

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Five(5) “Female only” PhD Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) Positions
under the TAGDev 2.0 project - Haramaya University, Ethiopia

2026

Eligible Programmes

The call is open to applicants interested in and eligible to study any of the following PhD programmes
(See detailed thematic focus areas in the call).

1. PhD in Plant Breeding
2. PhD in Horticulture
3. PhD in Plant Breeding/ seed sciences
4. PhD in Plant Breeding
5. PhD in Rural Development and Agricultural Extension

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- o be a teaching staff from a **RUFORUM member university** and formally nominated by their home/sending university;
- o be willing to conduct research in the priority thematic research areas in the host country;
- o hold a relevant Master's degree OR its equivalent, in a relevant field from the recognized institutions of higher learning
- o demonstrate strong academic standing and potential for independent research;
- o show interest and capacity to contribute to teaching, mentoring, laboratory/field practicals, and community engagement at the host university;
- o be willing to relocate and reside at Haramaya University for the duration of the programme (36 months)
- o be admissible to a full-time eligible PhD programme of their choice at Haramaya University;
- o have developed compelling concept notes about their research and expected outcomes;
- o be willing to engage in community-based action research to develop innovative solutions and frameworks to address key challenges across the integrated potato and its allied value chains in Ethiopia;
- o provide a letter of endorsement/nomination letter from their supervisor OR the department/school/ the academic vice-president/Deputy Vice Chancellor/ Vice Rector;
- o demonstrate the need for financial support and commitment to complete the training within the expected timeframe; and not hold another scholarship that fully supports the same programme of study; and
- o have the willingness to commit to assistantship duties that are part of their GTA activities in the host university (at Haramaya University).

HOW TO APPLY

The application is a two-stage process

Step 1: Application for Admission to Haramaya University

Applicants must apply for admission to Haramaya University <https://application.haramaya.edu.et/>.

Step 2: Application for the scholarship under TAGDev 2.0

After completing the application for admission, applicants should proceed to apply for the scholarship by submitting all the required documents as one consolidated PDF file to the Haramaya University TAGDev 2.0/ASEC Project Coordinator.

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- Copy (cc): Ms. Selma Nghituwamhata (s.nghituwamhata@ruforum.org)

The email subject line: Application for Graduate Teaching Assistantship under TAGDev 2.0 – Haramaya University

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 25th June, 2026

The call is open only to female, including those in the categories of refugees, internally displaced persons, and persons with disabilities. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Contact Information

For further inquiries, please contact:

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