**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](mailto:bmmutua@egerton.ac.ke)) Egerton University or

Dr. Dominik Ruffeis ([dominik.ruffeis@boku.ac.at](mailto: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)** |

## 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 |