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## CALL FOR APPLICATION TO DOCTORAL OF NURSING PRACTICE SCHOLARSHIP UNDER ELMA FOUNDATION PROJECT

### I. Background

The University of Rwanda in collaboration with the Ministry of Health received funding from ELMA Foundation to implement a program entitled “Pediatric Health Workforce Development in Rwanda”. The program will support the implementation of the National Strategy for Health Professions Development 2020-2030 (NSHPD). With this strategy, the Ministry of Health has set the goal to have 173 Pediatric Nurses and 158 Neonatal Nurses in the public sector by 2030. The program will specifically support pediatrics fellowships, pediatric nursing, neonatal nursing, and doctoral nursing practice for the next three years. To achieve NSHPD targets, the program intends to fund qualified nurses to pursue Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program to sustain the nursing education at the University of Rwanda with the goal of improving quality healthcare.

### II. Call for applications

We call for four interested candidates to be trained in a fully funded Doctor for Nursing Practice (DNP).

### III. Funding

The scholarship will cover tuition fees, travel costs, living allowances, accommodation and other related training cost.

### IV. Hosting institutions

The selected candidates will do their DNP studies in selected Universities from USA which have collaboration with the University of Rwanda.

### V. Application requirements

The applicant must fulfil the following:

- Be a Rwandan and a full-time staff of the UR University
- Hold a Master’s degree in Neonatology or Pediatric Nursing program.
- Be aged 45 years or less at the time of application.
- Having teaching or practice experience in the neonatal and pediatric nursing is an added value.

### VI. Application file

The applicants will submit the following documents:

1. An application letter addressed to the Director of the UR- Centre of Postgraduate Studies.



2. A motivation letter which demonstrates commitment and reasons for applicant's interest in the DNP in paediatric and neonatology nursing field.
3. Recommendation letters from at least two academic or professional referees. One of the recommendation letters should be issued by a previous academic supervisor, preferably the Master's degree supervisor.
4. A detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV)
5. Copy of the certified Master's degree.
6. Copy of Valid Licence to practice Nursing profession.
7. Copy of the ID Card.
8. Copy of the employment letter at the University of Rwanda.
9. Quality Improvement project concept note (Max. 5 pages) clearly indicating a working title of your proposed project, the gap in paediatric and neonatal care, the research problem and research objectives; the methodological approach; and a description of the expected scientific significance and development for improving children and neonates' health outcomes.

NB: All the above documents must be submitted as one scanned document.

## VII. Selection methodology

Based on the received applications, the shortlisted candidates will be invited to sit for an interview.

## VIII. How to apply and key dates

- (1) Applicants are requested to send application file to UR-CPGS through email at [ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw](mailto:ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw) and copy [schoolofnursingandmidwifery@ur.ac.rw](mailto:schoolofnursingandmidwifery@ur.ac.rw).
- (2) Deadline for application: **August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:00pm**

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