**SCARA APPEAR Students Research Competition**

# APPLICATION FORM & CONCEPT NOTE

Please complete all details on this application form and submit them together with your research concept note. Please refer to the competition guidelines published at [scara.boku.ac.at](http://scara.boku.ac.at/) for details.

Applications should be made to either:

Prof. Benedict Mutua (bmmutua@egerton.ac.ke) Egerton University or

Dr. Dominik Ruffeis (dominik.ruffeis@boku.ac.at) BOKU University Vienna, Austria

Electronic submissions are preferred.

All applications must be submitted by 31st October 2017.

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| **Name of researcher:** |
| **Name of study program and faculty:** |
| Project Title (i.e. short descriptive title in no more than 20 words) : |
| **Project Summary (i.e. summary of aims, significance and expected outcomes in no more than 100 words) :** |
| **This research project will have a duration of:*** **12 months (from proposal development to paper write up)**
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## PARTICIPANT ATTACHMENT I

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| Full name and title(e.g. Dr, Mr, Ms) |  |
| **Current position** |  |
| **Department/****Organisation** |  |
| **Contact address** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Highest qualification** |  |
| **Research interests and achievements** |  |

## CONCEPT NOTE ATTACHMENT II

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| **1. Research Title 15 - 20 words maximum**The title should capture reader's attention on the essential theme(s) of the proposed research.- Show clearly what is being investigated.- Have a concise and focused title.- Be short, preferably not more than one line.- Avoid unnecessary punctuation (commas, colons, semi-colons).- Should not repeat keywords. |
| **2. Selected Thematic Area**Select one of the thematic areas as outlined in the guidelines and state the major research focus one intends to accomplish in the project |
| **3. Research Problem**A short summary of the research problem. What does the investigator want to find out? What will be known after doing this research?What are the research questions?Use a clear and logical style in writing. |
| **4. Background**A concise review of the main research work and current issues in the specific subject area.What is already known about this specific subject?This is not a literature review; you do not need to do one for a concept note. |
| **5. Objectives**Should clearly state the overall and specific objectives as well as hypothesis. |
| **6. Methodology**Outline clearly the methods and approaches of data collection and analysis. |
| **7. Location**Indicate clearly where the research will take place and justification for the choice of the site(s). |
| **8. Budget lines**Provide indicative budget with key cost centres |
| **9. Project Timeframe**Show the duration of the project and the timeline for major activities |
| **10. Motivation**Briefly describe your motivation to participate in the competition |