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**POSITION OF POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER IN SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
AND GRASSROOTS FINANCIAL INNOVATIONS**

Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST) has received funding from DANIDA to undertake research in Social Entrepreneurship and Grassroots Financial Innovations.

The project aims to develop theory at the intersection of social entrepreneurship, monetary theory and urban studies through qualitative and participatory methodologies. The project activities will be informed by the existing innovative social entrepreneurship and financial practices in the informal settlements of Kenya's three major cities (Mombasa, Nairobi and Kisumu).

In addressing this research thematic area, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST) wishes to recruit one postdoctoral candidate for research on governance and grassroots financial innovations for inclusive economic growth in informal settlements of Kenyan cities.

The successful candidate is expected to be actively involved in field studies, collecting, analysing and interpreting data on social entrepreneurship and financial monetary innovations; and how these innovations can contribute to social and economic development within an urban informal settlement.

**A. Eligibility/Entry requirements**

The applicant must have the following

- i) Earned PhD degree in Business and /or Economics with proven knowledge in financial management, business entrepreneurship and social sciences.
- ii) Should have graduated with a Bachelors and Masters degrees in Business and /or Economics related fields
- iii) Should not be more than 45 years for females or 40 years for males
- iv) Should not be more than 5 years since PhD Graduation.

Additionally, the candidate must also have strong analytical skills, strong theoretical background in the area of research as well as experience in social grassroots innovations.



The candidate should be prepared to independently and responsibly pursue the respective thematic research topic and generate publications in form of book chapters, book, journal articles, policy briefs and blog posts.

### **B. Basis for Assessment**

Particular emphasis will be on the following:

- i) Academic merits, particularly at the PhD level
- ii) Copies of Master and PhD theses (with special importance attached to the PhD thesis)
- iii) The submitted research plan on strategies to promote economic development in an urban informal settlement.
- iv) Other merits and distinctions which attest to the applicant's ability to actively undertake the project activities alongside other researchers in the project.

Applicants must possess very high proficiency in English, in speech and writing. Knowledge to interact with residents in informal settlements is a strong merit.

### **Type of scholarship**

The Post-Doctoral position will be a two-year full-time engagement in the project research activities. However, a contract will be drawn for one year and may be renewed once based on progress reports. The scholarship has an attractive monthly stipends to the successful candidate.

### **Application procedure**

All applications should be written in English and contain the following documents:

- i) Letter of introduction
- ii) Curriculum vitae PDF
- iii) Summary of major research achievements such as papers and grants/awards
- iv) Reference from two individuals who are qualified to evaluate your research achievements. Letters of reference should be sent directly by the referee.
- v) A written concept not more than 5 pages that includes a review of the relevant literature in social entrepreneurship and monetary grassroots innovation outlining possible research opportunities for social and economic development.
- vi) Certificates of your Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degrees
- vii) Copies of any other documents that you wish to include in your application

All hardcopies of the application documents must be attested as to their authenticity, and should reach the Director Centre for Research, Innovation and Outreach (CRIT) latest by 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 through the above address.

Softcopies of the documents should also be sent in pdf format to [dcrit@jooust.ac.ke](mailto:dcrit@jooust.ac.ke) and copied to [moloko@jooust.ac.ke](mailto:moloko@jooust.ac.ke)