



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

CALL FOR A POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER (Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda) 2025-2026

The Research Chair on Forced Displacement of the University of Dar es Salaam (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 research position (one position).

We are seeking a candidates whose PhD or master's research aligns with one or more of the following thematic areas of interest to the Chair:

- i Refugees, IDPS and asylum seekers from conflicts
- ii Internally Displaced Persons from climate-related disaster
- iii Development/project induced displacement
- iv Marginalized/indigenous population facing exclusion, relocation or forced displacement.
- v Trafficking induced displacement

The UDSM-RCFD is a multidisciplinary Chair with members from Geography, Law, Sociology, Political Science, History, Archeology, Economics, Development Studies, Business School, and Food Sciences and from Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Tanzania and Rwanda. Members of the Chair have been working on livelihood, socio-economic, legal, gender, inclusive policy and agency issues of the displaced.

Eligibility

- i Citizens or refugees from and in Uganda, Burundi, and Rwanda
- ii Completed their PhDs in the past three years

Duration

One-year non-renewable

Expectations from the candidate

The candidate is required to relocate to the University of Dar es Salaam where they will be provided with an office space, a desktop computer, access to the library, and a stipend and work under supervision of the Chair and provide research and administration support to the Chair.

Selected candidates will have an opportunity to interact with a pool of more than 35 researchers and take part in research fieldwork, seminars, outreach and policy dialogues and writing workshops.

Application process:

Interested applicants should submit:

- i Application letters application stating their qualifications and their PhD works,
- ii Curriculum vitae,
- iii a research proposal for the Postdoctoral research they want to pursue;
- iv a copy of sample writing could be a Chapter from their dissertation or thesis.
- v Name and contacts information of three referees one of which must be the PhD supervisor (to write a recommendation to be sent to us directly).

Shortlisted candidates will be subjected to an online interview as part of the selection process. The selected applicant is expected to commence their role on March 1st 2025. Female candidates, refugees or those who have experienced displacement who meet the criteria above are encouraged to apply.

Inquiries

Any inquiries and applications should be sent to the Chair, Research Chair on Forced Displacement via email at opportuna.kweka@gmail.com copy to kweka@udsm.ac.tz and smwasha009@gmail.com

Application Deadline:

The deadline for receiving application is February 20th 2025 and the candidates are expected to start latest 1st of April 2025.



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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH SUPPORT

PHD (Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda) MASTERS (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda) – 2025-2026

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Eligibility:

- i PhD and masters students who are citizens or refugees in countries named above and are in their research year and working in any of the following topics:
 - a Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and asylum seekers from conflicts
 - b Internally Displaced Persons from climate –related disaster
 - c Development/projects induced displacement
 - d Marginalized/indigenous population facing exclusion, relocation or forced displacement
 - e Trafficking induced displacement

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 Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda. Members conducting research under the UDSM-RCFD are working on livelihood, socio-ecological, legal, protection; gender and inclusive policy issues of the displaced groups mentioned above and their agency.

Expectations for Applicants

PhD and the Masters students who will be selected are expected to work with a pool of researchers in the Project and attend online seminars; conduct fieldwork, take part in outreaches, attend writing workshops; policy dialogues; and present in conferences and symposium physically or online.

Application materials

1. Cover letter
2. CV
3. Letter of support from the PhD or masters supervisor

Female candidates and refugees or individuals who have experienced displacement are encouraged to apply if they meet the needed qualifications.

Inquiries

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CALL FOR INTERNS – 2025 INTAKE (KENYANS OR REFUGEES IN KENYA ONLY)

The University of Dar es Salaam Research Chair on Forced Displacement (UDSM-RCFD), hereby calls applications for application for internship positions from Kenya or for refugees from East Africa in Kenya who have just completed their bachelor degree and have less than one year after their completion date. The position is for three months to work with an organization in the following areas:

- i) Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and asylum seekers resulting from conflicts
- ii) Internally Displaced Persons from climate – disaster
- iii) Development induced displacement (conservation or development projects)
- iv) Any marginalized population (community) who/which are about to be relocated or have experienced forced displacement such returnees, indigenous, relocated or resettled etc.

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Tasks

The interns will perform works assigned by the NGOs and paid by the Chair. The interns together with the NGOs and the Chair will also design and conduct one outreach programme towards the end of their internship. The selected candidates will be provided with more information on the outreach.

Payments

The interns will be paid a monthly stipend for the three months.

Application materials

1. Cover letter 2. CV 3. One reference letter
Female candidates, refugees (from countries which are part of the East Africa Community) and individuals who have experienced displacement are strongly encouraged to.

Inquiries

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Re: CALL FOR AN EXTERNAL EVALUATOR

Strengthening knowledge evidence use and leadership in the global South on forced displacement: with a focus on East Africa is a five year research project at the University of Dar es Salaam funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) which has been in operation for 2.5 years now. The project has established a Research Chair on Forced Displacement (the Chair) and conducts research, seminar, policy dialogues, outreaches and support students and build capacity of upcoming researchers in the field of forced displacement in East Africa. The project seeks to hire an evaluator for 2-4 weeks (depending on the budget) to review its operation as a mid-review and give recommendations for improvement of the activities of the Chair.

Interested applicants from East Africa, with qualification on research project evaluation must send their application (cover letter, technical and financial proposals), and CV listing their experience in research project evaluation to the Chair, Prof. Opportuna Kweka kweka@udsm.ac.tz copy to opportuna.kweka@gmail.com.

NB: members of Chair or institutions working with Chair including those from the University of Dar es Salaam are not eligible for this application.