

MSc fellowship available in the Transboundary Animal Diseases in East Africa (TADEA) Project at the Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries and Makerere University, Uganda

The overall aim of the project is to develop local research capacity that is capable of using state-of-the-art technology, including improved serological assays and molecular epidemiological methods, for diagnosis, research and control of foot-and-mouth disease viruses which causes an important transboundary disease in domestic animals and wildlife.

The project is financed by the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) and is based on collaboration between two Ugandan institutions (Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries [MAAIF] and Makerere University Institute of Environment & Natural Resources [MUIENR]), one Kenyan institution (Ministry of Livestock Development) and two Danish institutions (National Veterinary Institute at the Technical University of Denmark – Lindholm, and the Department of Biology, University of Copenhagen).

The project announces the availability of one MSc fellowship. The fellowship will support research for two years. The support will include stipends, research, and tuition fees with effect from 2011/2012 Makerere University academic year.

MSc application requirements

The MSc student will work closely with PhD students and the project management staff at MAAIF. S/he will participate in field and laboratory studies involving samples from both livestock and wildlife. Applicants should meet the following:

- Relevant Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Medicine or any related biological sciences discipline from a well recognized academic Institution
- Evidence of relevant knowledge in the subject area.
- Relevant field, laboratory and publication experience, and the ability to work within a team. Enthusiasm to learn and adopt new concepts and to dedicate life to full time study. The target therefore is energetic and ambitious persons.
- Relevance of the area of research for the applicant's professional development
- Working knowledge of computers

Applications should include a covering letter outlining the interests and the qualifications of the applicant, CV, plus names, e-mail and phone numbers of two persons who are willing to provide academic and/or work-related references. Applications should be sent by e-mail (preferably in PDF-format) to: The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry & Fisheries, P.O. Box 102, Entebbe through the Commissioner for Livestock Health and Entomology; e-mail: nicholaskauta@yahoo.co.uk. A copy should be submitted to the project manager as well; whose e-mail address is given below. Deadline for application is 30th November, 2010. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted, preferably by e-mail. Interested applicants should contact Dr. Ayebazibwe Chrisostom, phone +256 772 626 215, email: cayebazibwe@gmail.com to get a more detailed description of the projects and the terms of the fellowships.