

Announcing PhD Fellowships for Sub-Saharan African Scientists – 2011

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The Capacity Strengthening unit of ILRI supports the development of scientific knowledge and technical capacity of researchers and stakeholders through the management of various training programmes, including the administration of Graduate Research Projects.

ILRI, with funding support from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), is offering four 3-year PhD level scholarships to researchers from the sub-Saharan African (SSA) countries (excluding Kenyan citizens). Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

The grantees are expected to be registered in one of the Sub-Saharan regional universities. The scholarship will cover the stipend, tuition fees, some research expenses and other related costs up to a maximum of USD 12,600 per student per year.

Specific research areas

Applications are invited from young African scientists wishing to undertake their **PhD Research in the specific areas/topics listed in the attached/accompanying document**. If you are interested, please go through the list and develop your application and proposal (**indicating the specific Project Reference Number from the list**).

Minimum requirements for eligibility:

- First degree with at least a second class upper division in agriculture, animal production or any related subject
- M.Sc degree in disciplines related to the areas/topics of research interest (see listed projects in accompanying attachment)
- Currently based at a research or an academic institution in SSA
- Already registered or in the process of registering for a PhD degree in a Sub-Saharan university
- The candidate may not exceed the age limit of 36 years by the time of application submission (June 2011)
- Only citizens of Sub-Saharan African countries (excluding Kenya) are eligible for this scholarship

Application Procedure

Prospective candidates are expected to apply using the attached DAAD application form. The closing date for application is **8th June 2011**. Please note that the application should contain the following:

- The DAAD application and information form, duly filled and signed
- Your Curriculum Vitae (using the europass CV template <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>), i.e. the downloaded and filled template or a copy of the on-line filled form.
- A recommendation letter by your (University) head of department
- Certified copies of all University degree certificates
- Certified copies of all University transcripts
- The University admission letter, even if temporary (original or certified copy)
- A detailed and precise research proposal showing the work plan and time schedule until graduation. Indicate the periods of time you are going to spend at ILRI.
- A declaration of acceptance from your academic (University) supervisor
- Proof of employment with certification that you receive an unpaid leave (if applicable)

The completed application form with all the required documents should be forwarded to ILRI's capacity strengthening unit and addressed to:

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Incomplete applications or applications that reach ILRI after the above mentioned deadline will not be considered. Only short listed candidates will be notified.