

**SOKOINE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**College of Forestry, Wildlife and Tourism – REFOREST Programme**  
**PhD SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDEES**



In May, 2020 REFOREST Programme hosted at Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and supported by Sida announced a call for 20 PhD scholarships in Forest Sciences. Following this call, the programme received 334 applications (18% were female). The applications were evaluated in two phases: shortlisting and interviews.

During shortlisting, each application was evaluated by three independent reviewers using agreed criteria. The criteria captured the following: Academic qualifications (relevance and performance of BSc and MSc training), quality of the concept note (Background on the subject, Knowledge gap, Research objectives, Research methodology and Up to date references) and experience of the applicant (publications and work including research exposure). The average score of the three reviewers was used to rank and shortlist applicants. Shortlisted candidates were called for interviews.

Interviews were conducted at partner universities i.e. Hawassa University (Ethiopia), Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique), University of Rwanda (Rwanda), Sokoine University of Agriculture (Tanzania) and Makerere University (Uganda) using agreed interview protocol. The protocol was applied consistently and objectively by the partner universities to assess the shortlisted candidates. The scores for the interviews and recommendations by the partner universities were presented and discussed by the REFOREST Programme Academic Advisory Committee (AAC) on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, 2020. The AAC awarded each of the candidates listed below a 4 year REFOREST Programme Scholarship to undertake PhD studies in Forest Sciences at SUA.

Congratulations and looking forward to see you at SUA.

Country	Awardee	Gender	Theme
Mozambique	Alberto Manhiça	Male	1
	Osvaldo Mineses	Male	2
	Americo Manjate	Male	2
Rwanda	Protais Niyigaba	Male	2
	Gaudence Nishimwe	Female	3
	Uwingabire Solange	Female	3
	Vestine Mukamparirwa	Female	3
Uganda	Mwanja Christine	Female	1
	Kisa David Ocama	Male	2
	Obua Daniel	Male	2
	Akwatulira Florence	Female	3

Tanzania	Scolastica Ntalikwa	Female	1
	Siwa E. Nkya	Male	2
	Joshua Maguzu	Male	1
	Nanyika Kingazi	Female	3
	Jacqueline G. Kajembe	Female	3
Ethiopia	Tigabu Redae	Male	1
	Hadia Seid Ali	Female	3
	Lemma Tiki	Male	2
	Sintayehu Tamene	Male	2

Interviewed candidates whose names do not appear in the list should consider themselves unsuccessful. The training is planned to begin on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January, 2021. In the interim period awardees are encouraged to process travel documents and secure study leave from their employers. The REFOREST Programme Coordinator will communicate with the awardees individually to provide more practical details including application for admission. For further clarification, contact Programme Coordinator at E-mail: [reforestafrica@sua.ac.tz](mailto:reforestafrica@sua.ac.tz).

**Issued by**  
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