



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

Research Chair on Forced Displacement

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 1 POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER AND RESEARCH SUPPORT FOR 2 PHDS AND 2 MASTERS - 2025-2026

The University of Dar es Salaam Research Chair on Forced Displacement (UDSM-RCFD) under a research project titled: "Strengthening knowledge, evidence use and leadership in the global south on forced displacement: with a focus on East Africa" funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada: invites applications for a post doctoral position (1 position); PhD (TWO positions) and masters (TWO positions) in their research year to seek research support to carry out research in their home countries. The topic can be on forced displacement of all categories from refugees, internally displaced person, climate induced displaced people, development induced displaced people, relocated, resettled.

The UDSM-RCFD is a multidisciplinary Chair with members from Geography, Law, Sociology, Political Science, Economics, Development Studies, Business School, and Food Sciences and operates in five East African countries of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda. The selected candidates will get an opportunity to work with experts on issues of forced displacement and meet mostly online. Members conducting research under the UDSM-RCFD are working on issues of livelihood, climate change, socio-legal rights, protection; gender and inclusive policies agency of the displaced.

Eligibility

- PhD (2 positions) applicants must be citizens or refugees enrolled in a University in Uganda, Kenya, or Rwanda and hold active student status, with approved research proposals in one of the topics specified above.
- Masters (2 positions) applicants must be citizens, refugees and active students with approved proposal enrolled in a University in Burundi, Kenya, or Rwanda.
- Postdoctoral from Burundi or Rwanda (can work in their countries)
- Citizens and Refugees from countries mentioned above enrolled in a University in Tanzania can also apply.

Expectations for Applicants

PhD and the Masters students who will be selected are expected to interact with a pool of researchers in the Project by attending online seminars; conduct fieldwork, design and take part in outreach related to their research in their own counties; and attend one time physical workshop in Dar es Salaam.

Remuneration

The payment for PhD research support (6 months) and for masters' research support (three months) shall follow the UDSM payment schedule available online.

Application materials

Interested candidates should submit cover letter, CV, approved research proposal, name and contact details of three referees (one being the main supervisor). Experience with online meetings will be an added advantage. Shortlisted candidates will be subjected to an interview before the final selection. Selected applicants should be prepared to start between January 1st 2026 and April 1st 2026. Additional documents may be required upon acceptance for verification purposes.

Application materials

Inquiries: All applications should be sent to the Chair, Research Chair on Forced Displacement via **email at** kweka@udsm.ac.tz,
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Female candidates, refugees and individuals with lived experience are encouraged to apply.

Deadline: The deadline for receiving application is November 30th 2025