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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PHD STUDIES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN  
THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS, AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF RWANDA WITHIN THE RESEARCH TRAINING  
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME ON SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT RESEARCH**

**1. Background**

The School of Business (SoB) of the College of Business and Economics (CBE), University of Rwanda (UR) in partnership with Jönköping International Business School (JIBS), Umeå School of Business, Economics, and Statistics (USBES) and Karlstad Business School (KBS) calls for applications for funding to the candidates to be admitted in the PhD in management by course work. The 4<sup>th</sup> phase of the UR-Sweden program (2019-2024) provides the scholarship. The Swedish Government is the sponsor of the program. The scholarships are tenable at the School of Business, College of Business and Economics, and the University of Rwanda awards the PhD degree on successful completion of the requirements. The program is run by the SoB-CBE in collaboration with JIBS, USBES, and KBS of Sweden.

**2. The PhD programme**

This call is for six positions to be enrolled for a PhD program in the School of Business, College of Business and Economics of the University of Rwanda. The duration of the PhD program is four years starting in October 2021 and ends in October 2025. The PhD program consists of course work, research proposal development, field work, paper writing and publications, thesis preparation, submission, and defense. The courses shall be taught jointly by the UR-CBE/SoB and its collaborating Swedish Institutions as well as by partner universities from Eastern Africa. The students' research shall be supervised jointly by the professors at the collaborating universities and UR-CBE-SoB staff.

**3. Funding**

The scholarship covers the supervision fees, field work of research, minor equipment, and trips to international conferences for six PhD candidates. Scholarship recipients are expected to be associated with UR and serve the University of Rwanda for a minimum of 5 years after their graduation from the program.

**4. Role of the PhD student**

Applications are invited from the candidates to do research in the focused research areas prioritized by international, national and UR interdisciplinary research policies to improve managerial efficiency in the three sectors of the Rwandan economy namely, agriculture, manufacturing, and services.



The PhD dissertation should focus on any discipline of management across the three sectors that are important to the growth and development of the country.

In the agriculture sector, focus will be on agro-processing and value chain, industrial and rural development, role of cooperatives in agricultural transformation. In the manufacturing sector, research in innovation and indigenous manufacturing capacity, family business, entrepreneurship and small-scale business and quality management may be focused on. In the service sector, services management (finance, banking, insurance, transport, and tourism), trade and regional integration, management of change and efficiency of public-private partnerships shall be the key sub-themes for research undertaking. The research by the candidates to be able to contribute to knowledge advancement, inform policy, that would lead to sustainable growth and development of the country.

#### 5. General eligibility criteria

- Permanent staff of the University of Rwanda.
- Should be a citizen of Rwanda
- Prior research (research assistantships), publications, and teaching experience will be valued.
- Ready to continue working at the University of Rwanda after completion of the PhD studies.
- Male applicants below the age of 40 years of age and female applicants below 45 years of age are given priority for PhD funding.

#### 6. Specific eligibility criteria

##### Essential criteria:

- The candidate should hold a MSc degree in any area of business studies, accounting, management, commerce, or related fields.
- The candidate must be English proficient

##### Desired criteria

- The candidate is expected to contribute to teaching in the School of Business during the period of study for a teaching load of maximum 20%. Other side activities, assignments, consultancies, or employment are strongly discouraged.
- Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply



## 7. How to apply

Interested applicants should submit the following:

- Application letter addressed to the UR-CPGS for the PhD position in management at the School of Business, CBE, University of Rwanda.
- A two-page motivation letter explaining why the applicant is interested, suitable and eligible for the program of study.
- Two recommendation letters from two academic or professional referees. One of the recommendation letters should be issued by a previous academic supervisor ( master's degree supervisor)
- Administrative confirmatory letter from the CBE Principal
- Certified copy of the relevant highest prior degree (Master's degree)
- Copies of valid identification card or passport
- Copy of the Master dissertation
- Current CV (maximum of 3 pages) with full name, e-mail, date of birth, sex, formal education at previous university, including full specification of the Masters' degree specialization, teaching experience, previous experience relevant to the programme, present position, scientific publications and/or any other academic experience that may be relevant.
- Research proposal on any of the themes and sub-themes mentioned above in not exceeding 7 pages with i) Background ii) Research problem statement, iii) Brief and focused literature, iv) Research questions/hypothesis v) Research methodology vi) Expected outcomes, academic and policy relevance and vii) Research schedule and the budget estimate
- The proposal must have less than 10% similarity tested with Turnitin. Please check your application carefully before submission. Proposals contained copied material from other sources without proper referencing will be turned down.
- Please send the above mentioned documents (scanned and saved in one document) to the following email: UR CPGS email: [ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw](mailto:ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw) with a copy to the Sustainable Management Research subprogram leader ([smutarinda@gmail.com](mailto:smutarinda@gmail.com)) Please name the application folder with your name and document name.

## 8. Submission deadline

- The deadline for application is 5 pm, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. Applications received beyond the deadline will not be processed.

## 9. Contact details for more information:

For more details about the call, please contact Samuel Mutarindwa, Sustainable Management Research Program Team Leader ([smutarinda@gmail.com](mailto:smutarinda@gmail.com) )



#### 10. Recruitment process

- The candidates will be notified if they are called for an interview. Interviews with shortlisted applicants will be conducted from the 29<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2021.
- The recruitment team includes senior staff from the School of Business, College of Business and Economics, UR and from Jönköping International Business School. Successful candidates will be notified a couple of weeks after the interview and expected to start on their new position on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2021

Done at Kigali August 10, 2021

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