scholarships in Plant Breeding and up to 8 Masters scholarships in Environment and Natural Resources for the 2020 intake:

### **Host Institution(s):**

Makerere University, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

### **Application requirements:**

In addition to the specific application requirements of the study programme/course you are applying for, please note the following DAAD application requirements:

- Citizenship of a country in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Bachelor's and / or Master's degree qualification with at least above average results
- Proof of admission to Makerere University to the desired degree programme or official letter assuring admission
- For PhD applicants: Evidence of being a staff of a public or private university (or candidate considered for teaching or research staff recruitment).

### **Duration and commencement:**

The awards are available for up to a maximum of two years (Master) and three years (Ph.D.). The scholarship is initially granted for one year and may be extended upon individual request and receipt of a complete application by using a form to be availed at the appropriate time in the DAAD Portal. The application for renewal has to be submitted at least one month before the scholarship period expires. Please note that this is not a full scholarship, as DAAD will only provide funding as stated in the scholarship information sheet. The value of the scholarship is in the information sheet.

### **Eligible programmes and specific requirements:**

#### ***Master of Science in Environment and Natural Resources***

Applicants are required to fulfil the general minimum entrance requirements of Makerere University. Applicants must possess a good honours degree in relevant disciplines such as natural

sciences, environmental sciences, biological sciences, social sciences, agricultural sciences, engineering, law and humanities from a recognized University/Institution.

### ***PhD in Plant Breeding***

Holds a Master's degree from a University recognized by Makerere University, in Plant breeding or related fields (Examples: Crop Sciences, Genetics, Plant Sciences).

For both MSc and PhD, in addition, applicant should also possess a Ugandan Certificate of Education with at least five passes (or its equivalent) and a Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) with at least two principal passes and one subsidiary pass obtained at the same sitting (or its equivalent).

### **Equal opportunities:**

Female candidates and candidates from less privileged regions or groups as well as candidates with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

### **Application instructions:**

This is the first stage of application. Written applications should be addressed to the Director DRGT, Makerere University and accompanied with certified copies of bachelor/masters degree transcripts and certificates, at least a provisional admission letter or evidence of application for admission, evidence of teaching employment in a University (PhD applicants), and two referees letters. Applications should be submitted in soft (scanned, PDF) or hard copies to Ms. Grace Akol, Directorate of Research and Graduate Training, Research and Publications Office, Lincoln Flat B5, Makerere University, **not later than 5.00 pm on Friday 31st January, 2020**. Soft copies should be E-mailed to: [conference@rgt.mak.ac.ug](mailto:conference@rgt.mak.ac.ug) and for MSc environmental management ([majaliwam@gmail.com](mailto:majaliwam@gmail.com) and [namaalwa.justine@gmail.com](mailto:namaalwa.justine@gmail.com)); for PhD Plant Breeding ([prubaihayo@gmail.com](mailto:prubaihayo@gmail.com)). Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

In the second stage of application, the shortlisted candidates will be guided by DRGT to log onto a DAAD web portal (<https://portal.daad.de/irj/portal>) to register and submit an application and appropriate documents to DAAD Nairobi (see information sheet for scholars, 2019/20; Section 2. DAAD Application documents). DAAD reserves the right of final selection.

### **Selection of candidates:**

A panel constituted by DRGT will screen, rank, pre-select and short-list double the number of candidates as the offer (i.e. 12 and 16 candidates for PhDs and masters, respectively). Shortlist will be based on the quality of the applications, gender balance and the rule that one third of the applicants shall be from another institution and/or country.