



## **MERIT PROJECT - CALL FOR POSTDOCTORAL GRANT APPLICATIONS 2023**

### *Environmental Risk Management under Increasing Extremes and Uncertainty (MERIT)*

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#### **1. Introduction**

Makerere University in collaboration with Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), University of Dar es Salaam Uganda, Martyrs University (UMU) and Haramaya University are implementing a six year NORHED funded project entitled “**Environmental Risk Management under Increasing Extremes and Uncertainty (MERIT)**”. The overall objective of the MERIT project is to strengthen capacities of targeted south universities to provide quality education, research and outreach in the field of environmental risk and climate change that meet labor market demands, supports sustainable socio-economic development and national achievement of Sustainable Development Goals. The priority research sites will be highland and mountainous environments in Eastern Africa. The MERIT project has allocated UGX 80million for one postdoctoral research opportunity starting in 2023. We are inviting interested applicants for a **Postdoctoral Research Opportunity** tenable at Makerere University.

#### **2. Research focus for the postdoctoral**

The postdoctoral scholar can propose to conduct research on Cluster III of the MERIT project.

**Research Cluster III – Risk Governance and policy:** Cluster III seeks to interrogate governance and policy arrangements that either constrain or propel effective risk management. Institutional and policy frameworks for environmental risk and climate change governance will be tackled. Issues of legal frameworks, institutional mandates, service delivery structures, state and non-state actors at national and local government levels are expected to be explored including interactions between national and lower governance scales.

#### **3. Eligibility**

1. Fulltime Staff member of Makerere University
2. Should have obtained or defended his/her PhD in the last 5 years
3. Reasonable publication record
4. Incorporate and supervise a master’s student as part of the postdoc

#### **4. Application requirements**

Interested and eligible applicants should submit the following documents;

- a) An application letter including a motivation statement
- b) Relevant employment and academic records (PhD completion)

- c) CV of the applicant
- d) A maximum 12-page research proposal aligned to the theme of the MERIT project. The proposal should include a justified budget
- e) Strategy on incorporating a master's student on the project

Applications should be submitted by email to: [merit.caes@mak.ac.ug](mailto:merit.caes@mak.ac.ug) by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**.

**The successful postdoctoral candidate will enjoy working with a pool of competent scholars and researchers in the MERIT project consortium, spanning five institutions.**