

Call for Research Support Applications from Master's Students who have Completed their First Year of Taught Classes at Makerere University

Makerere University, in partnership with Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Independent University of Bangladesh, Eduardo Mondlane University, and Pokhara University, with funding from Norwegian Programme for Capacity Development in Higher Education and Research for Development (NORHED), is implementing a project: '**Co-creating Knowledge for Local Adaptation to Climate Change in LDCs (COLOCAL)**'. The expected outputs of the project include strengthened educational and research capacity, improved knowledge on inclusive Locally Led Adaptation (LLA) and Community Based Adaptation (CBA) including delivering skilled knowledge co-creators, and partnerships to support needs-driven, locally-based and contextually sensitive adaptation. The outputs are anticipated to influence policy, planning and practice around LLA and CBA through collaborative learning and knowledge translation.

In line with targets and activities for 2026/2027, COLOCAL project is offering research support for three (3) Master's students who have completed their first academic year of taught classes at Makerere University and are interested in undertaking research under one of the following thematic areas. The students **MUST** have undertaken the course offered under the auspices of the project on **Disability, Social Justice and Climate Resilient Development**.

Requirements:

- A first degree from a reputable university in a field related to the focus of the project
- Ugandan citizen below 35 years
- Good command of English (spoken and written)
- Demonstrated interest in inclusive and climate resilient development
- Evidence of practical experience in conducting relevant research during and after undergraduate level
- Evidence of full payment of all university fees for the first academic year
- The Masters programme being undertaken **MUST** have explicit content on climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Special consideration will be given to students with disabilities, financial challenges, students from ethnic minority groups, internally displaced students, among others

Scholarship and study/research conditions

Availability to complete all research activities in a maximum of 10 months.

Scope of the scholarship

The project will specifically cover stipends and support for field activities only. Support with tuition fees, for the research year, will be provided for students who will complete and submit the research thesis for examination within 10 months from the date of receiving the scholarship offer letter.

How to apply

Interested and eligible candidates should submit the following documents: Application letter, research concept note of not more than 2 pages, academic transcripts/certificates, an updated CV (including contacts of at least two referees) and two recommendation letters.

Send applications via email to: colocal.caes@mak.ac.ug, not later than **20th May, 2026**. This contact can as well be used for inquiries, where necessary.