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*Strengthening capacities for agricultural education,
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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 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 30th June 2017.

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

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