

**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

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

**Call for Applications**

**Background**

With funding from the Gerda-Henkel Stiftung Foundation, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences seeks to admit 10 students for the 2020 intake of the Inter-disciplinary PhD in Historical Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences. The programme is by research and focuses on interdisciplinary topics in the Historical Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences. This includes a cluster of subjects (disciplines) that study human society with a particular sensitivity to change over time, historical context, and the development of various kinds of evidence to support analyses about the causes, characteristics, and implications of such changes in human society.

The Inter-disciplinary PhD by Research is reconfigured as a research agenda with an explicit intersection between Historical Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences. Preference will be accorded to projects that approach the study of the Historical Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences with **a clear and strong historical bias and/or focus** in the following fields:

- a) The Classics, namely literature, philosophy, epic, and drama
- b) Prehistory/Early History of Africa
- c) Archaeology
- d) Language and Linguistics
- e) Creative Arts in Africa
- f) Religion in Africa
- g) Security, Society and the State
- h) Islam, the Modern Nation State and Transnational Movements<sup>1</sup>

**General Requirements**

Research experience in the Humanities and Social Sciences at a University or a Research Institute and a strong foundation in writing and research methods is desirable. The applicant should have excellent oral and written communication skills. This is a PhD by research; therefore, applicants should demonstrate capacity for independent work. They should also have excellent interpersonal and problem-solving skills.

**Eligibility**

Eligible candidates should:

- a) Be Ugandan nationals or nationals of a Sub-Saharan African country. (Attach a biodata page of your passport or National Identity Card to your application).
- b) Hold Master's degree in the **Humanities and Social Sciences discipline**, for which s/he has applied for, from a recognised university. The MA must have been completed less than ten years ago at the time of application.
- c) Hold an Honours undergraduate degree in the Humanities and Social Sciences from a recognised university.
- d) Be fluent or show proof of fluency in English Language

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<sup>1</sup> For further clarification please visit our partner's website: [http://www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/special\\_programme\\_islam](http://www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/special_programme_islam) or [http://www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/special\\_programme\\_security](http://www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/special_programme_security) and our website: <http://www.chuss.mak.ac.ug> and the project webpage: <http://www.chuss.mak.ac.ug>graduateschol>

- e) Provide two letters from two academic referees who are familiar with his/her work recommending his/her application. It is important that the referees, who have been named on the applicant's application form, are the ones who supply a reference letter for the applicant.
- f) Confirm that s/he will be available from July 2020 to undertake a three-year full-time study leading to the award of a PhD in the fields of Historical Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences of Makerere University.
- g) Be under the age of 40 years (male) or 45 years (female) by 30 June 2020. Qualified female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

### **Funding**

The programme is fully-funded by the Gerda Henkel Foundation and is tenable at Makerere University. The scholarship will cover all costs of the PhD programme, including tuition and other university fees, living expenses, medical insurance, research and travel. The maximum value of the scholarship, commencing in 2020 is approximately **UGX 40,150,00 or USD 11,000** per year. Each fellow will receive a laptop computer.

### **Timeline**

This is a three year's programme, which starts in July 2020 and ends in June 2023.

- i. July 2020 to June 2021: Proposal development
- ii. July 2021 to June 2022: Fieldwork
- iii. July 2022 to June 2023: Dissertation writing

### **How to apply**

Completed application form and accompanying supporting documents must be submitted by Friday, 27 March 2020 to:

**The Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Makerere University, P.O BOX 7062 Kampala**

**Tel: +256414531909**

**Email: [graduate.college@chuss.mak.ac.ug](mailto:graduate.college@chuss.mak.ac.ug) with copy to [principal@chuss.mak.ac.ug](mailto:principal@chuss.mak.ac.ug)**

### **For Further Information**

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