



**Call for applications for PhD scholarship in Economics at the University of Rwanda
within the Research Capacity Building Partnership in Economics Research sub-
programme**

1. Background

The Department of Economics, the School of Economics of CBE, University of Rwanda (UR) in partnership with the Department of Economics, School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg (UoG) in Sweden through the Research Training Programme-Rwanda and Sweden (2019-2024), calls for applications for **3 PhD scholarships** to potential PhD candidates to be admitted to the full-time PhD in Economics by course work programme.

2. The PhD programme

The programme is run jointly with the UoG, one of the most prestigious Economics Departments in Europe and one of the top universities around the World. However, UR will award the PhD degree. This PhD by course work involves two years of core and specialization courses. The first-year core economics courses will be taught at UR's Gikondo Campus jointly by Professors from UoG, UR and other best-ranked universities in the region. The second-year elective/specialization courses will be taught both at the UR's and UoG's campuses. There will be joint supervision of PhD dissertations by Professors from UoG and UR, with the expected duration of 3 years for the completion of the PhD degree with the possibility of an extension of one year.

3. Funding

Funded by the Swedish International Development Agency for Cooperation (SIDA), the scholarship will cover stipends while in Sweden, fieldwork research grants, and trips to participate in international research conferences and regular visits at the UoG, where students are expected to spend 2-3 months per year in Sweden. Scholarship recipients are expected to be associated with UR and serve the School of Economics for a minimum of 4 years after their graduation from the programme.



4. Role of the PhD student

Potential candidates are invited to undertake research in sectors of relevance for Rwanda such as the Agriculture, Manufacturing and Service sector, and within proposed sub-themes. These sub-themes include, but is not limited to, prioritized areas of Environmental and Development Economics, Labour economics, public economics with various specializations.

5. General eligibility criteria

- i. Applicant must be:
 - A permanent staff of the University of Rwanda,
- ii. Applicant should be Rwandan by nationality
- iii. Applicant must be ready to spend a minimum of 2-3 months in Sweden once per year
- iv. Applicant must be ready to continue working at the University of Rwanda after completion of the doctoral studies.

6. Specific eligibility criteria

Essential criteria:

- i. Applicant must have a Bachelor and Masters' degrees in Economics/Agriculture Economics/Econometrics with outstanding grades
- ii. The candidate must be English proficient

Desired criteria:

- i. Women are encouraged to apply and there is a gender equality component in the programme that will provide some support for parents who travel with children.
- ii. Male applicants below the age of 40 years and female applicants below 45 years of age will be given priority for PhD Scholarships.

7. How to apply

Interested applicants are required to submit the following documents:



- i. An application letter for the position, addressed to the Director-UR Centre for Postgraduate Studies
- ii. A two-page cover letter motivating why the applicant should be considered
- iii. Recommendation letters from at least two academic or professional referees; one of the recommendation letters should preferably be issued by the master's degree supervisor.
- iv. Applicants from a college at UR need to inform the Principal about applying for the position and attach a confirmatory letter from him/her.
- v. Applicants from outside UR must attach a letter from the employer ensuring the candidate will get study leave for the entire period if granted the scholarship.
- vi. Certified copy of Bachelor and master's degrees and their transcripts
- vii. Copies of valid identification card or passport
- viii. Updated CV (maximum of 3 pages) including full specification of the Masters' degree specialization, and any other previous academic experience relevant to the programme (e.g., research assistantship, publications in indexed journals and teaching experience)
- ix. A maximum 5 pages' research proposal in an economics area. The research proposal must be checked for plagiarism, and proposals with more than 10-20% similarities will be rejected.

Please send the above mentioned (scanned and saved in one document) to the following email: ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw, with a copy to franklin.amuakwa-mensah@efd.gu.se, yumulisa2001@gmail.com, team leaders and musabanganji@gmail.com, Deputy team leader of Economics research subprogramme. Remember to name the application folder with your name and the document name.

8. Submission deadline

The deadline for application is **November 02, 2021**, at the latest. Application received beyond this deadline will not be considered.



9. Recruitment process

The shortlisted applicants will be notified and called for an interview. The interviews will be conducted at the UR-Gikondo Campus from the 25th to the 26th of November 2021. The recruitment team includes staff from the School of Economics, College of Business and Economics, UR, and from the University of Gothenburg. Successful candidates will be notified by December 17, 2021, and the accepted candidates will begin in January.

10. Contact details for more information

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