
Call for Applications for PhD Scholarships Tenable at Linköping University or Stockholm University Offered by the University of Rwanda

The University of Rwanda (UR) in collaboration with Linköping University and Stockholm University, Sweden, under the University of Rwanda–Sweden Programme for Research, Higher Education, and Institutional Advancement, is recruiting two students to undertake PhD studies in the field of mathematics. Eligible applicants should be staff members of any of the colleges, which form the University of Rwanda. We invite interested candidates to apply for sandwich PhD studies in the field of mathematics from January 2018 to December 2022, in the following suggested fields of study:

- Pure Mathematics;
- Applied Mathematics.

Eligibility

The applicant must:

- Be holding at least a Master's degree in mathematics (or equivalent);
- Be a Rwandan citizen and a staff member working in one of the colleges of the University of Rwanda;
- Upon completion of the PhD studies, be willing to continue as an academic staff member of the University of Rwanda for at least five years in order to contribute to research and teaching in the area of mathematics;
- Be able to stay in Sweden for eight to ten months per year during the period of study;
- Have demonstrated the ability to think creatively and work independently and also be able to work in a team of researchers.

Mandatory documents

Interested applicants should submit the following set of documents:

- An application letter for a scholarship for PhD studies;
- A current CV (maximum five pages), which includes a detailed description of previous education on university level (including all courses and grades);
- A copy of the National Identity Card and passport;
- Three recent passport photos;
- Proof of English language skills;
- Transcripts for Bachelor's and Master's studies;
- A certified copy of the applicant's Master's diploma;
- A copy of the applicant's Master's thesis;
- A research concept note of maximum five pages;
- At least two certified recommendation letters.

The concept note must include:

- A description of the applicant's research interests in mathematics;
- A description of the applicant's background in the area/areas of interest;
- A discussion on the applicant's motivation for conducting PhD studies;
- A discussion on what outputs the applicant expects to realize through the PhD studies.

Selection

The shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by a panel formed by the UR Director of Research, Innovation and Postgraduate studies, the Team leaders of the sub-programme, potential supervisors, the Overall Coordinator of the UR-Sweden Programme, and a representative of the Swedish Embassy to Rwanda as an observer.

Important dates to notice

The deadline for submission of the application letter and all required documents is **September 15, 2017 (latest by 5:00 PM)**. Successful applicants will be informed the period for interviews.

Submission of applications

Interested candidates are requested to submit their documents to:

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Soft copies of the required documents should also be sent to the following email addresses, with the subject "PhD scholarship in pure mathematics or applied mathematics, Sweden":
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