

Makerere University



Announcement of Scholarships for MSc and PhD in Plant Breeding College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

The Makerere University Regional Centre for Crop Improvement (MaRCCI), hosted by the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES), invites outstanding candidates from Eastern and Southern Africa to apply for a very limited number of partial or full scholarships to pursue an MSc in Plant Breeding and Seed Systems (PBSS) or a PhD in Plant Breeding and Biotechnology (PBB) at Makerere University. MaRCCI is interested in candidates who are hard-working, passionate, academically strong, and eager learners, prepared to contribute to improving crop varieties that will address the issues of hunger and food security in Africa.

The Centre aims to equip African scientists with sound theoretical and practical knowledge, enabled for innovative use of the most current breeding approaches in crop variety development. MaRCCI employs novel curriculum approaches, cutting edge research facilities and a highly-skilled national, regional and international training team.

The MSc PBSS is a two-year programme and the PhD PBB is a four-year programme that MaRCCI will conduct in cooperation with the Department of Agricultural Production. Both programmes require full-time involvement and consist of rigorous coursework and research. Applicants should be prepared to work hard.

Eligibility

Qualifications: All applicants should demonstrate a strong commitment to working in agriculture and must meet criteria for admission to Makerere University.

(See <https://news.mak.ac.ug/2017/02/applications-admission-graduate-programmes-20172018>).

Applicants for the MSc PBSS should have the following qualifications—

- Must have obtained at least a Bachelor of Science degree in Crop Science or other relevant field
- Should be less than 35 years of age at the time of application.

Applicants for PBB should have the following qualifications --

- Must have obtained at least a Master of Science degree in Plant Breeding or other relevant field in plant sciences from a recognized and chartered university/institution.
- Should be less than 40 years of age at the time of application.

Scholarships:

- Applicants from Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia will be given preference.

The following conditions are an added advantage:

- Current employment in a seed company, National Agricultural Research Institution, University, or Ministry of Agriculture.
- Proof of job placement upon successful completion and expected return to any of above institutions or programmes.
- Evidence of partial support from other sources.
- Females may be given preference.

Application procedure

Applicants should provide:

- **Curriculum Vitae** of NOT more than 2 pages, with **Names and contact information** (e-mail addresses and telephone numbers) of **3 references**
- **Academic documents/transcripts** (translated into English if required),
- **Letter regarding motivation**
- Photocopy of primary page of **passport**
- **Completed application form for Makerere University's post-graduate programme**
- **MaRCCI's supplemental application form.**

Application forms can be downloaded from **websites for MaRCCI and Makerere University.**

Applicants are encouraged to carefully study the application guidelines and provide all the required information and documents prior to submitting the application.

Applications can be submitted in hard copy to:

Office of the Director, MaRCCI, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, PO Box 7062, KAMPALA, Uganda

OR to the MaRCCI Office at Kabanyolo, Makerere University, also at PO Box 7062, KAMPALA, Uganda.

Alternately, applications can be sent by email to either MscApplications@MaRCCImak.org for candidates seeking MSc scholarships or PhDAplications@MaRCCImak.org for candidates seeking PhD scholarships, respectively.

The application deadline for the 2018/2019 MaRCCI scholarships is Friday 19th January 2018 at 17:00 Hours (GMT+3).

For further information, please write to Enquiries@marccimak.org. Check for updates regarding this scholarship application on MaRCCI website www.marcciplantbreeding.org