



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A PhD PROGRAM BY COURSEWORK IN
PEACE, CONFLICT AND SECURITY RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
RWANDA –COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE/CENTER FOR
CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (CCM)**

The Management of the University of Rwanda is pleased to invite interested and qualified candidates to apply for a PhD program by coursework in Peace, Conflict and Security Research offered in the College of Arts and Social Sciences through its Center for Conflict Management (CCM),

I. Background

Under the UR-Sweden Program for Research, Higher Education and Institutional Advancement, the CCM, College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS) at the University of Rwanda (UR), has, in collaboration with the School of Global Studies (SGS) at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, for more than fifteen years received grants from the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida) for capacity building. Starting from April 2020 a significant share of the grant will be used to establish and run a PhD program by coursework in Peace, Conflict and Security Research at CCM aimed at making CCM a strong and internationally competitive research environment.

It is within this framework that the University of Rwanda now announces the PhD program in Peace, Conflict and Security research. This is a four-year full-time program (April 2020-March 2024) consisting of one year of courses followed by three years of preparation and production of a PhD thesis. Each PhD student will be provided two supervisors, one from Rwanda and one from Sweden, for the full program period. The admitted student is expected to present her/his research at two international conferences and make at least two visits of two to three months to the SGS, University of Gothenburg in Sweden.

The PhD program is primarily open for candidates with an employment at UR. The candidate should have an academic background in one of CCM's core fields of research (see under Eligibility). The UR especially welcomes female applicants. Non-UR staff who meet the eligibility criteria are also encouraged to apply.





II. Eligibility Criteria

The candidate should:

- Be a Rwanda Citizen;
- Have a Masters degree or equivalent awarded at advanced level (second cycle courses and programs) specializing in Peace Studies, Conflict Studies, Security Studies, Genocide Studies, Reconciliation, Development Studies, Poverty Reduction, Environmental Social Sciences, Political Ecology, Governance, Human Rights, Gender studies, or any other relevant topic;
- Present a clear PhD research proposal or outline (maximum 2000 words);
- Have substantiated ability to express oneself in English both orally and in writing

III. Required application documents

The application files should include the following:

- A short cover letter (1-2 A4 pages, written in English) concerning the applicant's motivation for the research, ambitions and approach towards PhD studies in general and the PhD project in particular. Here the applicant should motivate why she/he should be selected for the position;
- A PhD research proposal (including research problem and question, contribution to previous research, discussion of theoretical and methodological approach);
- A detailed CV;
- A copy of the national ID/Passport;
- A notified copy of a Masters degree or equivalence delivered by an accredited University;
- Transcripts of courses with grades;
- A copy of master thesis (or equivalent), and if relevant, other scientific publications;
- Two reference letters and contact information from academic references that are familiar with the applicant's competence and skills;
- Documentation of English proficiency;
- Funding plan;
- Any other relevant documents to support the application.





IV. Selection criteria

The assessment will primarily consider:

- Administrative requirements as listed above;
- Relevance of the PhD research proposal;
- Relevance of the master thesis;
- The CV;
- 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
- Proficiency in English.

V. Application process

1. Go to UR Website (www.ur.ac.rw)
2. Go to Admission, Applicant Portal and click to ([New Application](#))
3. Fill the **Biographical Form** and click (**Save**) at the end you will get “**Your Student ID Reference Number**”.
Please keep this ID Number as it will be your ID identification for all transactions at UR
4. Create a PIN of 5 numeric digits, Do not start with a 0 (This PIN will serve as your password to access your student account.)
5. Go to the Bank and pay your application fees using your created student ID Reference Number of (10,000 FRW for Rwandan and EAC candidates and 12,000 FRW for International Student)
6. **Candidates are requested to submit all required documents by using the [link pgfile.ur.ac.rw/pgfile/findme.php](http://pgfile.ur.ac.rw/pgfile/findme.php)**

NB: All documents must be in PDF

If all required documents are not submitted you failed to go to the next step
When your submission succeed, you will find a message in your email box.





Note: Applications and support documents should be sent electronically to all of the following recipients no later than **09 March 2020 by 5:00 Rwandan time**

VI. College accounts to be used during payment

NAME OF ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NUMBER	BANK NAME
UR COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	00094-0651928-43	BANK OF KIGALI

SWIFT CODE: BKIGRWRW

NB: APPLICANTS SHOULD USE THEIR ID REFERENCE NUMBERS AND THEIR FULL NAMES DURING PAYMENT

For any additional information, clarifications or inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact: the Director of the Center for conflict management on amshyaka@gmail.com, and gunilla.blomqvist@globalstudies.gu.se

Done in Kigali on 29th January, 2020.

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