



## **MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Focus Area: Inclusive Engagement in Energy Transitions in East Africa Gender, Participation, and Justice Thematic area**

The Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in collaboration with the Technical University of Kenya (TUK), University of Juba (UOJ), University of Stavanger, Makerere University Business School (MUBS), and Makerere University received a grant from NORAD under NORHED II projects to implement activities for **Project QZA-21/0159 – Programme 2021-2026 entitled “Capacity building for socially just and sustainable energy transitions in East Africa”**. This project aims at building the capacity of the workforce within the East African region to implement a just and sustainable low-carbon energy agenda by imparting the relevant skills and knowledge through education, research, and outreach.

To this end, this project is now inviting suitable candidates to submit applications for a Masters scholarship to study the interlinkages of gender, justice, and participation in the journey towards achieving a sustainable and socially inclusive energy transition in East Africa. This Masters scholarship is tenable at the Technical University of Kenya for a period of 2 years. The scholarship will cover tuition, research costs, and a monthly stipend for the two years.

#### **About the Masters scholarship**

The journey towards achieving an inclusive and sustainable energy transition in East Africa calls for a mapping of actors and strategies related to energy projects at the national level, community level, and the energy policy landscape. This Masters study will be oriented towards a thematic focus tentatively identified as, *“Inclusive Engagement in Energy Transitions: Gender, Participation, and Justice*. The successful candidate will be expected to research on how energy policies and projects impact different social groups on different levels (community, household etc.). The researcher should *inter alia* investigate how citizens perceive and position themselves in the energy transition narrative. Here, the researcher will be expected to investigate underlying assumptions, gender and social stereotypes and how they impact citizen’s inclusion and participation in the energy transition agenda.

#### **Expected Main tasks**

- The successful candidate will be admitted to the Masters program in *Global Developments and Public Policy* offered at the Centre for Science, Technology, and Society Studies of the Technical University of Kenya;
- The student must complete the Masters program consisting of both mandatory and elective courses plus a major research component.

#### **Specifically, the student will:**

- Undertake field research, collect and analyse data;
- Produce a Masters thesis;
- Disseminate results in scholarly journals, policy briefs, and in related national and international conferences;
- Be an active participant in the day-to-day project activities at the Centre for Science, Technology, and Society Studies.

## **Application Requirements**

Applicants who are interested in this scholarship should submit the following documents:

- Cover letter/motivation letter indicating the applicant's interest in researching on gender, energy justice, citizen participation, and/or social inclusion in the energy transition;
- An Updated Curriculum Vitae
- Certified copies of the undergraduate degree certificate and transcripts with a certified English translation if not already in English;
- Official explanation of the grading system if qualifications were obtained from universities outside Kenya;
- Two recommendation letters from academic referees;
- A maximum of two-page Masters study concept note, relevant to the research project.

## **How to Apply**

Interested applicants are invited to send their applications by **30<sup>th</sup> June 2024** with the email subject **NORHED II SET Masters Scholarship Application**. The applications must be submitted via email to the Director: Centre for Science, Technology and Society Studies (CSTSS), Technical University of Kenya on email: [directorcstss@tukenya.ac.ke](mailto:directorcstss@tukenya.ac.ke) with copies (CC) to the following:

1. **TUK Director, Research and Knowledge Exchange** via [research@tukenya.ac.ke](mailto:research@tukenya.ac.ke);
2. **NORHED II Project Institutional coordinator** on email: [georgeouta@tukenya.ac.ke](mailto:georgeouta@tukenya.ac.ke);
3. **NORHED II Project Coordinators at TUK; UoJ and NTNU:** [perisnjoroge764@gmail.com](mailto:perisnjoroge764@gmail.com); [amattijo@yahoo.com](mailto:amattijo@yahoo.com); [charlotte.jjunju@ntnu.no](mailto:charlotte.jjunju@ntnu.no)

## **Preferred selection criteria**

- Meeting the academic eligibility criteria for all Masters programmes offered at the TUK;
- Knowledge of social scientific studies of energy, gender, and social inclusion;
- Evidence of Strong analytical and writing skills
- Experience with the use of qualitative social science research methods
- experience

## **Assessment Process**

- After the submission deadline, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted
- The applications will undergo a review by TUK's CSTS academic committee and the Project Coordinators in TUK, UOJ, and NTNU, followed by interviews.
- The interviewing panel will reserve the right to not consider materials received after the deadline and to consider only such applications that fulfil the requirements mentioned above.
- Successful candidates will be notified by **1<sup>st</sup> August 2024** upon which they shall be expected to formally register in the Master Programme in Global Developments and Public Policy at the Centre for Science, Technology and Society Studies (CSTSS).
- The study programme is expected to commence in September 2024.

***This call is subject to equal opportunities for all qualifying candidates. Women and candidates with disabilities are encouraged to apply.***