

UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM



DAR ES SALAAM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A PhD SCHOLARSHIP (RESEARCH FUND AWARD)

1. BACKGROUND

Dar es Salaam University College of Education (DUCE), in partnership with HELVETAS Tanzania, a Swiss Intercooperation, Kibabii University (KIBU), and the University of Juba (UJ), is implementing a 30-month research project titled “Strengthening Teacher Professional Development and Mentorship (STPDM)” in Tanzania, Kenya, and South Sudan. The project is funded by IDRC-Canada in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) under the Knowledge Innovation and Exchange (KIX) programme. This project aims to generate lessons on effective teacher mentorship and support models for continuous professional development, build the capacity of teacher mentors and teachers to improve classroom teaching and learning outcomes, and mobilise policy uptake of teacher mentorship and support models for strengthening primary school teacher capacity.

As part of this initiative, DUCE offers two (2) partially funded PhD scholarships to highly deserving students on a competitive basis. Applicants are expected to align their PhD projects with the goals of the STPDM project, particularly by investigating innovative approaches to teacher professional development well-being and agency while integrating ICT, life skills and gender equity to enhance education quality and promote sustainable teaching practices in East Africa.

2. ELIGIBLE FIELDS OF STUDY

- Doctor of Philosophy in Education;
- Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies;
- Doctor of Philosophy in Gender and Education;
- Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction;
- Doctor of Philosophy in Teacher Education;
- Doctor of Philosophy in Science Education;
- Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Development or Organizational Leadership; and
- Other Education related fields.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS

Following the rules and regulations of the UDSM, the PhD candidate will be selected on a competitive basis by a Committee composed of high-profile higher education management experts upon fulfilment of the following eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must have completed their PhD coursework and be ready for data collection. Those pursuing a PhD by thesis must also be preparing for data collection;
- Applicants must present a research proposal demonstrating interdisciplinary methodological skills and aligning with the project's research goals and timeline (July 2024 – December 2026);
- Applicants must have a research proposal in the intended area of study. Proposals should ideally focus on teacher professional development, gender, and science and mathematics teaching.
- Applicants must have not received research funds from any sponsor/funder.
- Qualified applicants from Dar es Salaam University College of Education, regardless of ethnicity, age, disability or gender are highly encouraged to apply.
- The selected candidate must demonstrate that their research will yield a manuscript, preferably suitable for publication, within or shortly after the project timeline.
- Female applicants and people with disabilities are highly encouraged to apply.

4. VALUE OF AWARD

The selected candidates will receive a total of TZS 15,000,000/= scholarship fund to cover fieldwork and other research expenses.

5. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications should be submitted electronically via the DUCE Staff Development Officer's E-mail address provided in the contact information. Application letters must include the following attachments:

- Contract of study leave and admission letter;
- Academic progress report signed by the supervisor;
- A research proposal (maximum 20 pages) describing the candidate's proposed PhD research. Proposals will be evaluated based on their alignment with the themes of this call;
- A maximum of a 2-page signed Curriculum Vitae (CV) highlighting the candidate's academic background and publication record, if any;
- Certified copies of all University Degree certificates and transcripts;
- A one-page cover letter explaining the applicant's motivation and justifying the need for the scholarship award;
- A recent coloured passport-size photograph showing the head and upper shoulders; and
- Evidence of nationality, such as a copy of a national identity card, passport or birth certificate.

6. APPLICATION DEADLINE

Proposals from eligible PhD students are invited to apply for the research fund before or not later than **20 January 2025**, 16:00 hours EAT. Successful candidates will be notified through letters and/or email by **31st January 2025**.

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information about the scholarship, contact:

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