

# Call For Application for Doctor of Philosophy in Education (PhD) Scholarships

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

Kibabii University (KIBU) in conjunction with University of Dar-es-salaam College of Education (DUCE), University of Zambia (UNZA) and HELVETAS Swiss Interco-operation has won a research grant on *Strengthening Teacher Mentorship and Support through School Based Inservice Teacher Training*. The project is funded by IDRC-Canada in collaboration with Global Partnership in Education (GPE) on Knowledge Innovation and Exchange (KIX).

The project proposes an innovative practice-oriented teacher training approach through training of expert teachers, who will then introduce inclusive school based teacher training to their respective schools. Through, this project Kibabii University is offering **TWO (2) partially funded** PhD scholarship to highly deserving students on a competitive basis in the area of *Educational Planning, Economics of Education, Education Management and Policy Studies*. The PhD project will support the project's agenda.

## 2.0 SCHOLARSHIP DESIGN

The project offers financial support to academically skilled and financially disadvantaged PhD students with the main focus on the Project **Priority Areas**.

The scholarship covers: Research component and partial University tuition fees.

## **3.0 PROGRAMMES OFFERED**

- Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Management and Policy Studies
- Doctor of Philosophy in Economics of Education and Management
- Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Planning and Management

## 4.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The minimum requirements for qualification for the programme are:

- i. Holders of at least a Masters degree from Kibabii University, in the following: Educational Planning, Economics of Education, Education Management and policy studies;
- ii. Holders of relevant Master's Degree in Educational Planning, Economics of Education, education management and policy studies from any other recognized University;
- iii. In addition to the above, applicants must meet the specific requirements for admission into Doctoral degree Programme as approved by the KIBU Senate;



- iv. Proof of admission into the above stated programmes in Kibabii University;
- v. Fulfilled specific requirements including course work as maybe stipulated by the respective Faculty/School with regard to the field of study;
- vi. All interested candidates must have a research concept paper in the intended area of study;
- vii. The concept note **MUST** have a component in either teacher mentorship, teacher competencies, education policy, professional development or management;
- viii. Interested applicants must be willing to commit more time into the Project; and
- ix. Only applicants from Kenya are eligible.

## **5.0 APPLICATION PROCESS**

The applicants must submit the under listed documents by email as a single PDF file to <u>idrc-sitt@kibu.ac.ke</u> and copy to: deanfess@kibu.ac.ke

- i. A duly filled **Scholarship Application Form** (*Download from the KIBU website or using the links below*);
- ii. Signed Curriculum Vitae;
- iii. Certified copies of all University degree certificates and transcripts;
- iv. A recommendation letter from the immediate supervisor and/or a senior professional in the relevant field;
- v. A one-page covering letter explaining the applicant's motivation for pursuing this PhD and justification for the award of scholarship/support;
- vi. A short Concept Note (maximum 10 pages) describing the candidate's proposed PhD research. Concept notes will be selected on the basis of the alignment of the proposed research with the theme of this Call. See below for guidance on the concept note structure;
- vii. Recent passport photograph in colour covering the full head and upper shoulders;
- viii. Evidence of Nationality such as copy of national identity card/ passport/birth certificate; and
- ix. Evidence of application fee payment.

# PhD Concept Note structure

The Concept Note not be longer than 10 pages, and must include the following:

- Introduction
- Background
- Statement of the Problem
- Research Objectives and Research Questions
- Rationale /Justification of the Study
- Theoretical/Conceptual Framework
- Summary of Preliminary Literature Review
- Planned Research Methodology
- Proposed Structure (Work Plan) and Budget of the Study
- References

# 6.0 APPLICATION FEES



Application fees of **KES 2,000.00 (Two Thousand Kenyan Shillings)** to be made by Bankers Cheque/Direct cash to:

Bank Name: ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Account Name: Kibabii University. Account Number: 2028252628 Branch: Bungoma.

Scanned bank slip can be sent via e-mail as provided in this Call.

The deadline for application of the Scholarships is **August 15<sup>th</sup>**, **2021** not later than **17:00 hours East Africa Time.** Successful candidates will be notified through letters and/or via e-mail. Applications from suitably qualified candidates are welcome, regardless of ethnicity, disability, and gender.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Milestone/Key Event	Key Dates
<b>Call for Scholarship Applications</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021
Deadline for Submission of Applications	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
<b>Reviewing and Short listing of Applicants</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2021
Interviews	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
Selection and Award	27 <sup>th</sup> August 2021

## 7.0 CONTACT US

For more information about the scholarships contact:

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