

SOKOINE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE



College of Agriculture Department of Crop Science and Horticulture

Call for PhD Scholarship Application under the Project

“Insect Service and Biodiversity in Agro-ecological Farming (ISeBAF)”

ISeBAF is a collaborative project between the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and the Royal Museum for Central Africa (RMCA, Tervuren, Belgium) with the support of the Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO). The project intends to recruit two (2) PhD students between January 2021 and December, 2024. The first PhD candidate shall test *agroecological methods against fruit flies (Diptera, Tephritidae) attacking cucurbit crops in farmers' fields in Morogoro, Tanzania*, whereas the second candidate shall provide a *comparative analysis of syrphid pollinators diversity (Diptera, Syrphidae) in agroecological and conventional cucurbit farming in Morogoro, Tanzania*.

Applications from qualified and interested Tanzanians are hereby invited to fill the TWO PhD positions in the fields specified above. The scholarships will ONLY be considered for applicants who have secured admission or submitted application for admission into PhD programmes at SUA. The applicant should possess a master of science (MSc.) in Crop Science or a related agriculture based MSc. degrees with GPA of ≥ 3.5 from a reputable university. Experience in working on **syrphids (pollinators) or tephritids (fruit flies)** will be an added advantage. Females are highly encouraged to apply. As you apply, remember to indicate which among the two positions is applied for.

In order to qualify for scholarship consideration, you should:

- 1) Apply for admission into PhD programme at Sokoine University of Agriculture. Information on procedure and admission requirements is available on SUA website at <https://www.sua.ac.tz/announcements/applications-admission-higher-degrees-academic-year-20202021>. For those who have already applied for admission OR those who were offered admission during the last academic year (2019/2020) should NOT apply again but submit evidence of application/admission with their letters when applying for scholarship;
- 2) Submit your application letter for scholarship consideration to the Project Coordinator Dr Ramadhani Majubwa at omaryrama@sua.ac.tz at SUA and

copy to drpgs@sua.ac.tz and to Dr Massi Virgilio of RMCA (massimiliano.virgilio@africamuseum.be)

The letter should be accompanied by evidence of submission of application for admission into PhD programme OR letter of admission into PhD programme at SUA that is still active. The applicant MUST also submit his/her *curriculum vitae*, a Concept note based on the area of focus (maximum 2,000 words), scanned copies of transcripts and certificates from recognized Universities. The concept note should demonstrate a link between the advertised position and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Also indicate how anticipated results can be used to solve societal problems.

The deadline for scholarship application is at midnight (0:00hrs) 20th December, 2020. Only shortlisted applicants for PhD will be invited for interview.