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Opportunity for Field Research Support to Current Students at Tanzanian Institutions

We are offering financial support to conduct student field research in Tanzania through our recently approved project “*Indigenous Knowledge Bridging of Land and Water Governance in Tanzania and Canada*”. The project is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada [SSHRC]. This opportunity offers funding support for research focused on indigenous land/water governance and stewardship. We will apply the funds to students currently enrolled in academic programs in Tanzanian institutions who can demonstrate a link between their work and the project goals.

Project Overview

This project builds on existing organizational relationships and the development of new ones in the strengthening of land and water governance approaches of the Enguserosambu Forest Trust (EFT) in Ngorongoro District and the Ereto Maasai Youth (EMAYO) in Kilindi District. The EFT and EMAYO have partnered with the Kesho Trust, the University of Victoria, and the Carcross/Tagish First Nation in Yukon, Canada and other potential First Nation partners in BC and Yukon to develop enhanced land and water governance approaches that link with maintaining cultural integrity and improved livelihoods. All partners will benefit from this knowledge interchange.

We are interested in receiving expressions of interest from current Tanzanian students who are working in this subject area and who would like to link their research to our project with guidance from project partners. Topics of interest, although still quite broad in scope, will be focused on aspects of Maasai land and water stewardship in Tanzania. By associating with the research team, the student will be expected to also share their research work with the team for workshop review and discussion and to publish the results with support from other team members as desired. In addition students will contribute to communication of project updates, website and/or other knowledge mobilization outputs.

Qualifications

In order to apply, applicants must be currently registered in an academic program at a recognized Tanzanian university that has a thesis or research paper requirement. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate strong written and oral English capacity, as well as excellent communication, writing, and organizational skills. Those with experience working with Maasai communities, and in community-based research are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to Maasai candidates from the study areas identified.

Benefits

The project offers grant-funded research funded through an internationally recognized agency, SSHRC along with links to a broader body of highly credible research and action that will have a broad audience. The successful applicant(s) will receive financial support for field research activities along with links to international experts working in the subject area and opportunities for collaborative publishing. Depending on financial requirements of the applicants and the total budget available, more than one student may be supported through the project.

Expected Start Date

September 1, 2021.

Working Location

The student will remain at their current institution and complete their program as planned. This research funding is intended to supplement current program research activity only.

Application

Deadline is ~~August 1, 2021~~ **extended to August 31, 2021**. The short listed candidates will be contacted to review their applications in detail prior to a final decision being made.

Interested individuals should email Dr. Bruce Downie (bdownie@thekeshotrust.org) with a statement of interest in the form of a cover letter (1-2 pages), a recent CV including two references that can be contacted, and an academic writing sample. Please specify in your application how your past academic and work experience, along with your current program of study, link to the focus of this project.