

Post-Graduate Fellowship for African Scientists – 2010

The International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) one of the 15 CGIAR centers, which conducts food and environmental research to help reduce poverty, hunger and environmental degradation by enhancing animal agriculture in developing countries. ILRI's headquarter is in Nairobi, Kenya with a second principal campus in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. For more information on ILRI, please visit the web-site; www.ilri.org.

The Capacity Strengthening unit (CaSt) of ILRI is designed to build and strengthen the scientific knowledge and technical capacity of scientists, educators, technicians, policy makers and other relevant stakeholders in the livestock innovation systems in developing countries. ILRI's Capacity Strengthening activities are research based. The institute offers individual and group training courses. Support to Post Graduate training is one of the key components of the programme.

ILRI with the generous funding support from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is offering five Ph.D scholarships for Livestock Researchers from the sub-Saharan African (SSA) countries. ILRI invites applicants from young African scientists, based at the research and learning institution. The priority research themes are:

- Climate change, impacts and adaptation
- Livestock, environment and sustainability
- Emerging diseases, impacts and human health
- Market access, value chain analysis and SPS
- Risk, vulnerability and sustainability of pastoral systems
- Animal genetics resources and breeding
- Smallholder livestock intensification and implications
- Monitoring, Evaluation and Impact Assessment of Livestock Research and Development

The fellowship is only awarded for pursuing a PhD degree for a period of three years. Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

Minimum requirements for eligibility:

- First degree with a second class upper division in agriculture, animal production any related subject
- M.Sc degree in a livestock or related discipline corresponding to the above mentioned themes
- Currently based at a research or an academic institution in SSA
- Already registered or in the process of registering for a Ph.D degree in a regional university
- The candidate may not exceed the age limit of 36 years by June 2009
- Only candidates of Sub-Saharan African countries (excluding Kenya) are eligible for this scholarship

The grantees are expected to register in one of the regional universities. The scholarship will cover the stipend, tuition fees, some research expenses and other related costs up to a maximum of USD 12,600.00 per year.

Application Procedure

Prospective candidates are expected to apply using the attached form. The closing date for application is **19th June 2010**. Please note that the application should include: Originals of the certified copies of all degree certificates including transcript and a research proposal with detailed research work plan on a quarterly basis. The completed application form with the relevant attachments should be forwarded to ILRI's capacity strengthening unit and addressed to:

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Incomplete applications or applications that reach ILRI after the above mentioned deadline will not be considered. Only short listed candidates will be notified.