

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR MASTER DEGREE STUDENTS

Background

The University of Embu, Kenyatta University and other partners have been awarded a grant by the United Nations Peace and Development Trust Fund (UNPDTF) to implement a project titled “**Enhancing Gender Analysis in STEM Higher Education and Research in Kenya**”, between **1st January 2023** and **31st December 2024**. The project is supported within the Higher Education Academic Research Grant (HEAR-G) framework. HEAR-G seeks to broadly support collaborative research work for professionals and academic staff of universities in developing countries, least developed countries and small island developing states. The Grant is funded under the UNPDTF’s sub-fund; *the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, which is meant to finance activities in support of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by Member States in 2015.

Focus of the Project

The UNESCO report (2019) indicates that only 35% of STEM students in higher education globally are women. To close this gender gap and implement Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5, Kenya has developed a national policy on Gender and Development 2019, Science, Technology and Innovation Act 2013 and National Education Sector Strategic Plan 2018-2022, which are aligned to Kenya Vision 2030. Despite these efforts, Kenya has not achieved gender parity especially in STEM education and research. The project seeks to enhance gender parity and analysis in STEM education and research through various programmes including capacity building for sustainable gender responsive STEM education and research in universities and research institutions.

Scholarship Opportunities

As part of the capacity building programme, the project invites applications for Four (4) full scholarship opportunities to pursue Master Degree courses in the **University of Embu** (2 opportunities) and **Kenyatta University** (2 opportunities). The successful students will be required to participate in the project activities and align their research project to gender analysis in STEM so as to take advantage of the platforms presented by the project as well as the generated data. Further, the scholarship will be fixed to a **two year** period (January 2023 to December 2024) without extension.

Qualifications

Eligible applicants are expected to meet the following requirements:

- a. Should be a Kenyan citizen aged below 35 years; and
- b. Should hold a Bachelor's Degree qualified with Second Class Honors or above from a recognized university

Application Procedure

Eligible applicants should fill the HEAR-G scholarship application form (*Click [here](#) to access the application form*) and upload:

- i. A motivation letter stating the applicant's suitability, rationale, commitment and interest to pursue research to advance gender analysis in STEM;
- ii. Certified copies of certificates, transcripts and other testimonials; and
- iii. Detailed curriculum vitae with contacts of at least THREE references

NOTE: Students who meet all the above requirements and in addition, have completed course work (i.e. 1st year of study) in a relevant degree programme will have an added advantage.

Deadline

Applications to be received not later than **30th December, 2022**.

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

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