**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY**

**PROGRAM NAME: BUILDING CAPACITY FOR KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION PRODUCTION AND SHARING FOR SOCIO- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN UGANDA**

**PHD STUDY SCHOLARSHIP**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**1: Introduction**

In her Vision 2040, Uganda aspires for “A transformed Ugandan society from a peasant to a modern and prosperous country within 30 years”. This aspiration commits the country to provide innovative frameworks to empower society for knowledge and information production and sharing towards bridging the society knowledge gaps and bridging the digital dividefor socio-economic development.Makerere University,in collaboration with the University of Boras, Sweden has received a Sidagrant to support a program on Building Capacity for **Knowledge and Information Production and Sharing (KIPS)** for Socio- economic Development in Uganda.The overall objective of this program is to strengthen research capacity in Library and information science education to support knowledge and information production and sharing for sustainable socio-economic transformation and development in Uganda.

**2. Announcement**

Makerere University is pleased to announce opportunities for scholarships for 2016/2017 Academic Year, to pursue a PhD Programme at the East African School of Library and Information Science (EASLIS), College of Computing and Information Sciences, Makerere University.

This program shall support **two (2)** more students of PhD in Information Science. The Goal of the PhD in Information Science is to intensively enhance the competencies of information professionals and researchers for meeting society development needs. Although thePhD in Information Science programme is undertaken through two pathways (Plan A and Plan B), this scholarship is open to only Plan A applicants. PhD Plan A includes both Course Work and Research/Dissertation, while PhD Plan B is by Thesis Only.

Students enrolled on this programme will be part of the research teams under this programme. The supported students will therefore choose their research topics and work within the research themes under this programme, which are outlined in Section 4 hereunder.

**3: PhD Scholarship Selection Criteria.** The criteria for selection for scholarship will be based on:

1. Employment at Makerere University;
2. Evidence of Admission to a PhD in Information Science obtained at EASLIS, Makerere University. For admission requirements see http://rgt.mak.ac.ug
3. Demonstrated experience in teaching and research in Library and Information Science (LIS)
4. Gender balance: 30% is reserved for women applicants
5. Proof of involvement in innovations and knowledge transferin areas focusing on knowledge production and information sharing
6. Demonstration of Professional growth in LIS
7. A motivational statement justifying the scholarship
8. Curriculum Vitiate
9. Submission of a Concept paper which is in line with any of the research areas provided section 4below:

**4: Research Areas**

The candidate’s concept should address the research on knowledge production and information sharingon any of the following research areas that have been identified as the research pillars of theprogramme, around which the teams will be centered.

1. Knowledge Organization and Processing for Effective Technological Transfer
2. Documenting, Managing and Archiving Uganda’s Heritage for National Transformation
3. Library and Information Science (LIS) capacity Building for Uganda’s Technological transformation
4. Community and Public Sector Empowerment for Access, Use, Sharing and Utilization of Information for National Development
5. Development of Reading Culture and Book Industry for Socio-Economic Development
6. **Scholarship Coverage**
7. Tuition and other university administrative fees
8. Research Support for the PhD approved Research
9. Conference Travel Support based on approval by the Supervisors

**Application procedure**

1. Application procedure for admission: Follow the link <http://rgt.mak.ac.ug>
2. Detailed information about the application for scholarship can be obtained from the Makerere–Sida web portal: [www.sida.mak.ac.ug/applications](http://www.sida.mak.ac.ug/applications)
3. Electronic submission of application for scholarship with supporting documents should be sent to the Director, Directorate of Research and Graduate Training, Makerere University; Email: [director@rgt.mak.ac.ug](mailto:director@rgt.mak.ac.ug); Copy to: [conference@rgt.mak.ac.ug](mailto:conference@rgt.mak.ac.ug); [wkiyingi@cis.ma.ac.ug](mailto:emagara@cis.ma.ac.ug). Hard copies should be addressed to the Director, Directorate of Research and Graduate Training, Makerere University P.O.BOX 7062 Kampala, Senate Building Level Four, Room 410.
4. Application **deadline is 15th April, 2016** and interviews (where applicable) will be conducted**20th – 29th April 2016**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

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