

PhD SCHOLARSHIP IN MANAGEMENT

The University of Dar es Salaam Business School (UDBS) in collaboration with Swedish University of Agricultural (SLU) and other regional partners are implementing the research capacity building project on Engendering Rural Entrepreneurship and Agribusiness for Sustainable Development (ENGAGE II). One of the planned activities of this project is to train five candidates at the PhD level in gender, rural entrepreneurship and agribusiness. To this end, the University of Dar es Salaam announces opportunities for PhD scholarship for 2024/25 academic year. The scholarship will cover the tuition fee, stipends and research costs as stipulated in the UDSM postgraduate fee structure.



Research Themes/Areas

The project will sponsor PhD studies relating to the following research themes/areas: i) gender and rural entrepreneurship focusing on generating knowledge about enabling policies toward gender and rural entrepreneurship, gender gaps in agribusiness entities in rural, as well as upgrading opportunities available for women and youth to participate in the higher value chain nodes; ii) youth and agribusiness focusing on opportunities and constraints to inclusive youth participation in agricultural value chains, the motivation for youth to agribusiness, and context-based ways of nurturing inclusive agribusiness; iii) ICT, gender and rural entrepreneurship seeking to establish the differences between rural women and men entrepreneurs in access to and use of ICT, and how ICT could address resource access, instrumental information, market-related and gender-based constraints facing rural entrepreneurs; and iv) innovation in agriculture, gender and climate variability seeking to examine how innovative entrepreneurial activities may mitigate the gendered effects of climate variability.



Required Qualifications

Suitable candidates are expected to have the following qualifications:

1. A Master Degree in Business Administration, Economics, Agribusiness, Development Studies and related fields.
2. An admission letter from the University of Dar es Salaam for 2024/2025 academic year.
3. Relevant research experience and interest in gender, agribusiness, rural entrepreneurship and related areas.
4. Willingness to commit full-time effort to the PhD training program for a period of three years.
5. Good writing and communication skills in English.
6. Must be a Tanzanian.
7. University of Dar es Salaam academic staff and women are encouraged to apply.



Required Documents and Submissions

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- i. A cover letter describing their motivation for applying for the PhD training in the areas indicated in this advert.
- ii. An admission letter from the University of Dar es Salaam.
- iii. Copies of academic transcript for undergraduate and postgraduate Degrees.
- iv. Research concept note (max. 3 pages, excluding references) indicating:
- v. Statement of the research problem.
 - The main objective and specific objectives.
 - Selection and rationale of the proposed study area.
 - Methodological approach, including fieldwork considerations.
- vi. Letters of recommendation from two referees including their phone numbers and e-mail addresses.



Mode of Application

Applicants can submit their application package by e-mail with the title “PhD scholarship application” to the Principal Investigator, Professor Goodluck Charles Urassa (charles.goodluck@udsm.ac.tz) by 15th January 2025. Applications received later than this date will not be considered. Further details may be obtained via the mentioned e-mail addresses.



Interview and Selection

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews to be held on 20th January 2025. The interview venue/link and logistical matters shall be communicated to applicants after receiving their applications. Successful candidates will be offered a 3-year PhD scholarship of coursework and dissertation from 2024/2025.