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**CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR TWO POST-DOC FELLOWSHIPS UNDER THE  
UR/SWEDEN PROGRAMME THE SUB-PROGRAM “PEACE, CONFLICT AND  
SECURITY”**

**Background**

Under the UR-Sweden Program for Research, Higher Education and Institutional Development, the Center for Conflict Management (CCM), College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS) at the University of Rwanda (UR), has, in collaboration with the School of Global Studies at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden (SGS), for more than fifteen years received grants from the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida) for capacity building. Starting from July 2019 parts of the grant will be used for post-doc fellowships aimed at making CCM a strong and internationally competitive research environment.

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**Fellowship 1:**

The fellowship is open to research in the wider area of the sub-program’s research focus. Applicants are expected to carry out research in any of the areas of Peace Studies, Conflict Studies, Security Studies, Genocide Studies, Reconciliation and post-conflict reconstruction, Transitional justice and Peacebuilding, Development Studies, Global Studies, Environmental Social Sciences, Political Ecology, Governance studies, Human rights and humanitarian law and gender studies.

**Fellowship 2:**

This fellowship is linked to an ongoing research project at SGS, which analyses possible links between national ownership and local participation in aid recipient countries by investigating manifestations of external influence and local engagement respectively, in the areas of decentralization, community forestry and NGO legislation. The postdoc fellow is expected to carry out research related to relationship principles in international development cooperation, as manifested in concepts such as ownership and participation, and with empirical focus on one or several of the areas of decentralization, community forestry and NGO legislation. Depending on the postdoc project, the fellowship is foreseen to imply close collaboration with, and integrated mentorship by, the SGS-researchers in the project, including joint data collection and analyses, resulting in joint publications.





### **Duties:**

The aim of the scholarship is to facilitate the academic career development of the successful candidate. The grantee is furthermore expected to play a proactive role in contributing to a thriving research environment at CCM by:

- Independently conducting research
- Publishing the results of the project in internationally recognized journals (the grantee is expected to publish two articles in recognized international peer-reviewed journals)
- Organizing the regular CCM research seminar (one per semester)
- Organizing one major academic workshop within the duration of the postdoc.

The fellowship includes two visits of three months to the School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg. Both CCM and SGS assign a mentor to the successful candidate. The grants are awarded on a competitive basis and the selection will be done jointly by the UR and SGS. We especially welcome female applicants and/or proposals including a gender perspective.

### **Eligibility**

The candidate should:

- be a Rwanda Citizen
- be a UR's employee
- have attained the PhD degree within the last 7 years
- have been working for UR for at least 2 years since he obtained a PhD
- have his/her research interests within the core area of the sub-program's research focus (peace, conflict and security, development, poverty reduction and environmental degradation)
- Accept to be involved in CCM teaching, research and supervisions activities upon completion of the postdoc fellowship.

### **Application files will include the following:**

- Application letter addressed to the Director of the University of Rwanda Centre for Postgraduate Studies (UR CPGS).
- For fellowship 1: A 3-page research proposal on a topic related to peace, conflict and security, development, poverty reduction or environmental degradation.
- For fellowship 2: A 3-page research proposal related to national ownership and local participation in international development cooperation, with an empirical focus on one or several of the areas of decentralization, community forestry and NGO legislation.
- Detailed CV clearly indicating previous university education and publications (or articles accepted for publication including a letter of certification from the editor)
- PhD dissertation
- Copy of national identity card, passport and one recent passport photo





- Notarized copy of PhD degree

**Selection:**

The assessment looks primarily at

- research proposal
- the CV
- previous publications and/or PhD dissertation
- in line with UR's gender policy and UR's commitment to bridge the gender gap in research and teaching at UR; all things being equal, female candidate shall be preferred

**How to apply**

The complete hard copy application files should be submitted to the office of the Director of the UR-CPGS at UR Head-Quarters (Gikondo Campus) with a copy to the Director of the Center for Conflict Management (CCM) at UR-Gikondo Campus.

A soft copy of the application should be sent electronically to **all** of the following recipients no later than **15 December, 2019** at **5:00 p.m.**

Gloriose Gashaija Umulisa, the scholarship officer at UR ([gashayijagloriose@gmail.com](mailto:gashayijagloriose@gmail.com)) and a copy to: the Director of the Center for conflict management on [amshyaka@gmail.com](mailto:amshyaka@gmail.com), and [gunilla.blomqvist@globalstudies.gu.se](mailto:gunilla.blomqvist@globalstudies.gu.se)

Eligible applicants will be invited for an interview for the final selection of the Candidate.

Done at Kigali, on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Dr Celestin NTIVUGURUZWA**

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