Workshop and Sponsorship Opportunity for

Postgraduate students at Kabale University

RESPECT: Human Rights of marginalized groups in East Africa

RESPECT (Responsible Critical Thinking) for human rights of marginalized groups is a two-year collaborative project between Kabale University (KAB) in Uganda, and Lund University (LU) in Sweden. Funded by the Swedish Institute, RESPECT supports postgraduate research on human rights in East Africa, particularly among marginalized communities such as the Batwa in Kigezi. It aligns with UN SDG 16.7 on inclusive and participatory governance.

Programme

Postgraduate students from the **Faculties of Education, Social Sciences, Economics & Management, Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, and Law are invited** to participate in a capacity building programme at Kabale University. The programme consists of four workshops related to **research on Human Rights**:

W1: Interdisciplinary approach to human rights of marginalised groups

W2: Responsible critical thinking to solve wicked problems

W3: Participatory action research

W4: Implementation, evaluation, and social impact

Between workshops, participating students will be supported by renowned researchers from Lund University and Kabale University.

The programme is offered in two cohorts including both students and supervisors. Supervisors have already been selected for the first cohort, while **we now invite postgraduate students** to join this cohort according to the following schedule:

Cohort 1: February and March 2025 (dates will be shared with participants)

Cohort 2: November 2025 and February 2026 (to be advertised later)

Benefits for Participants

- **Full sponsorship** for participation (including meals and drinks).
- **Financial support** for 12 postgraduate students' fieldwork if their research focuses on human rights of marginalized groups in East Africa. In case of competition, the transport funding will be randomly raffled out to ensure equal opportunities for all students participating in the RESPECT workshop programme.
- **Certificate upon completion** (requires attendance in all four workshops).

STUDENT APPLICATION

Eligibility Criteria

Student applicants must:

- Be **first-year** Master's or PhD students at Kabale University within the eligible faculties.
- Demonstrate a research interest in **human rights of marginalized and vulnerable groups**.

Priority will be given to candidates who meet the outlined criteria. Otherwise, candidates will be selected on the order of their submitted applications.

Application Process

Submit an **Expression of Interest** by **5:00 PM (EAT), 14th February 2025** to:
📧 **Project Administrator:** Boaz Nabimanya (bnabimanya@kab.ac.ug)
📧 **CC:** Assoc. Prof. Mesharch Katusiimeh (mkatusiimeh@kab.ac.ug) & Prof. Eva Brodin (eva.brodin@ahu.lu.se)

Required Documents:

1. **Proof of Enrollment** (as a Master's or PhD student at Kabale University).
2. **Statement of Purpose** (motivating your interest in human rights research).
3. **Partial Transcript** (First Semester 2024/2025 results, if available; can be submitted later before the final selection).

📢 **Encouraging applications from diverse backgrounds. Gender equality and diversity are key priorities.**

📩 **For inquiries, contact the project leaders via email.**

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