

# **SHORTLISTING REPORT FOR THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE PH.D. POSITIONS WITHIN THE UR-SWEDEN PROGRAM\_PEACE, CONFLICT AND SECURITY SUBPROGRAM**

## **Background**

The University of Rwanda (UR) is a Public Institution of Higher Learning committed to support the development of the country through the generation and advancement of knowledge and innovation among other core activities. Under the UR-Sweden Program for Research, Higher Education and Institutional Advancement, the UR Center for Conflict Management (CCM), College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS), has, in collaboration with the School of Global Studies of the University of Gothenburg, Sweden (SGS), for more than fifteen years received grants from the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida) for capacity building. Starting from January 2022 a significant share of the grants will be used to establish and run a PhD program in Peace, Conflict and Security Research at CCM aimed at making CCM a strong and internationally competitive research environment in the area.

Within the described framework, the University of Rwanda re-advertised 7 PhD fellowship positions to be enrolled for a PhD degree in Peace, Conflict and Security Research at CCM in Kigali, Rwanda. The Fellowship is a full-time four-year program (April 2022-Feb 2026) consisting of one year of coursework followed by three years of research and thesis writing. Each PhD student will be assigned two supervisors, one from UR and the other from SGS. The admitted student is expected to present her/his research output at two international conferences and make at least two visits of two to three months to the School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg in Sweden.

## **Members of the shortlisting committee**

1. Gunilla SKÖLDBERG Blomqvist
2. Gustav Alden Rud
3. Peter J. Mugume
4. Dieudonne Uwizeye

## **Meeting agenda**

The shortlisting meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 in Gikondo Campus and online. The main topic on the agenda was “to conduct the shortlisting of the PhD applications.”

## **Summary on applications received**

We received sixteen applications, including 7 female applicants and 9 males.

## **Screening of candidates meeting general eligibility criteria**

Among the 16 applications, 14 were recommended for interview. The two applications were not recommended for interview for two reason:

- (i) No relevant academic background; No experience in the research area
- (ii) Application files were incomplete

Table of evaluation

						Specific essential criteria 2				Other merits			Specific		
		First name	Gender	Meets the general eligibility criteria	Application complete	Education (Master degree and topic)	Proficiency in English	Quality of research proposal	Quality of master thesis	Degree, or by complementary education, specialization				Ranking	Assessment (short comments)
1	Bimenyimana	Valens	M	YES	YES	MA Genocide Studies and Prevention. Thesis, Understanding the genocide through terminology/language	Good	Good	Good	—		Ministry of National Unity and Civic Engagement			Shortlisted
2	Bisetsa	Erickson	M	Yes	Yes	MA Business and Administration-banking and finance	OK	Good	Good	—		Experience from NGOs and CSO in general	—		Shortlisted
3	Gasare	Michel	M	YES	YES	MA Peace Studies and Conflict Transformation	OK	Good	Good	—		NGO work, visiting lecturer UR			Shortlisted
4	Gato	James	M	Yes (Rwandan citizen?)	Yes	MA in Peace Studies and conflict Trans. Thesis: Role of Rwandan diaspora; BA in IR	OK	Good	Good	—		Foreign Ministry	—		Shortlisted
5	Kantengwa	Odeth	F	YES	YES	MA in Genocide	OK	Good	Good	—		NGOs			Shortlisted

						Studies						and visiting lecturer UR			d
6	Mukarubayiza	Marie Rose	F	YES	YES	MA in Gender and development.	Good	Good	Good	Master's Degree in Nursing		UR Ass. Lecturer			Shortlisted
7	Mumararungu	Innocent	M	NO, no relevant academic background; No experience in the research area	Yes	MA in Project Management, Thesis: monitoring community-based projects	OK	The research problem lacks focus.	Good	—		Work for USAID, UNICEF, OXFAM, DFID. Mainly in managerial and Evaluation position	—		Not recommended for interview
8	Mwanayire	Redempta	F	YES	YES	MA in Genocide Studies and Prevention	OK	Good	Good	—		Project leader NGOs, research assistant			Shortlisted
9	Nakabonye	Dative	F	Yes	Yes	Development studies, VAW	Good	Good	Good	Advanced Diploma Mental Health Nursing	Article	CSO	—		Shortlisted
10	Ndagijimana	Ibrahim	M	Yes	Yes	Peace Studies and Conflict Transformation; Thesis Rwanda defense force in peace operations	OK	Good	Good	—	Journal articles and book, Poor publication background, poor record	Governance board, Local government, NGOs and more	—		Shortlisted
1	Nkubito	Jean de	M	Yes	Yes	MA	OK	Good	Good	—		UR	—		Shortlisted

1		Dieu				Development Studies. Thesis: education and family planning in economic development						assistant lecturer			d
1 2	Nkundimfura	Rosette	F	YES	YES	MA Gender and Development; Thesis, Gender analysis of TVET programs	OK	Good	Good	—		Gender specialist, Ministry of gender and family			Shortlisted
1 3	Ntakirutimana	Jean-Baptiste	M	Yes	No. Transcripts not submitted	MA Development Studies. Thesis: Poverty and micro finance	OK	Proposal lacks references.	Good	—		Experience from CSOs, UN etc.	—		Not recommended for interview
1 4	Nzayisenga	Marie Louise	F	Yes	Yes	Master of Science in Educational Research Methods. Thesis Leadership, women entrepreneurs	OK	Good	Good	MA in Business administration.		UR assistant lecturer, several co-authored articles and research experience	—		Shortlisted
1 5	Potel	Jossam	M	Yes	Yes	MA in Geo-Information Science and Earth observation: Thesis: Land administration Rwanda	OK	Good	Good	Bachelor's degree in Law		Experience in Land management and conflict			Shortlisted
1 6	Uwumuhoza	Rose	F	YES	YES	MA Development	OK	Good	Good	—		Teacher			Shortlisted

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