



**Call for applications for Scholarships to Study Masters (2) and PhD/Post Doctorate (1) under the Collaboration for Evidence-Based Healthcare and Public Health in Africa (CEBHA+).**

**Background**

The University of Rwanda is implementing a project on the “*Collaboration for Evidence-Based Healthcare and Public Health in Africa (CEBHA+)*”, to build long-term capacity and infrastructure for evidence-based healthcare and public health in Africa, including primary research, evidence synthesis, and evidence-based policy-and-practice. The vision of CEBHA+ is to build a lasting South-South and North-South research collaboration, increase capacity and a sustainable infrastructure for evidence-based public health among researchers and the health workforce in Africa, and generate high-quality primary research and systematic reviews for priority health interventions in Africa. In addition, CEBHA+ aim to increase the number and quality of evidence-based guidelines and policies developed, adapted and implemented in Africa.

The aim of the University of Rwanda-CEBHA+ is to generate research evidence to inform policies and practices to prevent diabetes, hypertension and road traffic injuries in Rwanda and sub-Saharan Africa, in general.

**Call for application**

University of Rwanda through CEBHA+ project invites the interested applicants to pursue master’s degree (2) and PhD/Post doctorate (1), studies that will not exceed two years from May 2020, to apply for the scholarships mentioned, with study areas in Hypertension, Diabetes or Injuries. The candidate should not have any other scholarships.

**Funding**

- University of Rwanda - CEBHA+ project that is funded by GIZ, will fund the studies and the funding will include;
  - o Tuition fees at the University of Rwanda (for Masters and PhD candidates), research study expenses, conferences or required capacity building courses.

**Requirements**

- o **Master’s applicant**
  - a) With admission at the University of Rwanda in Master’s program in; Medicine, Health Sciences, Public Health, Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Meta-Analysis.
  - b) Eligible candidates should be a permanent staff of the University of Rwanda (UR) or from University Teaching hospitals and National Referral Hospitals, in Rwanda.





○ **PhD applicant**

- a) With admission at the University of Rwanda in PhD program in; Medicine, Health Sciences, Public Health, Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Data Science and Meta-analysis,
- b) At least two years' experience in research or work in the areas related to NCDs, preferably; Hypertension, Diabetes or Injuries.
- c) Eligible candidates should be a permanent staff of the University of Rwanda (UR) or from University Teaching Hospitals and National Referral Hospitals, in Rwanda.

○ **Post Doctorate applicant**

- a) Have obtained PhD within the last 5 years in the areas of; Medicine, Health Sciences, Public Health, Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Data Sciences and Meta-analysis,
- b) Have at least two years' experience in research or work in the areas of Hypertension, Diabetes or Injuries.
- c) Have a research proposal in the research areas related to Hypertension, Diabetes or Injuries.
- d) Eligible candidates should be a permanent staff of the University of Rwanda (UR) or from University Teaching Hospitals and National Referral Hospitals, in Rwanda.

In addition to the conduction of self-proposed research studies, the following will also be among some of responsibilities of post doctorate candidate in the CEBHA+ project;

- a. To provide technical and conceptual support to the PhD students;
- b. Collaborate with the CEBHA+ team to conduct capacity building activities of the project;
- c. Work with CEBHA+ team to disseminate and conduct Integrated Knowledge Translation (IKT) to policy makers, practitioners and other stakeholders.

**Application file (for all applicants)**

1. Application letter addressed to the Director of the Centre for Postgraduate Studies, University of Rwanda in which you commit to comply with University of Rwanda capacity building policy and procedure.
2. Admission Letters in the program you are applying scholarship for
3. Motivation letter: should address commitment, statement of goals, objectives and reasons for the program.
4. For PhD/ Post PhD: A Research proposal that provides a brief summary of the background, research questions, objectives, methodology and the research plan developed on a chosen topic that is related to CEBHA+ objectives; as mentioned above).
5. Curriculum Vitae.



6. Copy of last degree obtained
7. Copy of National Identity Card or Passport
8. Recommendation letters from at least two individuals of which one should at least be from academia

**How to apply:**

Interested and qualified applicants are requested to send their documents as described above by email to Gloriose Gashaija Umulisa, the scholarship officer at UR ([gashaijagloriose@gmail.com](mailto:gashaijagloriose@gmail.com)) and copy to Project PI: [s.rulisa@gmail.com](mailto:s.rulisa@gmail.com) and Project Coordinator: [ntawuseleman@nursph.org](mailto:ntawuseleman@nursph.org) not later than 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 5:00pm.

**Key dates (Timeline):**

1. The deadline for application is 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 5:00pm.
2. Not later than 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the list of shortlisted applicants will be published on UR Website and invited for interviews.
3. Interviews will be organised not later than 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020
4. Successful applicants will receive the nomination letters for scholarships not later than 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

**For more information**

Applicants can contact Project Coordinator on [ntawuseleman@nursph.org](mailto:ntawuseleman@nursph.org) or 0788733451.

*Done at Kigali on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2020*

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