

# Call for Applications

## AFRICAN ECONOMIC RESEARCH CONSORTIUM (AERC)

In Partnership with

GIZ and the World Bank

### Fellowships for a PhD specialization Course on Land Economics and Governance (Jan 7- Feb 8, 2019)

The Collaborative PhD Programme (CPP) of the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) consists of a network of African universities that collaborate on the delivery of PhD training in economics and agricultural economics in Africa. These universities jointly develop a common curriculum, jointly enforce standards and jointly offer elective courses at residential shared facilities.

AERC, German International Cooperation (GIZ) and the World Bank are calling for fellowship applications to attend a course on Land Economics and Governance. The course is targeted at both students and practitioners with an understanding at the second year PhD level in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Development Economics or other relevant doctoral programs, who would have an interest in continuing research on a land related topic. The course is also open to faculty from AERC partner institutions and NELGA (Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa) affiliated institutions, subject to meeting the course qualifications. It is part of capacity building efforts under the *Strengthening advisory capacities for land governance in Africa* (SLGA) program, being jointly implemented by the *Land Policy Initiative* (LPI) in UNECA, GIZ and the *World Bank*.

This intensive PhD course aims to help build and strengthen the analytical capacity in Land Economics and Governance in Africa, building the capacity of network universities in teaching and research in conformity to best global practices with deep African perspectives. It is targeted at both students/faculty members and practitioners with an understanding at the second year PhD level in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Development Economics or other relevant doctoral programs. This will be the second round of course offering, following a successful pilot in January/February 2018 at the University of Cape Town. Again as in 2018, the course will be hosted at the University of Cape Town (UCT) in South Africa from January 7 to February 8, 2019 and will include an online preparatory course before travel to UCT. The course will be delivered by local and international experts on land related research of both academia and the World Bank, equipping participants with the latest theories and tools to conduct state of the art research on the subject.

The course content will cover, among other elements, the following:

Week 0: Minimum One-month online pre-course training on research methods

Week 1: Land ownership as a determinant of economic structure & political economy

Week 2: Land use, land & other factor markets and structural transformation –M. Carter (UC Davis)

Week 3: Economics of urban land use and policy

Week 4: Using and collecting survey & spatial data on land tenure & use – World Bank

Week 5: Evaluating the impact of land-related policy interventions

## **Application Requirements**

- Applicants must be nationals of an African country;
- All applicants must be holders of at least a masters degree in agricultural and applied economics, or related discipline from an internationally recognized university;
- Applicants must be enrolled in a PhD program in Africa, or be a faculty member of an African University in an AERC accredited university or a NELGA affiliated institution;
- Possession of at least a publication or acceptance of an article for publication on land, in a refereed journal will receive special consideration.

## **Application Procedure and Deadline**

Interested applicants must submit their **applications for admission directly to the AERC** by submitting application documents via the AERC website at <http://scholarships.aercafrica.org/> not later than September 15, 2018. These should include:

- Signed curriculum vitae; please use the Europass CV template (<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>)
- Certified copies of all university degree certificates
- Certified copies of all university transcripts as necessary
- Admission letter to a doctoral program as appropriate / proof of employment as a faculty member
- Letter of motivation (Maximum 2 pages)
- 2 recommendation letters of academic referees
- Written commitment to take the online pre-course

AERC, in partnership with the UCT and the World Bank Research Department, will shortlist eligible applicants and communicate with the successful awardees.

Upon acceptance, flights, accommodation and per diem will be fully covered.

*Female applicants from less privileged regions as well as candidates with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply*