

RE-ADVERTISEMENT/ CALL FOR PROPOSALS

PhD scholarships under the Building Stronger Universities in Developing Countries initiative – Growth & Employment Platform.

The Growth & Employment Platform, a collaborative effort between Sokoine University of Agriculture and universities in Denmark with funding from Danida hereby advertise a number of PhD scholarships.

Background

The Growth & Employment Platform (GEP) 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 GEP initially involves partner institutions from Ghana, Tanzania and Denmark. The development objective of the platform is to enhance the capacity of partner institutions in Ghana and Tanzania to promote sustainable growth and employment through research, education and dissemination of research findings. The academic foundation of the GEP rests on three academic competence areas with multiple interfaces across partner universities: (i) Development economics; (ii) Management and leadership; and (iii) Agriculture and agribusiness.

Based on relevance for growth and employment in Ghana and Tanzania and reflecting the capacities, approaches and expertise nested within these three competence areas, the GEP has initially identified five academic focus areas: (i) Macroeconomic governance and growth; (ii) Innovation and diffusion processes; (iii) Agricultural value chains; (iv) Uncertainty, shocks and rural livelihoods; and (v) Competitive strategies, upgrading and innovation. Therefore the PhD study must be relevant to one or more of the academic focus areas indicated here.

The initiative receives core funding from Danida and is co-funded by the participating universities. Read more about the platform on www.growthandemployment.org.

Eligibility criteria

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

- An MSc/MA/MBA/MPhil 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 registered as PhD candidate at Sokoine University of Agriculture or any other university

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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 to be decided by the student and the research team (approximately 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;
- Parallel enrolment at a relevant Danish university may be an option, and the candidate will pursue a double PhD degree.

Application form

The application form can be downloaded from www.growthandemployment.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

Deadline

1ST February 2012

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 . 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 zmattee@suanet.ac.tz and 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.