

Call for applications for 3 PhD Scholarships in Minimally Invasive Surgery at the University of Rwanda and French speaking Belgian Universities

Researchers from the University of Rwanda, College of Medicine and Health Sciences (CMHS) and the Belgian French speaking universities have been awarded an ARES-PFS training grant, a five years programme aiming at empowering the skills of local professionals in minimally invasive surgery (MIS). In this context 3 PhDs scholarships will be offered to allow the University of Rwanda to better manage the sustainability of this program.

The goal of the research work will address the impact of the introduction of the MIS in the health system in Rwanda. The three pillars of focus are (i) **public health**, (ii) **health economy**, and (iii) **biomedical**.

We are therefore recruiting one PhD candidate per research pillar to pursue studies at the University of Rwanda. Interested candidates can apply for a four-year PhD in this MIS program starting June, 2018. This is a sandwich program between the University of Rwanda and the Belgian French speaking universities.

Eligibility

The applicant must

- be holding minimum MSc degree or equivalent qualification in one of the MIS-pillars;
- be a Rwandan;
- demonstrate the ability to think and work independently and in a team;
- having a relevant publication record is added value.

Interested applicants are invited to submit the following documents:

- A research concept note of maximum 10 pages based on the attached abstract (see below);
- An application letter for scholarship for PhD research appointment;
- Copy of National Identity and passport
- A current CV which includes a description of current research interests
- A certified copy of MSc degree (or equivalent);
- A certified copy of Bachelor's degree;
- Two recommendation letters;
- One recent passport photo.

The Concept Note (max. 10 pages) must include:

Project Title.

Project Summary: An overall description of your anticipated PhD research concept and what you want to achieve. Describe in general terms the problems you want to address.

