

Makerere University in collaboration with the Uganda Heart Institute, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Children's National Hospital received funding from the National Institutes of Health's Fogarty International Centre to implement the Impact Training Program. The goal of the program is to equip and nurture emerging research leaders and professional scholars in Uganda to generate high-quality contemporary evidence on rheumatic heart disease (RHD) across the lifespan and to create an enduring research training center on the African continent that will rapidly advance progress towards the elimination of the disease in a generation. The impact program is soliciting for applications for Cohort 3, 3.5 years PhD scholarships tenable at Makerere University.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be junior or mid-level researcher/scientist affiliated to Makerere University and Uganda Heart Institute.
- Prior master's degree or fellowship in medicine, social sciences, gender studies or biomedical/health related field.
- Able to articulate a clear research RHD problem.
- Demonstrate interest in RHD research and commitment to develop a productive career in RHD research.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of RHD in order to know that this is an appropriate next step for the applicant.
- Willingness to undertake and complete all training as mandated by the Impact program.
- Commitment to publish research conducted under this training in open access peer reviewed journals.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

1. Demonstrated interest in doctoral research training and conducting research with a focus on RHD.
2. Potential to handle rigorous academic requirements of the doctoral program.
3. Having a plan for career development.
4. Capacity towards attaining international recognition in RHD and cardiovascular medicine.
5. Female candidates are especially encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be emailed as a single PDF document to the Impact Program Coordinator to (makimpact22@gmail.com) and should consist of;

- A cover letter (1 page only),
- A resume (not more than 3 pages),
- A personal statement (Maximum 1 page),
- A PhD research concept (maximum 2 pages) and
- Two letters of recommendation (sent separately by the referees to makimpact22@gmail.com).

The personal statement should include your contribution to the academic and research arena, your aspirations for career progression in the next 5-7 years, research interests and any information you consider relevant. Closing date for the receipt of applications is **October 11, 2023**. Enquiries can be forwarded to the Impact Program Coordinator, 1st Floor Clinical Research Building, Room 1.4, makimpact22@gmail.com.

TIMELINES:

Application deadline: October 11, 2023
Interviews: October 24, 2023
Notification date: November 1, 2023



Applicants should demonstrate excellent communications skills and will be expected to work as part of a highly motivated, result oriented RHD group.