# Ugandan Early Researchers' Academic Writing mentorship 2023-2025

# **Concept Note**

# Introduction

Makerere University, Gulu University, and Education Development Initiative Uganda (EDI Uganda) in partnership with the University of Nottingham are pleased to invite applications for a British Academy funded Early Career Researchers Writing Workshop. The



workshops aim to enhance the research capacity of young Ugandan scholars by providing training, mentoring and support towards publishing peer-reviewed journal articles in recognized and accredited journals. The workshops will be held physically at the three Ugandan institutions, consisting of Phase One, which includes four small workshops organized at each institution, and Phase Two, a joint workshop for early career researchers in Entebbe in February/March 2024.

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The Phase One workshops are open to early career researchers with a minimum of a Bachelor's degree, and will be of particular interest to Masters and doctoral level researchers, including those who have recently graduated. However, applicants must demonstrate a minimum level of research work or prospects of becoming a researcher or academic scholar through completed or ongoing research outputs, such as blogs, opinion pieces, journal articles, book chapters, conference presentations, etc.

### **Application for Phase 1:**

Interested researchers should submit their applications by 10th June 2023. The application must include:

- (1) a motivation letter stating why they would like to be part of the writing workshop and which theme is most relevant, see details below (one page maximum).
- (2) a brief CV (one page maximum)
- (3) an example of a written output that you are working on or have



Applicants can apply to their institution of interest under any of the four themes at each institution. The themes are: Skills for sustainable fisheries and livelihoods, and Citizenship education in rural Uganda (MAK),

Digital skills for youth employment and local economic development (EDI Uganda), Women, vulnerable youth, ecological agriculture, and social entrepreneurship (Gulu University).

In your motivation letter please state which theme is most relevant/of interest to you.

#### **Selection Phase 2:**

At the end of 2023, researchers who have participated in the Phase 1 workshops will have the opportunity to apply for a fully funded place at a joint physical writing workshop in Entebbe. The selected early career researchers will work with their mentors until 2025 to complete their research outputs.

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