



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ONE PHD SCHOLARSHIP IN
LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE AT THE SCHOOL OF
LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF BORAS,
SWEDEN, SIDA PROJECT AND THE SUB-PROGRAM: "LIBRARY"**

BACKGROUND

The University of Rwanda (UR), under its cooperation with the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), wishes to support one student to undertake a PhD studies in Library and Information Science at the University of Borås in Sweden from January 2020-June, 2024.

The objective of supporting this PhD training is to equip UR with Librarians who are not only competent in managing its libraries but also can efficiently support the development of research at UR and be also engaged in research and teaching in Library and Information Sciences.

FUNDING

The PhD project in sandwich mode is funded by the UR-Sweden Programme for Research, Higher Education and Institutional Advancement.

MODE: Sandwich (Seven Months in Sweden and five months in Rwanda per year).

ELIGIBILITY

1. Rwandan Citizen and permanent member of UR staff
2. Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from a recognized University
3. Be a Library staff at the University of Rwanda
4. English proficient or has a university degree from a university where the medium of instruction is English.
5. Be ready to continue working with UR after completion of the studies for the duration of five (5) years: a) contribute to the university library development and/or b) to contribute to the development of research and teaching at the University of Rwanda, especially in the field of Library and Information Science.
6. In line with UR's gender policy and UR's commitment to bridge gender gap in academic (teaching and research) jobs; all things being equal, female candidate shall be given preference

INTERESTED APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

1. An application for scholarship for PhD studies in Library and Information Science at the University of Boras in Sweden.
2. Research concept note with a maximum of 5 pages (see concept note format below)
3. A certified copy of Bachelors and Master's Degree certificates and transcripts
4. Summary of Masters Dissertation (2500 words)
5. At least 3 recommendation letters (2 from senior academicians and 1 from the administrative supervisor at current employment)



6. A copy of the National ID
7. A current CV

IMPORTANT NOTES ON THE PhD CONCEPT NOTE

Research themes:

Please select a theme of your choice from the list below and develop your PhD Research concept note

1. Information Use/ Information behavior
2. Digitization and digital Libraries (eg. Digitizing cultural heritage of Rwanda)
3. Libraries , Culture policy and Information Policy
4. Online collections acquisition and management
5. Bibliometrics
6. Open access and Open research data
7. Local language resources (digitized and online) and their acquisition in libraries

The concept note format:

Project Title:

Name of Applicant:

PhD Research area and Discipline

Project Motivation:

Applicants must motivate why they are interested in PhD Research area (200 words).

Project Summary:

An overall description the background of your anticipated PhD research concept and what you want to achieve, (Maximum 500 words)

Research Problem:

Description of the research problem(s) you intend to address (300 words)

Literature Review:

Provide a description of the methodology and research approaches that have been used by previous researchers on the problem you wish to address in your PhD study. Based on the literature review, demonstrate how the existing knowledge and gaps will inform your own research and illustrate how your PhD project will contribute to new scientific knowledge (600 words maximum).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Application Deadline:

Applications should be submitted not later than 30th September, 2019 at 17:00.

A recruitment panel from the University of Rwanda and Swedish Universities will proceed to the analysis of application files.



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How to apply:

Interested candidates are requested to submit their applications in hard copies to the office the Director of UR-CPGS at the UR Head-Quarters (Gikondo Campus);

A soft copy of the application shall be sent to Mrs. Gloriose Umulisa Gashayija, Scholarships Officer at UR-CPGS (email: gashayijagloriose@gmail.com) with a copy to the University Librarian, University of Rwanda Head Quarter

KK 737st Gikondo, Rwanda, Po. Box 4285 Kigali, Rwanda

Email: Universitylibrarian@ur.ac.rw; namulemerobinah@gmail.com and veronica.trepagny@hb.se

Notification:

Shortlisted candidates will be notified on **15th October, 2019.**

Date of interview:

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interviews that will be conducted in **October, 2019.**

For more information:

Applicants can contact the Project PI, Robinah Kalemeera Namuleme, PhD

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Done at Kigali, on 13th August 2019

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