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LLD Scholarship under the (Re)Constituting Uganda project

The Human Rights and Peace Centre (HURIPEC), School of Law, Makerere University invites excellent and motivated candidates for a doctoral position in constitutional governance and the law. The position is part of the project titled: "(Re)Constituting Uganda: Re-invigorating the struggle for human rights, peace and social justice in Uganda through an organic, resilient and popular Constitution". The successful applicant will join a vibrant human rights and constitutional law research environment and enrol at the School of Law, Makerere University. The studies are expected to begin on **1st December 2023**. The scholarship position is for **4 years** ending on **30th December 2027**.

The Project "Re(constituting) Uganda" is being launched as a part of HURIPEC's commemoration of its 30-year anniversary as a uniquely placed voice at the cutting edge of academia and civil society. Under the project, HURIPEC seeks to refocus its strengths in research, popular engagement, and advocacy for human rights, peace and social justice in Uganda and the region. Concretely, the project will provide a platform for the development of a clear path towards autochthonous, meaningful and effective constitutional reforms as a means of achieving social justice and sustainable peace in Uganda.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Doctoral student is expected to:

- Develop an independent research project for an LLD thesis which examines the link between constitutional design and democratic governance in Uganda, in a way that productively supports the overarching project and the other sub-projects.
- Participate actively in the development of the (Re)Constituting Uganda project and its academic activities, including collaborating in refining the project design and methodology and further developing the theoretical framework
- Prepare and participate in joint publications and workshops and help make an impact on the scholarly and public debate on constitutional reform in Uganda.
- Travel for retreats, participate in field trips and/or possibly stay for some periods at partner institutions.
- Assist in carrying out administrative and coordination duties associated with the project, including interim reporting, co-organisation of workshops, the project website and initiating new initiatives.

Your Competencies and Opportunities

- The applicant must be Ugandan and must have a Master of Laws (LLM) degree from a recognized university. Candidates who display knowledge of de-colonial and critical legal theory approaches to the field of study will have an added advantage. Applicants must be motivated, creative and mature and should display enthusiasm and good interpersonal and communication skills. They must display a good knowledge of Ugandan constitutional law and history. A knowledge of comparative constitutional law will be an added advantage.

Scope of the Scholarship

The Scholarship will cover the following:

- (i) Full Tuition fees for up to four years
- (ii) Full access to the Makerere University Library and other connected libraries.
- (iii) Extra and thorough supervisory research support from senior academics under the project.

Instructions for Application

Applicants should submit a 5-page concept note of their planned thesis exploring the project theme and objective. The concept should include key questions, a theoretical framework, methodology and how the planned thesis will add to already existing research. The concept note should also comprise a preliminary bibliography and a preliminary study plan. All applications will be reviewed by an appraisal committee following which the successful applicants will appear before an expert panel for further assessment. The successful candidate will be asked to fulfil the admission requirements at Makerere University before submitting a full proposal.

Assessment Criteria

The following criteria will be followed when shortlisting candidates for assessment:

1. Relevant qualifications and knowledge of the proposed area of study
2. Research qualifications relevant to the overall research project
3. Quality and feasibility of the concept note
4. Originality and creativity of the research concept
5. Significance of the research with respect to any of the following issues:
 - (i) The special need addressed in society/discipline
 - (ii) Providing a solution to an existing problem
 - (iii) Proposal for alternative best practice or cost-effectiveness
 - (iv) Contribution to a strategic goal or global issue

6. Performance (grades obtained) in graduate and post-graduate studies.

Concept notes together with the accompanying documents should be submitted electronically to the following E-mails:

director.huripec@mak.ac.ug copying **admin.huripec@mak.ac.ug** and **fellowships.huripec@mak.ac.ug**.

The following are the required accompanying documents:

- (i) A Cover Letter addressed to the HURIPEC Director, detailing your motivation and background for applying for the LLD programme.
- (ii) A work plan demonstrating the ability to complete the LLD programme
- (iii) A CV including a list of publications, where available.
- (iv) Recommendation from at least one senior academic in a recognised institution of higher learning.

The application must be submitted electronically. Deadline for applications is Friday, 10th November 2023. More details are available at <https://huripec.mak.ac.ug/>.