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## Re-Advertised Call For Master's Scholarship Applications Under Ethics in Research and Clinical Practice (ETHIMED)

### I. Background

Low- and middle-income countries often have compromised health systems and therefore require effective research ethics governance to ensure robust and ethically sound research. Rwanda as a low and income country has its health sector with limited research output. Rwanda has a its ethics review mechanism involving institutional and national levels. ethics review mechanism involving institutional and national levels. However, the quality of institutional review may vary significantly. Over the years, the number of institutional ethical review committees (ERCs) has increased to meet requirements for funding, collaboration, and publications. Although the Rwanda Food and Drug Authority (RFDA) regulates clinical trials, it still needs adequate capacity in regulating them. Additionally, there is no undergraduate or postgraduate bioethics training at the UR Rwanda.

Tanzania lacks clinical ethics committees; healthcare providers face complex ethical issues in care provision with minimal resources to address them. The medical students at University of Oslo (UiO) are only taken through a 3-hour course on research ethics that does not adequately prepare them for research activities. In addition, there is no established research ethics training of research ethics committee (REC) members in Norway. Across all institutions, staff are not mandated to undertake research ethics (RE)/research integrity (RI) training. In all three institutions, there is a need to improve ethics training.

### II. Description

ETHIMED is a collaboration that will facilitate mobility amongst partners for purposes of research ethics/integrity (RE/RI) and clinical ethics capacity building. The Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills (HK-dir) finances the project through the Norwegian Partnership Programme for Global Academic Cooperation (NORPART). The partnership is composed of the University of Oslo (Norway)-Project Lead, University of Rwanda-College of Medicine and Health Sciences (Rwanda) and the University of Dar es Salaam-Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies (Tanzania). The programme awards scholarships to the graduate students and staff from partner universities or health-related institutions in Rwanda and Tanzania to undertake a Master's in **International Community Health** at the University of Oslo, Norway. The master's programme runs for two (2) years with a six-month period for conducting fieldwork in Rwanda. The University of Rwanda is now recalling for applications and scholarship for Master's in **International Community Health**.

### III. Funding

The funding of 1 full Master degree has been planned under the implementation of the project:  
**1 position in international community health.**



The duration for the programmes is two years, the scholarship will cover:

- One round-trip economic flight ticket, travel insurance and visa costs, for each of the two years
- Accommodation
- A monthly subsistence allowance for the mobility period to cater for meals and health insurance

#### **IV. Application requirements**

- Rwandan by nationality
- Be a UR staff
- Bachelor's degree with distinction in medicine, pharmacy, nursing, public health or any other health sciences related area.

#### **V. Applicant's profile**

- Application letter addressed to the Director of Centre for Postgraduate Studies at UR, with a copy to the UR ETHIMED Project –Leader
- Curriculum vitae (3 pages maximum)
- A copy of Bachelor's degree/certificate
- Copies of academic transcripts
- Proof of English proficiency with a Minimum total score of 90 with at least 19 in reading, 20 in listening, 20 in speaking and 24 in writing for TOEFL or Minimum overall band score of 6.5 with at least 6.5 in each component (listening, reading, speaking and writing) for IELTS.
- A concept note that clearly outlines the project idea in the area of Research ethics
- Two recommendation letters, one from the employer and another from an academician
- Copy of National Identity Card or passport

#### **VI. Specific eligibility criteria**

- A 75% or above/Second Class Upper Division or above during his/her undergraduate studies
- Female candidates are highly encouraged
- Relevant work experience in health related field.
- High level of English proficiency

#### **VII. Selection methodology**

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





### VIII. How to apply and key dates

Applicants are requested to send the documents as listed above by email to the scholarship officer; [ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw](mailto:ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw) at the University of Rwanda, Centre for Postgraduate Studies, Tel: 07929 88304; with a copy to UR ETHIMED PROJECT-LEADER ([m.f.mukanyangezi@ur.ac.rw](mailto:m.f.mukanyangezi@ur.ac.rw)), Tel : 0784 569 345, **not later than 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

### IX. Who to contact for any further information

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