

## RE- ADVERTISEMENT/CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### PhD scholarships under the Building Stronger Universities in Developing Countries initiative – Environment & Climate Platform.

The Environment & Climate Platform, a collaborative effort between SUA and universities in Denmark with funding from Danida hereby advertise a number of PhD scholarships.

#### Background

The Environment & Climate Platform (BSUPEC) is one of four platforms in the initiative “Building Stronger Universities in Developing Countries” (BSU). BSU is a partnership between research and higher education institutions in developing countries and Danish universities. The overall objective of the BSU initiative is to strengthen universities in developing countries to increasingly play a role in the economic, social and political development of the societies in which they are located.

The BSUPEC initially involves partner institutions from Ghana, Tanzania and Denmark. The development objective of the platform is to contribute to informed and improved, sustainable natural resource management and environmental protection considering the needs for sustainable livelihoods, including adaptation and mitigation to climate change – through research capacity building in Ghana and Tanzania.

Based on relevance for environment and climate in Tanzania and reflecting the capacities, approaches and expertise within the research area, the BSUPEC has initially identified two academic focus areas: (i) Sustainable land use and management; and (ii) Sustainable water use and management. Both areas should be seen in the light of climate change, and the needs for sustainable innovations and planning.

The initiative receives core funding from Danida and is co-funded by the participating universities. Read more about the platform on [www.environmentandclimate.org](http://www.environmentandclimate.org).

#### Eligibility criteria

Only applications from candidates that fulfil the below criteria will be considered:

- An MSc/MA degree has been completed at the time of application
- Candidate must be below 40 years of age at time of application
- Candidate must be a staff member of Sokoine University of Agriculture
- Candidate must not already be enrolled as PhD candidate at Sokoine University of Agriculture or any other university

**General conditions of the scholarships**

- The candidate will be enrolled at a relevant department/faculty at Sokoine University of Agriculture;
- The candidate will have a principal supervisor from the university of enrolment and a co-supervisor from a relevant Danish university;
- The candidate is obliged to do course work equivalent to half a year of study;
- The scholarships are, when deemed optimal and feasible, implemented as a “sandwich-model”, where the candidate stays up to a maximum of 10 months in Denmark, typically divided in two stays;
- The offered scholarships will have a 3 year duration;
- The candidate will undertake research relevant to one or more of the academic focus areas of the platform.

**Application form**

The application form can be downloaded from [www.environmentandclimate.org](http://www.environmentandclimate.org) . The application form must be attached with the following appendices:

Annex A. Certified copy of second university degree and transcript; where applicable

Annex B. Brief Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 pages)

Annex C. Publication list

Annex D. A sample of own scientific writing (max. 10 page)

Annex E. A PhD project synopsis of maximum two pages within the focus areas of the platform

**Deadline**

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**Submission of applications**

Applications are to be submitted to the Directorate of Research and Postgraduate Studies at Sokoine University of Agriculture, P.O. Box 3151, Chuo Kikuu, Morogoro, Tanzania, e-mail: [drpgs@suanet.ac.tz](mailto:drpgs@suanet.ac.tz) . The candidate must submit both hard and soft copies of applications. The soft copy should be one pdf file that should also be copied to [Kajembe@suanet.ac.tz](mailto:Kajembe@suanet.ac.tz) and [danim@suanet.ac.tz](mailto:danim@suanet.ac.tz) . Those who submitted their application when this advertisement/Call appeared for the first time need not to re-apply. Women are highly encouraged to apply.