



Kenyatta University

Scholarship Announcement

Geography Department, Kenyatta University

MSc/MA Scholarship Opportunity in Geography

The Geography Department at Kenyatta University announces a fully-funded MSc/MA scholarship opportunity for candidates interested in contributing to the project "Land Acquisitions and Rising Land Inequality in Rural East Africa." This project, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation in Germany, is a collaboration between KU's Geography Department, the Thunen Institute (Germany) and Makerere University's Development Studies Department (Uganda).

Project Description:

The selected candidate will be expected to register for a **full-time** MA/MSc degree at Kenyatta University's Geography department **beginning September 2024** (Courses offered in the department of geography can be found here:

<https://humanities.ku.ac.ke/index.php/menu-styles/2013-08-22-06-02-04/89-programmes/408-masters-in-geography>). They will also be significantly involved in the research project focusing on the impacts of land acquisitions on the escalation of land inequality in rural East Africa. This project aims to examine the socio-economic, environmental, and policy dimensions of land acquisitions, with the goal of providing insights into sustainable land governance and equitable development in the region. Candidates will have the opportunity to work alongside experienced researchers and contribute to research in the field.

Eligibility Criteria:

- i. A Bachelor's degree in Economics, Geography, Land Studies, Development Studies, or a related discipline.
- ii. Motivated and passionate about addressing issues of land inequality and sustainable development in East Africa.



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Application Process:

Interested candidates should prepare a single PDF document containing the following:

- i. Copies of Bachelor's degree certificate and transcripts.
- ii. Motivational letter (not exceeding 500 words) highlighting your interest in the project, relevant background, and why you are the ideal candidate for this scholarship.
- iii. One reference letter from a university faculty.

Applications should be emailed to: chairman-geography@ku.ac.ke and copy: kweyu.rafael@ku.ac.ke with the subject line "MSc/MA Scholarship Application - Land Acquisitions and Rising Land Inequality."

Deadline for application submission: 31st May 2024.

Selection Process:

Short-listed candidates may be invited for phone/on-line interviews to further discuss their motivation and qualifications.

Final selection will be based on academic merit, motivation, and alignment with the project's objectives.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted by 7th June 2024.

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