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DIRECTORATE OF GRADUATE TRAINING

PHD RESEARCH COMPLETION GRANTS, 2026/27

Programme Summary

The Directorate of Graduate Training (DGT) supports the doctoral candidates on the verge of finalising their thesis/dissertation, who have no other source of funding for the requested period.

The Completion Grant programme provides PhD candidates with financial support towards the completion of their thesis/dissertation and/or substantial improvement in the quality of their dissertation. The programme is designed to enable candidates to focus full time on the writing of their theses, improving the quality of the dissertation and shorten the completion period for doctoral degree at Makerere University. Applications for support for the Fiscal Year 2026/27 from the suitable PhD candidates are welcome.

Eligibility

- A registered PhD student at Makerere University
- A **PhD candidate employed** by Makerere University
- The applicants must have been cleared to undertake field work for their thesis
- The grant recipient should not simultaneously hold another Scholarship/Fellowship or be engaged in another research grant
- The PhD study has to be close to finalisation. For those who have extended their studentship, detailed reasons have to be given, why the thesis was not finished within the programme duration period.
- Qualified Female applicants are strongly encouraged to apply (at least 30% of the grant will be awarded to female applicants)

Application Requirements and Process

Each candidate may be recommended for this grant only once. Applicants are advised to submit the following documents:

1. An up-to-date resume/CV of the applicant, including information about previous academic achievements (e.g Talks at Graduate Seminar Series, publications from the PhD work, awards or participation in national & international conferences)
2. Evidence of Full Admission and Registration to a PhD programme at Makerere University
3. Evidence of Full-time/Contractual employment at Makerere University; provide a copy of the Appointment Letter issued by the Appointments Board of Makerere University
4. A copy of the approved proposal submitted for full admission
5. A realistic activity —based budget and corresponding deliverables
6. Detailed work and time schedule for the remaining time until thesis completion (in tabular form) (if appropriate: date of Public defence/Viva Voce)
7. Statement from the supervisor, including information on the need and the priority of the completion grant. It also should in a realistic manner, provide information when the Thesis/Dissertation will be finished and give an evaluation of how the PhD project would benefit from this grant.

8. A letter of support from the Head of Department, which indicates that the Department will assist the candidate in reserving sufficient time for the remaining research activities.
9. Demonstrate that beyond a PhD thesis, the study will yield peer-reviewed publications, reusable data, new models, theoretical or methodological contributions, and/or innovations/knowledge products that can influence policy, practice, or further research.

Other Conditions of the Grant

The candidate's Supervisor(s) and Doctoral Committee members are encouraged to participate and fully support the candidate to expedite the programme activities.

As grantees, the students must agree to:

- Attend support group meetings and writing workshops with other programme recipients;
- Meet regularly with a designated Thesis/Dissertation Supervisor or writing coach;
- Dedicate the grant period to finishing their Thesis/Dissertations
- The Candidates' progress towards completion of the Thesis/Dissertation, as well as attendance at Progress Monitoring meetings, will be continually evaluated by the DGT.

Awards

A total of **20** grants will be awarded to fully admitted and registered students for academic year, 2026/2027.

The total budget support will depend on the strength of the application but in any case not exceeding Shillings Ten million (UGX. **10,000,000/=**) during their grant period, which will be disbursed upon submission of a realistic activity-based budget.

Application Procedure

1. Electronic submission of application with supporting documents saved under one file using the following format: lastname PhDgrant2026.doc
2. Submit to the Director, Directorate of Graduate Training, Makerere University; Email: dgt@mak.ac.ug
3. One (1) Hard Copy should be addressed to.
The Director
Directorate of Graduate Training
Senate Building Level 4, Room 413
Makerere University,
P.o. BOX 7062, Kampala.

4. Application Deadline: **FRIDAY OCTOBER, 16TH 2026; 5:00 PM EAT**

Applications submitted to any other Email address other **than** the one above will not be accepted.

Application Inquiries

For further information, please contact the Director's office at: dgt@mak.ac.ug or nestor.mugabe@mak.ac.ug


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