



## Call for Applications for MSc travel and research grants Tenable at Makerere University

### **Background**

Makerere University in partnership with Norwegian University of Life Sciences (Norway), Maseno University (Kenya), and LUANAR and DARS (Malawi), and with funding from Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education (Diku), are implementing a four-year collaborative research project titled, “**Building Capacity for Innovation and Advancement of Climate Smart Agriculture in East and Southern Africa**”.

The project seeks to develop multidisciplinary curriculum in agriculture and economics targeted at building knowledge and scientific capacity for innovation and advancement of climate smart agriculture (CSA) in East and Southern Africa. The project intends to achieve this through long-term partnership between and among NMBU and the four partner institutions in Kenya Malawi and Uganda. The project utilizes an approach that targets three thematic areas:

- 1) Transformation of instruction material and methods (curriculum review) that foster exchanges and alliances,
- 2) Enhance research in sustainable Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) innovations and adoption pathways through enhanced linkage between educational and research institutions and,
- 3) Development of CSA platform for outreach and dissemination of proven CSA technologies.

In line with the objectives of this project, two MSc travel and research scholarships are available for interested applicants. The grant will provide partial support for MSc students moving to their second year of study. The project will support applications in the following research areas:

1. Responsive traits to climate change among Mixed Crop Livestock Systems
2. Resilience of Mixed Crop Livestock Systems to climate change
3. Efficiency use of crop residues /non-conventional feed resources to enhance resilience against climate change in Mixed Crop Livestock Systems

### **Eligibility:**

The applicant must have/show:

1. A first degree (First Class or Second Class Upper Division) from a reputable university in a field related to the focus of the project
2. Good command of English (spoken and written)
3. Proof of admission to a Master's Degree programme at Makerere University
4. Proof of satisfactory progress on the MSC program that the applicant is following
5. The programme admitted to MUST have explicit content on climate change mitigation and adaptation
6. Special consideration will be given to students with disabilities, financial challenges, students from ethnic minority groups, internally displaced student, among others
7. This opportunity is open to applicants below 30 years. Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

***The grant covers:***

1. A modest one-off research grant of up to USD 2000
2. Travel grant to Norway and Kenya to draft a proposal and write a MSC dissertation
3. The grant will **NOT** provide tuition and stipend.

***How to apply:***

Applications should include: an application letter, a concept note of not more than 2 pages on the potential research, academic transcripts/certificates and updated CV (including contacts of at least two referees). The application should be processed as a SINGLE document (pdf or word format).

The applications should be sent by email ONLY to: [dnampanzira@gmail.com](mailto:dnampanzira@gmail.com) with a copy to [john.tabuti@mak.ac.ug](mailto:john.tabuti@mak.ac.ug), not later than 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Only the shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.