



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

PhD POSITIONS: Medical and Environmental Anthropology for East Africa in the 21st century

4-6 PhD studentships medical/environmental anthropology at the University of Nairobi, in collaboration with the University of Oslo, Norway

The research and training programme in Medical and Environmental Anthropology for East Africa in the 21st-century (MEA.21) is looking for candidates for 4-6 fully-funded 4-year PhD studentships. The programme is a collaboration between the Department of Anthropology, Gender & African Studies, University of Nairobi, the Departments of Social Anthropology at the University of Dar es Salaam, Makerere University and Maseno University, and the Department of Social Anthropology and the Institute of Health and Society, University of Oslo, and funded by the NORHED programme of the Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD).

Only candidates from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda are eligible and should have good knowledge of anthropology, show interest in medical/environmental anthropology, and fulfil admissions requirements of the PhD in Anthropology programme of the University of Nairobi.

Specifically, the candidates must hold either:

- a) A Master's degree in anthropology or another relevant social science.
- c) A Master's degree in any other discipline with evidence of social science based study and research.

In addition to a monthly stipend, fieldwork costs and all university fees, these studentships include a 12-month stay at the University of Oslo, a teaching secondment to a leading East African department of anthropology, supervision by a team of international advisors, and extensive PhD training through international workshops and courses.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Interested candidates are invited to commence the application process by submitting the following materials to the MEA.21 evaluation committee no later than 20th of February 2022:

- 2-page CV
- degree certificates
- 1-page self presentation and motivation letter
- 1-page of ideas for a PhD research project in one of the thematic areas described below

These materials will serve as potential starting point for a conversation about possible projects. If deemed suitable and longlisted, candidates will be invited to submit additional writing samples and informed about the further selection process, which will include writing exercises, project development and interviews.

PLEASE SEND APPLICATIONS OR WRITE FOR FOR ADVICE TO:

Project administrator Hilde Spjælkavik Kveseth - h.s.kveseth@sai.uio.no

IMPORTANT: Please revert to the description of 6 different thematic clusters relating to medical and environmental issues to do with pollution and health, which are of interest to the senior researchers participating in this project, and for which the project can offer training and supervisory capacity.

[<https://www.sv.uio.no/sai/english/research/projects/MEA.21/thematic-clusters/>]

Please note that these descriptions are meant to indicate a direction - but that you should feel free to come up with your own ideas. You are invited to begin thinking about and designing a research project within one of these areas, depending on your personal interests and experience. If selected, we will discuss the topic and research plan further with you.

The one-page sketch of ideas must include: topic of research; why it is important (to you); research question(s); potential research site(s); social groups, institutions or environments to engage; what methods will you use and how you will go about studying this particular topic.



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