



## **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

### **STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **BELGIUM SCHOLARSHIPS AND CALL FOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

The Ministry is in receipt of communication from the Kenyan Embassy in Brussels, Belgium informing on the availability of the above named scholarships and call for Research Fellowships in Belgium as follows:

##### **1 BELGIUM GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (ARES) - FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 2023-2024**

ARES is the federation of Higher Education establishments of the Wallonia Federation-Belgium. It brings together more than 120 Higher Education establishments.

ARES Scholarships 2023-2024 are fully funded scholarships for international students. The scholarships are offered for undergraduate, Masters and training courses in Belgium. The scholarships provide International travel costs, living allowance per month, arrival allowance, tuition and return fee. Applications for the Belgian Government ARES Scholarships are now open for the 2023-2024 academic year. ARES scholarships allow one the opportunity to follow a one-year advanced Bachelor's or Master's degree program or 2-6 months continuing Education Programme with a higher education institution in Wallonia-Brussels Federation in Belgium. Applicants need not seek prior admission to one of the French-speaking universities in order to apply for the scholarship, if accepted applicants will be registered in an ARES federated establishment. For more information pertinent to the ARES scholarships visit [www.ares-ac.be](http://www.ares-ac.be) and follow the application instructions through the GIRAF Platform. ARES scholarships application is free and no fee is charged at any stage of the application or selection process. In case of any queries contact [scholarships-cooperation@ares-ac.be](mailto:scholarships-cooperation@ares-ac.be) for assistance.

**Application deadline: 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

## **2 INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL MEDICINE (ITM) SCHOLARSHIPS**

The institute offers Master's scholarships at Antwerp-Belgium in the following fields:

- Economic and Business
- Medicine
- Nursing and Psychology
- Education (Only at doctoral level)

This is a fully funded scholarship covering travel allowance, tuition allowance, insurance and livelihood/upkeep allowance.

Application deadline: Soonest possible

### **The Romain De Cock Scholarship-ITM**

This is a Master's scholarship offered at Antwerp-Belgium. It is a fully funded scholarship awarded annually to low and middle income country students to enroll in a Master's degree programme at ITM. The main area of focus is International Health with emphasis on Surgery and Public Health. ITM's main scholarship financier is the Belgian Directorate General for Development Cooperation (DGD).

The Institute of Tropical Medicine also offers a number of Research Fellowships to applicants from developing countries through admission to a program/course as a prerequisite for but not a guarantee of a scholarship. Through ITM, DGD offers full or partial scholarships for:

- Masters programmes
- Short courses
- PhD studies

Application procedure:

- Download a DGD Scholarship application form.
- Fulfill the admission criteria of the course.
- ITM only accepts DGD scholarships application as part of a course application file.

### **3 CALL FOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS. THE VIB-IPBO DOORS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME 2023 FOR WOMEN RESEARCHERS IN AFRICA**

The Vlaams/Flanders Institute for Biotechnology (VIB)-International Plant Biotechnology Outreach (IPBO) opens its doors to the Research Fellowship programme 2023 for women researchers in Africa. IPBO is a holistic programme that targets women researchers in Africa to enable them acquire the necessary hard and soft skills to strengthen their placement within their hosting institutions and ultimately avoid dropout cases prior to their consolidation stage.

The programme addresses the needs of early and mid-career women researching at International research centers and universities in Agricultural related fields in Agro-Biotechnology, Plant Breeding, Molecular Biology and Genetics, Micro-Biology, Chemical Ecology Plant and Soil Health. Fellows should be in the process of consolidating their research teams regardless of holding a project based research position.

Through the open door programme women will enhance their leadership and communication skills while expanding networks of colleagues and mentors in Africa and Belgium. Application requirements include:

- A dully filled application (Template for modality A&B).
- A maximum 3 page resume/CV.
- A list of publications including papers, chapters, technical reviews in indexed journals and patents (only papers listed in the web of science: master journal will be considered valid publications).
- A motivation letter.
- A signed letter from applicant's direct supervisor to indicate how he/she intends to support the fellow in completing his or her training programme.
- A signed letter from the Human Resources Officer of the applicant indicating the applicant's contractual situation during the duration of the fellowship programme (2 years) and how the centre will support the fellow during his/her stay in Belgium.

For more information visit the official website of Open Door Fellowship Programme, 2023 or contact Peris Litunya, Education Attache-Belgium [perislitunya@mfa.go.ke](mailto:perislitunya@mfa.go.ke)

**Application deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.**