



CALL FOR POST-DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP IN TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED LEARNING

I. Background

The School of Education of the University of Rwanda-College of Education (UR) in financial support of the “Transformative Higher Education and Lifelong Learning for Sustainable Growth (TELLS)” has secured funds for capacity development in higher education and research. It is in this regard that an offer is here being advertised for One (1) **Postdoctoral Fellow/ Postdoctoral Researcher** in Technology Enhanced learning (TEL).

II. Project description

The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, NORAD, supported North-South-South university partnerships through the “Norwegian Programme for Capacity Development in Higher Education and Research for Development (NORHED)” launched in 2012.

In line with the above, a 5 years’ (2019-2024) project “Enhancing Quality and Internationalization of Study Programme Through Mobile Transformative Pedagogy (EQIP)” that works between University of Agder (Norway), Makerere University (Uganda) and University of Rwanda has been developed in 2019 under NORHED I (2013-2019). The University of Agder, Makerere University and University of Rwanda are collaborating to review curricula, increase students and staff mobilities & build capacity to produce graduates with access to international networks, equipped with intercultural competence and other 21st century skills. The focus is on internationalizing and transforming teaching and learning methods for “educational sciences” and “ICT” master study programmes that can produce professionals and faculty with the competence to revolutionize education for future jobs. These programmes are Multimedia & Educational Technology, Instructional Design & Technology, Information Systems, Curriculum & Instruction and Software Engineering. The project is implemented in the University of Rwanda College of Education and the University of Rwanda College of Science and Technology.

In 2021, under NORHED II programme (2021-2026), a new Grant Agreement for a 5 years’ project (2021-2026) called “Transformative Higher Education and Lifelong Learning for Sustainable Growth (TELLS)” on capacity development in higher education and research has also been signed between NORAD and the University of Agder (UiA). NORAD aims to strengthen the capacity of higher education institutions in developing countries to produce higher-quality graduates, more and higher quality research, and more inclusive higher education. NORAD wishes to support university partnerships for North-South-South academic collaboration, as outlined in the NORHED II Programme Document.



TELLS is a joint effort between Makerere University in Uganda, University of Rwanda, Jimma University in Ethiopia, and the University of Agder in Norway. Important topics on the TELLs education and research agenda are lifelong learning, new certificate structures, digital inclusion, embracing diversity, gender equality, 21st century “soft-skills”, enhanced capacity by using artificial intelligence, new pedagogical models, virtual student and staff exchange, and policies for the digital age.

III. Role of Postdoctoral Fellow/ Postdoctoral Researcher

The main goal of a postdoctoral fellowship is to develop professional and academic skills while improving and contributing to institutional research. Hence, under mentorship and supervisory guidance of an experienced team of experienced researchers at University of Rwanda College of Education, the Postdoctoral Fellow/Research will be expected to:

- Participate in postgraduate teaching, assessment and review of academic programmes aligned with ICT in education/Instructional Technology at UR CE.
- Design and conduct highly specialized and advanced research in ICT in education/Instructional Technology/Technology Enhanced Learning.
- Summarize findings and publish results in renowned research journals (at least 2 publications per year in Scopus indexed journals)
- Develop ideas/concepts/proposals that would attract funds/grants for the university of Rwanda.
- Explore and embrace academic, research and professional networks at national, regional, and global level.

IV. Funding and logistics

All academic costs related to this Post Doctoral offer being here advertised will be covered by TELLs project. These include tuition fees, research fees, publication fees, and conference fees.

On the top of these, any other needed stationery/equipment to carry out different research projects (at both supervisory team and the Post Doctoral fellow) will be assessed and then procured.

V. Application requirements

- Be an academic staff member of the University of Rwanda
- Be a Rwandan by nationality
- Have a PhD in Education or Computer Science with proven research publications/outputs in ICT in education/Instructional Technology.



VI. Application file

The interested candidates should submit the following documents:

- A motivation letter addressed to the Director of the CPGS which demonstrates commitment and reasons for applicant's interest in this programme,
- A detailed curriculum vitae (CV),
- Notified copies of previous degrees,
- Three recommendation letters from academic senior staff members, one preferably from the university/lecturer/supervisor for PhD degree programme.

VII. Specific eligibility criteria

- Be fluent in English, both orally and in writing
- Female applicants will be given a competitive advantage in line with UR gender policy and UR's commitment to bridge the gender gap in research and teaching.

VIII. Selection methodology

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

IX. How to apply and key dates

A complete application file in a zipped folder should be sent to UR-CPGS officer through email: ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw with copy to the Coordinator of Postgraduate studies at the School of Education of UR-CE email: leobuhigiro@gmail.com

Applications should be submitted not later than May 31st, 2023 at 5:00 pm

X. Who to contact for any further information.

For any other detailed information regarding this call, kindly contact Dr Mathias Nduwingoma, TELLS Project Manager Tel: +250788897814 Email: ndumathias2001@yahoo.com

Done at Kigali, on May 15th, 2023

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