



**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**MWALIMU NYERERE AFRICAN UNION SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME**

**2017 Call for Scholarship Applications**

**For PhD Programmes in Education Sciences**

**CLOSING DATE: 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017**

The Mwalimu Nyerere African Union Scholarship Scheme was launched in 2007 with the aim to contribute in the production and retention of high level African human resources for sustainable development of the continent in critical development areas, while promoting regional integration through intra-Africa mobility of students. The Scholarship Scheme is intended to enable young Africans to study in reputable African Universities with a binding agreement that beneficiaries will work in any African country for at least the same duration of scholarship period after graduation.

Ensuring the empowerment of young Africans is integral to the AU Theme for 2017 - "Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through Investments in Youth". Indeed, the AU Agenda 2063 calls for an education and skills revolution, which will require major paradigm shifts and re-engineering of Africa's education and training systems.

This Scholarship offer is therefore aimed at producing high caliber young African professionals who will promote innovative progressive pedagogies, education planning and strategic management of education systems in Africa.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible for the Scholarship, a candidate must:

- i. Be a Citizen of an African Union Member State
- ii. Be under the age of thirty five (35) years.

- iii. Be a holder of a Masters' Degree in Educational Sciences or related discipline. The degree must be from a reputable University.
- iv. Have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement as evidenced by academic transcripts.
- v. Have proof of admission to a reputable university in any African Union Member State to undertake a full time PhD programme
- vi. Be willing to commit to work in an African Union Member State on completion of study for at least three (3) years.

**No application will be considered without an admission letter from a university.**

**Note:** In order to promote, intra-Africa student mobility, candidates are encouraged to seek admission to universities in countries other than their own.

### **ELIGIBLE FIELDS OF STUDY**

The following fields of study are eligible:

- Teacher Development and Professional learning
- Education Policy and Planning
- Educational Learning Assessment
- Education Management and Leadership
- Special Education

The PhD programme should be of three years duration.

### **METHOD OF APPLICATION**

Interested candidates should complete the Application Form in PDF format as well as the EXCEL Applicants' Data Sheet, which are available on the Africa Union web-site.

[www.au.int/en/scholarship](http://www.au.int/en/scholarship)

The applicants should submit their formal application and include the following:

- i. Completed application form

- ii. A recent passport-size photograph
- iii. Summarized CV with names and contacts of three referees.
- iv. Certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts
- v. Certified copies of Passport or national Identity Card indicating citizenship
- vi. Copy of admission letter from a reputable African University
- vii. Two (2) Reference Letters with contact addresses.
- viii. An essay of not more than 500 words that explains why the candidate has chosen her particular field of study and its importance to Africa's development.

Two (2) sets of hard copies of the above documents must be sent by post to the address below.

**Mwalimu Nyerere Scholarship Programme**  
**Education Division**  
**Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology**  
**African Union Commission**  
**P.O. Box 3243**  
**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

In addition applicants must scan and produce electronic copies of all the above documents (convert to PDF format) along with the Application Form and EXCEL Applicants' Data Sheet; and send to the following e-mail addresses.

[OlgaA@africa-union.org](mailto:OlgaA@africa-union.org)

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