



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MASTERS RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

The Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC) in collaboration with Makerere University (Mak), and Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST), is pleased to announce a Call for Applications for Masters Research Scholarship opportunity in Cell and Gene Therapy (C>) for HIV Cure. The training programme is supported by the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the United States. The programme seeks to develop a new cadre of African scientists equipped with cutting-edge knowledge and skills in C> with focus on HIV cure and related translational research.

Eligibility

- Be Ugandan
- Should be enrolled in one of the following Masters programme at Mak or MUST: Medicine, Biochemistry, Immunology, Molecular Biology, Bioinformatics, Microbiology and Social Work
- Have successfully completed their first year of training under normal academic progress and are ready to begin their research, with a stamped testimonial provided as evidence
- Willingness to undertake and complete all training mandated by the programme
- Demonstrated interest in training and conducting research in C> for HIV cure, with a clear commitment to developing a productive career and leadership in this field
- Commitment to publish research conducted under this training in reputable open access peer reviewed journals
- Willingness to engage in multidisciplinary research grant applications and international

collaborations

Fellowship Benefits:

- Full tuition fees at Mak or MUST
- Monthly stipend for one year
- Research support including fieldwork costs
- Mentorship from local and international leading scientists
- Training in scientific writing, grant development, and responsible conduct of research
- Funding support to present research at local and international conferences

Application Process

- Cover letter (maximum 1 page) expressing interest in the programme
- Curriculum Vitae (maximum 3 pages)
- Personal Statement (maximum 1 page) - must address eligibility criteria above
- No more than 3-page research synopsis related to C> for HIV cure
- Bachelors degree transcripts and other relevant academic documents or certification
- Two reference letters, including at least one from an academic referee, should be sent separately to the email address provided below by the

Timelines:

Application Deadline: September 1, 2025 at midnight

Interviews for shortlisted applicants: September 16, 2025

Notification date: September 30, 2025

Application Procedure: Applications must be sent by email as a single PDF document to training@jcrc.org.ug and indicate in the subject **"Masters Research Scholarship Application 2025"**. Inquiries can be forwarded to same email address. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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