

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM (MakNCD)

Call for Applications: **Master's Training Opportunity**

The Makerere University Non-Communicable Diseases Research Training Program (MakNCD), supported through the NIH D43 mechanism, is a multidisciplinary research and capacity-building initiative aimed at strengthening non-communicable disease (NCD) research, prevention, and management in Uganda and the wider sub-Saharan Africa region.

MakNCD is pleased to invite applications for Master's level training in the following disciplines:

- **Master of Public Health (MPH),**
- **Master of Business Administration (MBA),**
- **Master of Public Health monitoring and Evaluation**

These training opportunities are intended to build a critical mass of professionals equipped with research, leadership, health systems, and management skills relevant to addressing the growing burden of NCDs in low- and middle-income countries.

About the MakNCD Program

The Makerere University Non-Communicable Disease (MAK-NCD) Research Training Program is a research capacity building program based at Makerere University College of Health Sciences with collaboration at John Hopkins University and funded by the United States National Institute of Health-Fogarty International Centre (D43TW011401). The overall goal of this training program is to develop a comprehensive mentored research-training program in Uganda that will build local capacity to address the challenges of NCD control and management and promote the use of research findings to inform decision-making and policy.

Training Focus and Expectations

Successful applicants will:

- Be enrolled full-time in an approved Master's program at Makerere University
- Pursue coursework and research aligned with non-communicable diseases, including but not limited to health systems strengthening, health monitoring and evaluation, health policy and management, implementation science, and leadership
- Develop a Master's research project relevant to NCD policy, program management, or outcomes monitoring
- Participate in MakNCD seminars, mentorship activities, and research capacity-building initiatives

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants should meet the following minimum requirements:

- A relevant Bachelor's degree from a recognized institution
- Demonstrated interest in non-communicable diseases and health systems research
- Admission to, or application in progress for, a relevant Master's program at Makerere University
- Strong academic performance and motivation for research and leadership in NCDs

Scholarship/Training Support

Selected candidates will receive MakNCD-supported training, which may include:

- **Tuition and/or partial financial support** (subject to availability)
- **Research mentorship and supervision**
- **Access to NCD research networks** and professional development activities

The training period will be full-time and aligned with the standard duration of the Master's program (up to two years).



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Interested applicants should submit the following documents electronically:

- 1) **A concept note** (2–3 pages) describing the proposed Master's research topic related to NCDs
- 2) **NIH Bio sketch /Curriculum Vitae** (maximum 4 pages)
- 3) Contact details of **two academic or professional referees**

EMAIL SUBJECT LINE (RECOMMENDED):

APPLICATION – Doctoral Scholarship – MakNCD MSc

FILE NAMING CONVENTION (RECOMMENDED):

LastName_FirstName_DocumentName (e.g., Batte_Charles_CV.pdf)

Applications should be addressed to:

The MakNCD Program Principal Investigator

Makerere University College of Health Sciences

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Only
shortlisted
candidates
will be
contacted.