



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY



CoSTClim - NORPART CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PhD STUDENT MOBILITY TO NORWAY

*Collaborative Action for Strengthening Training Capacities in
Climate Risk and Natural Resource management (CoSTClim)*

1. Introduction

Makerere University in collaboration with Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Uganda Martyrs University (UMU) and Regional Universities Forum (for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) are implementing a five year CoSTClim project (Collaborative Action for Strengthening Training Capacities in Climate Risk and Natural Resource management). The main goal of the project is to improve the quality of training, education and research at the partner institutions with a dedicated focus on **climate risk, disaster risk management and natural resource management**. CoSTClim builds on a range of other capacity development projects funded by the Norwegian Government at the partner institutions, but is more focused on education.

One of the components of CoSTClim is staff and student exchanges through mobilities in both directions i.e. (a) Uganda to Norway and (b) Norway to Uganda. The student mobilities will involve both Masters and PhD registered and progressing well at the partners institutions, pursuing programmes or research which strongly rhymes with the project theme.

At this time, we are inviting applicants from Makerere University for **PhD student mobility** to Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) for starting in January 2025. The project will provide funds to successful applicants for a **3 month stay at NTNU in Trondheim, Norway**. It is envisaged that the successful students will leverage the time at NTNU to advance their progress on the PhD programme they are enrolled in. Clear outputs, benefits and outcomes from the mobility should be well articulated by the applicants. Potential applicants are encouraged to familiarize with the resources including staff and research focal areas at the collaborating department at NTNU (www.ntnu.edu/geography). The main supervision responsibility for the PhD students will remain with the supervisors at Makerere, but NTNU scholars will provide some complementary supervision, mentorship or assistance towards a publication. The PhD students will also get the opportunity to participate in other academic activities at NTNU.

2. Eligibility

- i. The applicant should be a **registered student** in a relevant PhD programme at Makerere University.

- ii. The applicant should have collected some data for their project and is at the stage of writing his/her dissertation or a manuscript. The planned time in Norway should be geared at developing a concrete output
- iii. The focus of the research of the applicant should align strongly to climate risk or disaster risk management or natural resource management.

3. Application procedure

Interested and eligible PhD students should send the following;

- a) A one page application letter
- b) A motivation statement and plan for the time at NTNU (2 pages maximum)
- c) A clear work plan on the activities that will be undertaken at NTNU and the expected output
- d) Concept note detailing the research and progress registered (5 pages maximum)
- e) Evidence of admission and Progress on the PhD program at Makerere University
- f) A brief CV (2 pages) and copy of the master's transcript

Application with all the required documents should be submitted by email to ***all the four contacts below*** in one message. The application deadline is **Monday 30th September 2024.**

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Short listed applicants will be invited to complete educational procedures at NTNU under the exchange arrangement. A scholarship award will be issued once formalities have been successfully completed at NTNU.

5. Beginning of the mobility and scope of the scholarship

Successful applicants are expected to begin their tenure at NTNU in January 2025, spending a maximum of 3 months. The scholarships will cover:

- a. One return air ticket to Trondheim
- b. Monthly stipend of **23 000 NOK for 3 months**. The stipend is intended to cater for accommodation and living expenses while in Norway.
- c. Visa/residence permit costs
- d. Travel and Health Insurance