



**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES  
SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MASTERS RESEARCH SUPPORT**

**Background**

Makerere University in collaboration with University of Liverpool received funding from the UK Medical Research Council to build research capacity in Drug Safety Science in Uganda. The goal of this project is to equip and nurture emerging research leaders and professional scholars in Uganda to generate high-quality contemporary evidence in Drug Safety Science which is translatable into policy and practice. Research modalities span Biomedical Sciences, Clinical Medicine, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Social Sciences, Implementation Science and other policy-related disciplines. The project prioritises the fields of pharmacovigilance, pharmacoepidemiology, clinical pharmacology and therapeutics, pharmacogenomics and clinical disciplines focusing on medication use and medication safety. Applications are invited from ambitious **Masters candidates** to join our high-impact research project focused on understanding the adverse drug reactions of dolutegravir and isoniazid in people living with HIV in Uganda. We are looking for the next generation of scholars to conduct their thesis research within this globally recognised framework.

**What the Fellowship Provides**

Selected students will be integrated into a world-class research environment which will provide:

- **Partial/Full Research Support:** Coverage of laboratory consumables, reagents, specialised equipment use, and field-work expenses required for the approved research project.
- **Expert Mentorship:** Dual supervision from the African Research Leader and established senior scientists at Makerere University and University of Liverpool.
- **Professional Development:** Access to specialised training workshops, scientific writing retreats, and international networking opportunities.
- **High-Impact Publication Support:** Guidance and financial support for publishing research findings in leading open-access international journals.

**Important Funding Note:** This call is for **Research Support only**. Successful applicants must be currently enrolled in a degree program at Makerere University, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Gulu University and Busitema University. This fellowship covers direct research costs; it does **not** provide for university tuition fees or monthly living stipends.

**Eligibility**

- a. Should be enrolled in any of the following programs: Masters' Degree in Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacy, Internal Medicine, Paediatrics, Nursing, Public Health, Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Social Sciences, Physiology, other Biomedical/Health-related fields or Public Health.
- b. Willingness to undertake and complete all training mandated by the project.
- c. Demonstrate interest in medication safety research and commitment to a productive career in the field.
- d. Commitment to publishing research conducted under this training in open access peer-reviewed journals.

**Criteria for Selection**

1. Strong academic record and a demonstrable interest in medication safety-related research
2. Having a plan for career development
3. Capacity towards attaining research leadership and international recognition in Drug Safety Science.
4. Female candidates are especially encouraged to apply.
5. Demonstrate excellent communication skills and the ability to work as part of a highly motivated, result-oriented research group.

**Application Process**

Applications must be emailed as a single PDF document to **drugsafetyuganda@gmail.com** and should consist of a cover letter (1 page only), a resume (maximum 3 pages), a personal statement of interest (1 page only), evidence of admission to the degree program (1 page only), a concept note (maximum 2 pages) and two letters of recommendation (maximum 2 pages). The personal statement should include your contribution to the academic and research arena, your aspirations for career progression in the next 5-10 years, research interests and any information you consider relevant. Closing date for the receipt of applications is 11:59 pm on **31 March 2026**. Enquiries can be forwarded to **drugsafetyuganda@gmail.com**.

Successful candidates must complete training in responsible conduct of research (RCR), protection of human research participants (PHRP) and good clinical practice (GCP) before they conduct research involving human research subjects.

**Timelines:**

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| Application deadline: | 31 March 2026, 11:59pm |
| Interviews            | 13-17 April, 2026      |
| Notification date:    | 1 May, 2026            |