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Call for Applications for 6 Partial PhD Start-up and PhD Completion Grants

Building Stronger Universities Phase Three (BSU3)-Gulu University, a Danida funded Project hereby invite applications for partial PhD grants from Staff of Gulu University either pursuing, or intending to undertake a PhD study in a university in Uganda. The PhD grant is part of the institutional capacity building effort in teaching and research. The grant focuses on two thematic research areas: (i) Transforming Education and (ii) Rights, Resources and Gender in Post-war Development.

Requirement for Application:

Who can apply?

1. The applicant **should** be a staff of Gulu University.
2. S/he **should** be on the Gulu University payroll.
3. In case s/he is a Teaching Assistant or Part-time lecturer, they **should** provide a letter from the University Secretary and Dean of faculty/ Director of Institute indicating likelihood of being retained to teach in the University.
4. S/he **should** be a staff in the Humanities and Social Sciences with specific references to the Faculty of Education and Humanities, Faculty of Business and Development Studies, Institute of Peace and Strategic studies, Faculty of Law, Department of Computer Science and the Library. Special consideration will be given to non- teaching staff who would wish to pursue a PhD within the two thematic areas.
5. The applicant must be fully registered, with provisional or full admission from a recognized university within Uganda.
6. Beneficiaries of BSU II and BSU 3 completion grants are advised **NOT** to apply.

What is available?

The grant package supports:

- a) PhD start-up.
- b) PhD completion.

These grants may be used to fully or partially cover:

- Concept development
- Proposal development
- Fieldwork expenses
- One time facilitation to PhD supervisors
- Travel within East Africa (e.g. to consult supervisors)
- Living expenses while away from home
- Publication and printing fees
- Dissemination through workshops, radio talk show, press release/press review and community outreach
- Conference attendance within East Africa

In line with Danida policy, at least 30% of grants will be awarded to qualified female applicants.

Partial compensation will be provided to the relevant Institute or Faculty to enable teaching replacement while the PhD student is on study leave.

Regardless of the PhD student's stage, the grant will be a 6-month package. The applicant must be able to demonstrate significant progress in order to be considered for the grant.

How to apply?

A. How to apply for PhD start-up grant?

The application must include:

- A Curriculum vitae describing education, employment and research experience.
- Summary description (max 2 pages) of the research project: a) working title; b) statement of problem; c) research questions; d) outline of methods; e) evidence of application/admission for a PhD study.
- Applicants should outline (max 2 pages) progress so far made in development of concept.
- Description (2 pages) of the work to be undertaken during the six-month grant package and argument justifying the need for this grant.
- The description must be specific in terms of activities. It must explain how the proposed research activities will specifically promote project start-up. Specify the output expected (to be documented in a progress report at the end of the 6 months).
- Activity plan based on Budget: a) concept / proposal development (categories: testing research instrument; research clearance, transport; printing and scanning; other). b)

Travel expenses (specify); c) Living expenses while away from home (use Gulu University rates); d) Time compensation for supervisors; e) Publication and printing fees (Journal title if known and amount) for those developing research proposal and writing a journal paper from their literature chapter. Include a budget justification and a brief discussion of the budget in terms of research objectives.

- Statement of financial support received to date for the PhD start-up (amount and items covered by dates).
- Supporting documents: a) Evidence of submission of application for a PhD study at a university in Uganda (receipt of payments); b) Evidence of an accepted concept or full proposal or equivalent; c) Letter of support from Dean of Faculty through Head of Department; e) Letter of invitation to attend a conference; and Publisher's letter and invoice indicating acceptance of manuscript for publication (where these activities are budgeted).

B. How to apply for a PhD completion grant?

The application must include:

- A curriculum vitae describing education, employment and research experience.
- Summary description (max 2 pages) of the research project: a) working title; b) statement of problem; c) research questions; d) outline of methods; e) evidence of application/admission for a PhD study.
- Applicants for completion grant should outline (max 2 pages) progress so far made: a) activities undertaken, when and for how long; b) description of data in hand; c) description of progress in drafting the PhD concept, proposal and thesis; d) note on any study stays related to the research; e) latest progress report, signed by supervisor. Include copies of any publications based on this research.
- Description (2 pages) of the work to be undertaken during the six-month grant package. The description must be specific in terms of activities. It must explain how the proposed research activities will specifically promote project completion. Specify the output expected (to be documented in a progress report at the end of the 6 months). Describe what you intend to do in the 6 months and give an argument justifying the need for this grant.
- Activity plan based on Budget: a) Fieldwork/data collection expenses (categories: personnel/field assistants; transport; equipment and supplies; other). b) Travel expenses (specify); c) Living expenses while away from home (use Gulu University rates); d) Time compensation for supervisors; e) Publication and printing fees (Journal title if known and amount). Include a budget justification and a brief discussion of the budget in terms of research objectives.
- Statement of financial support received to date for the PhD project (amount and items covered by dates).
- Supporting documents: a) Evidence of an accepted full proposal or equivalent; b) Provisional or full admission; c) Copies of transcripts from university courses for PhD by

coursework; d) Letter of support from Dean of Faculty through Head of Department; e) Letter of invitation to attend a conference; and Publisher's letter and invoice indicating acceptance of manuscript for publication (where these activities are budgeted).

Application deadline is **Wednesday 8th September 2021**.

Soft copies of the entire application including supporting documents must be submitted electronically before 5.00 pm EAT to:

- Professor Susan Reynolds Whyte (Email: susan.reynolds.whyte@anthro.ku.dk)
- Professor Ann Bygholm (Email: ann@hum.aau.dk)
- Prof. Elizabeth, A. Opiyo, Faculty of Sciences. Email: e.a.opiyo@gu.ac.ug
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- Ms. Scholastica Amito, Assistant AR 1, IRGS (Secretariat). Email: s.amito@gu.ac.ug

Applications will be assessed by a committee of two Gulu and two Danish professors.