



## **MASTERS AND PHD SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT: “THE TANZANIA CLIMATE CHANGE FINANCE NOTICEBOARD FOR ENHANCED CLIMATE ACTION - CLIFINA” AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM.**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

University of Dar es Salaam, in collaboration with project partners, herewith announces Masters and PhD positions offered under the research project “The Tanzania Climate Change Finance Noticeboard for Enhanced Climate Action (CLIFINA)”, funded by the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) in collaboration with Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

The project is developed and implemented in collaboration between the University of Dar es Salaam (Centre for Climate Change Studies), the State University of Zanzibar, and the REPOA. Masters and PhD students can be enrolled at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) or at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA).

The project aims to institutionalize climate change expenditure tracking methodologies within central and local government budgeting systems in Tanzania. In particular, this project aims to establish a public climate change expenditure database to facilitate timely, efficient access to data. The database and associated activities will be designed to improve local governance and decentralized approaches to development; promote transparency and accountability in the management of climate change funds; track the adequacy and equity of climate change spending; monitor collections, transfers, and spending of climate change funds; and promote climate-resilient investments and sustainable local economic development. More specifically, the objectives of this research are:

- i) Build a partnership with government, development partners and financial organizations involved in climate financing to facilitate timely, more accessible and quicker access to climate change finance plans and data;
- ii) Develop and operationalize an online interactive database (CLIFINA) primarily for tracking, monitoring and facilitation of analysis of climate change finance data;
- iii) Examine the use of CLIFINA in supporting the ongoing implementation of Tanzania’s climate change response strategy through support for the diversification of sources of climate change finance;
- iv) Support the realization of nationally determined contributions through improved financial management and governance from a culturally acceptable local perspective and share best practices with others, particularly in the African region, using CLIFINA;
- v) Build the capacity of different stakeholders to strengthen understanding of benefits from local climate change adaptation, mitigation, as well as the transparency and accountability of ongoing climate change response initiatives.



## **2.0 General Conditions for the Scholarship Position**

- 1) Scholarship positions: Two (2) positions for Masters and one (1) post for PhD.
- 2) The scholarship is expected to commence in July 2026.
- 3) The positions are partially funded and will cover only research costs, following the research cost guidelines of the University of Dar es Salaam postgraduate guidelines.
- 4) Suitable candidates are those with proposals addressing thematic areas of the project
- 5) The applicant for Masters scholarship should be an enrolled student at the UDSM or SUZA to pursue climate change-related degree programmes
- 6) The applicant for a PhD scholarship should be an enrolled student at the UDSM to pursue climate change-related degree programmes
- 7) The candidates may be required to participate in project activities and follow UDSM or SUZA Postgraduate Studies Regulations.

## **3.0 Scholarly eligibility requirements**

- 1) Applicants for the Masters scholarship should have completed Master's coursework in climate change-related degree programmes at the UDSM or SUZA
- 2) Applicants for PhD Scholarship should be a registered student in the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Programme, University of Dar es Salaam
- 3) Experience in research applying qualitative and/or quantitative research methodologies
- 4) Experience in literature reviews, data management and analysis
- 5) Excellent communication skills in English and Kiswahili (speaking and writing).

### **Important requirements: the successful candidates are**

- 1) A proactive and highly motivated team player who is keen to learn more and contribute to overall research team learning and progress
- 2) Demonstrating the ability to take responsibility and be in charge of complex coordination and research processes
- 3) Ability to interact respectfully with people from many diverse backgrounds
- 4) Passionate about the Sustainable Development Goals, gender equity, poverty reduction and social justice

## **4.0 Application process**

Applicants are required to develop a short concept note that takes as its departure point one of the project objectives. The concept note should be about 4 pages (max 1,600 words, excluding references) and outline a focus for the proposed Master's or PhD project. The following details must be included:

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Statement of a relevant research problem



- 3) Specific objectives and research questions
- 4) Conceptual or theoretical framework
- 5) Methodological approach, including fieldwork considerations
- 6) Time plan
- 7) Budget

***NB: Do not indicate any supervision information in your concept note***

In addition to a concept note, submission of the application should be accompanied by the following documents:

- 1) A one-page letter of introduction stating your motivation and experience. Elaborate on what component or objective of the research project you can best associate with and why.
- 2) A detailed Curriculum Vitae with information about educational background, research and/or work experience, and other relevant experience, e.g., volunteering, extracurricular activities, language skills, and other skills relevant to the position.
- 3) Links to electronic copy of the applicant's relevant publications (if any)
- 4) Contact details of the applicant and two references
- 5) Admission letter to pursue climate change and sustainable development programme.

### **5.0 The Application Process**

The deadline for application is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 1600hrs (East African Time). Applications should be sent by email with the subject title 'CLIFINA Scholarship Application' to the Head, Centre for Climate Change Studies ([cccs@udsm.ac.tz](mailto:cccs@udsm.ac.tz)). The application should be copied to Dr. Edmund B. Mabhuye ([mabhuye.edmund@udsm.ac.tz](mailto:mabhuye.edmund@udsm.ac.tz)) of UDSM and Dr. Sara Seme ([sarah.seme@suza.ac.tz](mailto:sarah.seme@suza.ac.tz)) of SUZA.

For access to a detailed project description and more information about the call, do not hesitate to contact any of the above-mentioned contact persons. After shortlisting and interviewing candidates for the positions, additional tests or assignments may apply before the official award of the scholarship. The additional assignments and tests will be undertaken at no cost to the project.

**NB:** Incomplete applications will not be considered. Interviews with short-listed candidates will take place by 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Deadline for applications: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026, at 1600hrs (East African Time). Only shortlisted applicants will be invited for interviews.

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