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**RE-ADVERTISED CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR PHD SCHOLARSHIP IN  
AGRICULTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RWANDA UNDER PROTeinAfrica  
PROJECT**

**I. Background**

The department of Crop Sciences, School of Agriculture and Food Sciences, University of Rwanda is calling for application for one PhD scholarship where the successful candidate will be admitted to a PhD by research in Agriculture at the University of Rwanda. The funding will come from the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) through PROTeinAfrica, a project jointly implemented by the University of Rwanda and the International center for Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) in Kenya.

**II. PhD program**

This PhD program by research will include the covering of two modules namely “Research methodology” and “Academic writing”. These modules will be taught from the University of Rwanda at Busogo campus. The PhD dissertation supervision will be jointly done by professors from the University of Rwanda and an expert from ICIPE. The expected duration is 3 years with a possible extension of 1 year. However, the funding is only available for 3 years.

**III. Funding**

Funded by ACIAR through PROTeinAfrica project, this scholarship will cover tuition fees, monthly stipend during the period of PhD study and research cost.

**IV. Role of the PhD student**

The successful candidate will be required to conduct research in agriculture, particularly in relation to the production of black soldier fly (BSF) frass fertilizer and assessment of its effect on soil fertility and climbing bean productivity. In addition, he/ she will support the project coordinator for Rwanda in other aspects of the project implementation.

**V. Eligibility criteria**

***Essential eligibility criteria***

- i. Being of Rwandan nationality
- ii. Having a Master’s Degree in Crop Sciences with outstanding grades
- iii. At least one-year experience with frass fertilizer production through BSF rearing
- iv. Being English proficient

***Desired eligibility criteria***

Familiarity with the Rwandan BSF farming context is an added value for the candidate selection.



## VI. Application file

Interested candidates are required to submit the following documents:

- i. An application letter addressed to the Director – UR Centre for Postgraduate Studies
- ii. Recommendation letters from at least two academic or professional referees; one of the recommendation letters should preferably be from the Master's Degree supervisor.
- iii. Certified copies of Bachelor and Master's degree and corresponding transcripts
- iv. Copies of valid national ID or passport
- v. Updated CV (max 3 pages)
- vi. A maximum 5 pages research proposal in agriculture with focus on BSF frass fertilizer application for improved crop fertility.

## VII. How to apply

Please send the above mentioned documents (scanned and saved in one folder) to the following email: [ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw](mailto:ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw), Tel: 07929 88304 with copy to [d.ndahimana@ur.ac.rw](mailto:d.ndahimana@ur.ac.rw), Tel: + 250 788 736 184 the project coordinator for Rwanda.

## VIII. Submission deadline

The deadline for application is 05/ 04/ 2024 at the latest. Applications received beyond this deadline will not be considered.

## IX. Recruitment process

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to the interview on dates that will be communicated through their respective emails.

## X. Contact details for more information

For more information on this call, contact Dr. Didace Ndahimana, the project coordinator for Rwanda, at the following address: Email: [d.ndahimana@ur.ac.rw](mailto:d.ndahimana@ur.ac.rw), Tel: + 250 788 736 184 and Ms. Mukangonga Christine email: [ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw](mailto:ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw), Tel: 07929 88304

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