

# MAKERERE



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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FOUR (4) PhD SCHOLARSHIPS TENABLE AT  
MAKERERE UNIVERSITY UNDER THE NORHED II PROJECT  
'TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING FOR SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT (TELLS)'**

**Date: DECEMBER 13, 2021**

Makerere University in collaboration with the University of Agder, Norway, University of Rwanda, Rwanda and Jimma University, Ethiopia, is implementing a Six (6) years NORHED II supported Project titled '**Transformative Education and Lifelong Learning for Sustainable Development (TELLS)**'.

TELLS is aimed at developing sufficient stock of gender balanced imaginal/transformational leaders and workforce for sustainable development of sub-Saharan nations. This is envisaged to be achieved through masters and PhD training for future school teachers, research on education of the future, micro-credentialing for lifelong learning and future education infrastructural development, among others.

We now wish to use part of the TELLs grant to provide a total of **Four (4)** PhD scholarships to promising scholars conducting their studies and research at Makerere University in one or a combination of the following broad areas:

- 1) Future Educational Technology for Open, Distance & eLearning
- 2) Fifth generation distance education
- 3) Micro-credentialing in lifelong learning
- 4) Future work markets education
- 5) Imaginal school teacher education
- 6) Imaginal higher education teacher education

The training of the **Four (4)** PhD students will take place at Makerere University, College of Education and External Studies, with possible short supervision visits to the University of Agder, University of Rwanda or Jimma University, depending on the supervision needs for a particular PhD student

We invite interested candidates to apply for these PhD scholarships. The PhD training is expected to commence in January 2022 and will be supported for period of not more than **Four (4)** years on full-time basis. Applicants who are already admitted at Makerere University and still in their first year of PhD studies in the project's areas of focus will also be considered. The training is

preferably by coursework and dissertation on existing PhD curricula in Education, ICT in Education, Information Systems, Higher Education or related fields at Makerere University. Candidates on PhD by Research only may also be considered if they have a quality research proposal approved in a period of less than 6 months from the date of this advert.

### **Eligibility**

The applicant must

- 1) Be holding at least a Master's degree in Instructional Design and Technology, Open, Distance and eLearning, Education, Higher Education, Education Information Systems, Adult and Community Education (or equivalent);
- 2) Be a Ugandan citizen, aged not more than **45 years** at the time of the closing date of receiving the applications;
- 3) Be able to stay in Norway, Rwanda or Ethiopia for a period of at most **Three (3)** months a year for supervision when need arises;
- 4) Not holding any other scholarship for PhD studies;
- 5) Demonstrate the ability to think creatively and work independently and also be able to work in a team of researchers from Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Norway.
- 6) Take on a PhD research project in any of the **Six** (or blend of the) areas named above.

### **Interested applicants should submit the following sets of documents:**

- 1) An application letter for scholarship for PhD studentship;
- 2) A current CV (maximum five pages), which includes a detailed description of previous education at university level (all courses and grades) and a description of current research interests in line with the stated project areas of focus;
- 3) Citizenship Proof – Copy of national identity card or passport;
- 4) Three recent passport size photos;
- 5) A certified copy of the applicant's Master's degree/diploma;
- 6) Copy of admission letter at Makerere University;
- 7) A research Concept Note of maximum 5 pages (guidelines given below);
- 8) At least two recommendation letters from your academic referees. The referee letters should be sent together with the application.

### **The Concept Note must include:**

- 1) A description of the applicant's research interest in any of the above areas;
- 2) A description of the applicant's background in this area/these areas;
- 3) A discussion on the applicant's motivation for conducting PhD studies;
- 4) A discussion on what outputs the applicant expects to realize through the PhD studies.

### **Application procedure**

- 1) All application documents must be zipped up in one file folder.
- 2) Electronic submission of application for scholarship with supporting documents should be sent to the PI of TELLS at Makerere University, **Dr. Paul Birevu Muyinda** on email [paul.birevu@mak.ac.ug](mailto:paul.birevu@mak.ac.ug) with a copy to the Overall Coordinator of NORHED II Programme at



Makerere University on e-mail [mbuyinza@mak.ac.ug](mailto:mbuyinza@mak.ac.ug) and PI University of Agder on [maurice.isabwe@uia.no](mailto:maurice.isabwe@uia.no)

- 3) No hardcopies of application documents will be required given the prevailing covid-19 situation.
- 4) Application submission **deadline is 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 5pm** and interviews will be conducted **at an appropriate date to be communicated**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews. **ANY APPLICATION SENT AFTER THE DEADLINE SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

### ***Selection Process***

These are competitive PhD scholarships. The applications shall be vetted by a selection panel consisting of professors from Makerere University, University of Agder, University of Rwanda and Jimma University. Candidates will also be invited for interviews. **Evidence of already having a teaching position at University will be an added advantage.**

### ***Admission for PhD at Makerere University***

The admission for PhD in Education, Higher Education, ODeL, Information Systems, Adult and Community Education or related field at Makerere University is independent of the scholarship award and hence follows the existing admission processes/regulations of Makerere University. Successful candidates for the scholarship who are not yet admitted at Makerere University will be required to follow Makerere University PhD application procedure and secure admission before commencement of the PhD training in January 2022.

For more details on the different research areas, contact

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**NB: WOMEN ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY**

