



**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
REDUCING THE IMPACT OF RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE ACROSS THE LIFE SPAN: THE IMPACT
PROGRAM (GRANT NUMBER D43TW012255)**

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MASTERS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Makerere University in collaboration with the Uganda Heart Institute, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Children's National Hospital, DC received funding from the National Institutes of Health's Fogarty international Centre to implement the Impact Training Program. The goal of the program is to equip and nurture emerging research leaders and professional scholars in Uganda to generate high-quality contemporary evidence on rheumatic heart disease (RHD) across the lifespan. The program also seeks to create an enduring research training center on the African continent that will rapidly advance progress towards the elimination of the disease in a generation. The Impact Program is soliciting for applications from masters students from Makerere University, Mbarara University of Science and Technology and Gulu University for 1-year research support.

Eligibility

- a. Should be enrolled in any of the following programs: Masters' degree in Medicine, Paediatrics, Surgery, Nursing, Public Health, Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Social Sciences, Gender Studies or Biomedical/Health related field.
- b. Should have a good concept on RHD research and should have completed the 2nd year of graduate training if pursuing a 3 year course or 1st year of graduate training if pursuing a 2 year graduate course.
- c. Willingness to undertake and complete all training mandated by the Impact program.
- d. Demonstrate interest in RHD research and commitment to develop a productive career in cardiovascular medicine/ research.
- e. Commitment to publish research conducted under this training in open access peer reviewed journals.

Criteria for Selection

1. Demonstrated interest in research training and conducting research with a focus on RHD.
2. Having a plan for career development,
3. Capacity towards attaining research leadership and international recognition in RHD/CVD medicine.
4. Female candidates are especially encouraged to apply.

Application Process

Applications must be emailed as a single PDF document to the Impact Program Coordinator to <makimpact22@gmail.com> and should consist of a cover letter (1 page only), a resume (not more than 3 pages), a personal statement (Maximum 1 page), a research concept (Maximum 2 pages) and two letters of recommendation (sent separately by the referees to <makimpact22@gmail.com>). The personal statement should include your contribution to the academic and research arena, your aspirations for career progression in the next 5-7 years, research interests and any information you consider relevant. Closing date for the receipt of applications is 11:59pm 10th March 2026. Enquiries can be forwarded to the Impact Program Coordinator, 1st Floor Clinical Research Building, Room 1.4, makimpact22@gmail.com.

Successful candidates must complete training in responsible conduct of research (RCR), protection of human research participants (PHRP) and good clinical practice (GCP) before they conduct research involving human research subjects

Timelines:	Application deadline:	March 10, 2026, 11:59pm
	Interviews	April 2-6, 2026
	Notification date:	April 9-13, 2026

Applicants should demonstrate excellent communications skills and will be expected to work as part of a highly motivated, result oriented research group.