



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY



**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY
WITH SUPPORT FROM THE CARNEGIE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR EARLY-CAREER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
(CECAP II)**

APPLICATION DUE DATE: 22nd NOVEMBER 2024 at 5:00 PM

Makerere University received a postdoctoral fellowship development grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York aimed at consolidating the research capacity of early career faculty at Mak. and its four partners Ugandan public universities (Busitema, Gulu, Kyambogo, and Mbarara University of Science and Technology) in order to enhance their research productivity and ability to contribute effectively to global knowledge generation. This two-year grant will focus on enhancing the research capacity of staff by providing research fellowships to 25 early-career academics (12 Mak; 13 PPU) awarded on a competitive basis, to begin by 2025. The University now invites applications from eligible staff (*see eligibility criteria below*).

Women are strongly encouraged to apply. At least 50 per cent of the fellowships will be awarded to female applicants.

Eligibility requirements

- i. A full-time employee of Makerere, Busitema, Gulu, Kyambogo, Mbarara University of Science and Technology on permanent or contractual terms
- ii. A PhD holder in any discipline
- iii. At the rank of Assistant Lecturer or Lecturer and have earned a PhD degree within the last 5 years.
- iv. Minimum of two peer-reviewed papers as evidence publication experience.
- v. Applicant should not hold another on-going fellowship or major research grant (as PI) at the time of application.
- vi. Should not have been a beneficiary of an early career fellowship programme in the last 5 years.

Benefits of the Fellowship

The fellowship will include funds for the following:

- 1) A grant worth up to USD 30,000 will cover research, training, and networking expenses.
- 2) Participation in two research or disciplinary skills training workshops offered in the region.
- 3) Presentation of papers at two international conferences.
- 4) Author fees for one article published in reputable peer-reviewed journals.
- 5) Dissemination of research findings to an appropriate policy or public audience.
- 6) Payment of one year of tuition and research costs for a master's degree student who will also act as a research assistant.
- 7) Mentoring by a senior academic

In addition, the fellow's department will be eligible to apply for a grant of up to USD 6,000 to upgrade research infrastructure, for example, augmenting internet access, adding to or replacing research technology, and developing new courses or teaching materials.

Components funded

- (i). Research costs (field per diem, field transport, procurement of minor equipment and consumables, research assistants, IRB fee)
- (ii). Equipment costs
- (iii). Consumables and supplies (reagents),
- (iv). Dissemination and outreach activities (science exhibition days)
- (v). Tuition and Research funds for Masters' student
- (vi). Writing and publication funds
- (vii). Skills enhancement training or courses
- (viii). Postdoctoral activities at the department
- (ix). Conference attendance and travel costs ([conference and time-away] – airfare and associated air travel expenses such as visa fees), stipend, accommodation, insurance, subsistence allowance).

Obligations and Deliverables of the Fellow

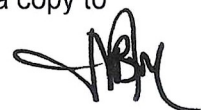
Fellows must commit to the following:

- (i). Complete research, dissemination, and departmental activities within two years of the commencement of the fellowship
- (ii). Supervise the master's student to completion of the student's dissertation
- (iii). Work ethically and professionally with the mentor to hone research and supervisory skills
- (iv). Participate in DRGT-organized skills training workshops
- (v). Produce at least two peer-reviewed publications
- (vi). Submit regular progress quarterly reports on the fellowship, endorsed by the mentor, to the Project Coordination Office, and the final report no later than one month after the completion of the fellowship (*Template to be provided*). All peer-reviewed publications and submitted manuscripts must be attached to the report.

Application Instructions and Procedures

Required documents

- i. A research concept describing the research to be undertaken, not exceeding five pages (**Arial font, size 11, single-spaced**), including a reference list.
- ii. A realistic budget with a justification should be attached
- iii. Work-plan
- iv. A current CV (maximum 5 pages)
- v. Softcopies of up to four, but not less than two, recent peer-reviewed publications
- vi. A letter from the Head of the Department indicating that once successful, the Fellow will be granted protected research time during the fellowship period.
- vii. Two recommendation letters from academic referees. The recommendation letters should comment on the character of the applicant in terms of adhering to regulations and deadlines and should be submitted to DRGT by the referees or representatives of the referees but not the applicant. Referees should email the reference letter directly to the Project Coordinator at carnegie.rgt@mak.ac.ug with a copy to conference.rgt@mak.ac.ug



Application Instructions

- i. Detailed information about the application and the application form for the fellowship can be obtained from the DRGT website: <https://rgt.mak.ac.ug/>
- ii. The application form should be submitted in Microsoft Word in **Arial font, size 11, single-spaced**. Applicants should save their file using the following format: **lastname_firstname_CECAP24.doc**
- iii. Applicants must ensure that scanned copies of any attached documents are legible.
- iv. Referees should email the reference letter directly to the Project Coordinator at carnegie.rgt@mak.ac.ug with a copy to Email: conference@rgt.mak.ac.ug
- v. Electronic submission of application for fellowship with supporting documents should be sent to the Project Coordinator; Email: carnegie.rgt@mak.ac.ug Copy to: conference@rgt.mak.ac.ug
- vi. Hard copies should be addressed to the CECAP Project Administrator, Directorate of Research and Graduate Training, Makerere University P.O.BOX 7062 Kampala, Lincoln Flats Level 3, Room B5.

The Secretariat will organise two virtual information sessions for prospective applicants on the 29th and 30th of October 2024. Interested applicants are required to register for the information session by sending an email to carnegie.rgt@mak.ac.ug

Incomplete applications and all applications that do not meet eligibility and formatting requirements (including page limits) will not be considered. For your application to be considered, it must reach the Project Coordination Office by Friday, 22 November 2024, 5:00 PM EAT.



For further information regarding this call, please contact:

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