

## **College of Humanities and Social Sciences Makerere University**

### **Inter-disciplinary PhD by Research programme in the Fields of Historical Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences**

#### **Admission Requirements**

Before you apply, please read all the information below, including eligibility, supporting documentation and writing a Concept Letter of Interest in order to check:

- If you meet our eligibility criteria
- How to write your Concept Letter of Interest
- How to submit your application and supporting documents
- How and when your referees should submit the recommendations for your application

#### **Eligibility**

To qualify for the Makerere University/Gerda Henkel Fellowship to pursue fulltime studies leading to the award of an Inter-disciplinary PhD by Research programme in the fields of Historical Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Makerere University, you should fulfil the following conditions.

- Should be a Ugandan citizen or a citizen of any Sub-Saharan country
- Should be a holder of Masters degree in Humanities and Social Sciences from a recognised university
- Should be a holder of a Honours undergraduate degree in Humanities and Social Sciences from a recognised university
- Should be fluent or show proof of fluency in English Language, since English Language is the language of instruction and thesis writing at Makerere University
- Contact two referees to send letters of recommendation of your application of enrolment in studies leading to an Inter-disciplinary PhD by Research programme in Historical Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Makerere University
- Confirm that you will be available from July 2017 to undertake a three-year full-time study leading to the award of a PhD in Historical Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences of Makerere University
- Fill an application form as accurately, honestly and completely as possible.

#### **Supporting documentation**

The application should be accompanied with the documents listed below.

- A certified bio page of your current passport certifying date of birth and nationality. The passport should be valid for the duration of the fellowship for non-Ugandan applicants
- A certified copy of a Master's degree certificate or transcript
- A certified copy of an undergraduate degree certificate or transcript
- A certificate of proficiency and/or fluency in English Language for applicants from Non-English speaking countries
- A sample of your written (preferably published) academic work
- Letters from two academic referees who are intimately familiar with your work. It is important that the referees, who have been named on your application form, are the ones who supply a reference for you.

#### **Concept Letter of Interest**

We expect you to provide evidence of your ability to plan and organise independent research, and of the relevance of your research topic to the interest and expertise of our scholar who could

supervise your study. It is crucial that your Concept Letter of Interest is written to the specified guidelines. We do not expect the Concept Letter of Interest to be a perfect proposal at this stage, nor do we expect you to stick to it very closely as your ideas will almost certainly change once you start the study, but we do expect you to write it as follows:

- Provide an overview of your research question, explaining why it is of academic and or practical importance in the fields of Historical Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences
  - Outline the intended main objectives of your research, providing details of two or three key aspects
  - Write a short literature review, indicating the importance of previous related research and how your own research question might make a useful contribution to the study in the fields of Historical Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences
  - State the main research techniques (interviews, case studies, modelling etc.) you might use
  - Indicate your suggested data collection procedures and sources and outline any possible difficulties/opportunities
  - Explain briefly any analytical techniques you intend to use
  - Add your proposed timetable of activities
  - Use APA citation style because it is the default style sheet of Makerere University.
- (Your Concept Letter of Interest should not exceed 3000 words in Times New Roman font 12 double-spaced).

Please organise your Concept Letter of Interest under the following headings:

- Title
- Overview of the subject area
- Statement of the Problem
- Research question(s)
- Objectives
- Literature review
- Theoretical Framework
- Research methods/techniques
- References & bibliography

Submit your application and supporting documents as an email attachment to the email address provided at the end of this document.

Send your application to [graduate.college@chuss.mak.ac.ug](mailto:graduate.college@chuss.mak.ac.ug), copied to [principal@chuss.mak.ac.ug](mailto:principal@chuss.mak.ac.ug), not later than Friday, 14 April 2017.

Please note that our programme begins in July 2017.