



BUILDING STRONGER UNIVERSITIES PROJECT GULU UNIVERSITY (BSU4-GU)

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR POST DOC GRANTS

Introduction

Gulu University is implementing Building Stronger Universities Project– Phase IV (BSU4-GU). The project is funded by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. BSU4-GU Project is in partnership with Aalborg University (lead in Denmark), University of Copenhagen, and Roskilde University. It will collaborate with two ‘twinning partners’: University of Rwanda and Maseno University (Kenya). It will also have links with the two other BSU universities: State University of Zanzibar (Tanzania) and University of Hargeisa (Somaliland). The project period runs from June 2023 to May 2028.

The BSU4-GU Project aims to strengthen Gulu University’s capacity to deal with pressing social problems through excellent teaching and research that engages stakeholders and is effectively communicated and disseminated to other scholars and to the local communities. To do this, the project seeks to strengthen graduate training by increasing the number of Gulu University staff with PhD and Post Doc Degrees.

BSU4 Themes and Topical Areas

BSU4 Project has two overall themes:

- ‘Transforming Education’
- ‘Rights, Resources and Gender’.

The project will work within four topical areas arising from the two overall themes. One PhD will be linked to each topical area and will work as part of a team on the topic. The applicant must submit a proposal within one of the areas and the supervisors and team members will assist the PhD student to focus the research in a way that complements other studies within the area. The topical areas are as follows: -

1. *Lifelong Education and New Ways of Learning: Problem-Based Learning, hybrid e-Learning*
2. *Sustainable Development and Climate Change Mitigation: Innovation, Education and Community Engagement*
3. *Post-conflict Policies and Practices: Hosts and Refugees, Transitional Justice*
4. *Health and Technologies: Health Rights and Changing Gender Relationships*

Disciplines

The PhD call is open to applicants in the following disciplines:

- a) Humanities
- b) Social Sciences
- c) Public Health
- d) Information Communication Technology

Four Post Doc grants

The grants are for Gulu University staff who will be jointly mentored by professors of Gulu and Danish universities working within the topical areas. They shall be awarded for a period not exceeding two (2) academic years*.

Eligibility

To qualify to apply for the post-doc grants, one must be; -

- a) A full-time or part-time staff of Gulu University in one of the above disciplines
- b) Holding a PhD degree

Expenses Covered

The grant may be used to fully or partially cover:

- ✓ Fieldwork expenses
- ✓ Publication and printing fees
- ✓ Dissemination workshops
- ✓ Conference attendance within Africa

Benefits to the teaching departments: Partial compensation will be provided to the relevant Department to enable teaching replacement while the Post Doc is on study leave or study stay or on field data collection.

Requirements for application

- a) Letter of expression of interest in the Post Doc grant, including a statement of interest in one topical area.
- b) Detailed CV
- c) Copies of academic documents
- d) Summary description of the tentative Post Doc proposal for one of the topical areas including an activity plan and realistic budget (max 4 pages)

How to Apply

1. Process requirements for the application listed above and submit three copies of the signed hard copy to: Office of the BSU Coordinator, Gulu University, Main Campus.
2. Scan the processed documents in (a) above and combine them in one PDF file named: “Your name” –Post Doc Grant e.g *Obwona Felix – Post Doc Grant*.
3. Email the soft application to BSU4-GU Coordinator: bsu.project@gu.ac.ug and copy to c.n.okumu@gu.ac.ug; Susan.Reynolds.Whyte@anthro.ku.dk and ann@ikp.aau.dk
4. Closing date for receiving applications is on **Thursday 29th February, 2024 at 5:00pm**.

Evaluation Procedure

1. The application committee will receive and summarize the applications.
2. Grants award committee (comprising both the Danish & Gulu University partners) shall receive and evaluate the summarized applications.
3. All short-listed applicants shall be subjected to interview by the grants committee.
4. Each application shall be evaluated on the basis of: 1) academic qualifications; 2) quality and feasibility of the proposal; 3) relevance of the proposed project to one of the topical areas and 4) a demonstration of potential to undertake the Post Doc.
5. The selected applicants shall be recommended by the Grants Committee to the Executive Committee for the award of the PhD grant.

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07th February, 2024

**Terms and Conditions Apply*