



Call for Expression(s) of Interest for the Building Stronger Universities IV Programme

The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs hereby invites Danish universities to submit Expression(s) of Interest in collaborating with selected universities in Somaliland, Tanzania and Uganda under the Building Stronger Universities (BSU) IV Programme. The BSU IV programming process was initiated with an online meeting with all Danish universities and Danish Institute for International Studies where the visions for the programme were discussed.

The programme aims to enhance the role of East African partner universities as providers of scientific knowledge as well as research-based education and advice to society. It involves capacity building of three East African universities through partnerships with Danish as well as leading national or regional universities. The selected East African universities include Gulu University in Uganda, State University of Zanzibar in Tanzania, and the University of Hargeisa in Somaliland.

The strategic objectives are to contribute to improved quality of research and increased use of applied research by stakeholders by improving the research environment. Research capacity strengthening will be focused on selected research themes per partner university, but the strengthening of administrative systems and organisations will be university-wide.

The South partner universities (Gulu University, State University of Zanzibar, and University of Hargeisa) lead the programme programme. As a first step, the three universities have defined their individual needs for capacity development and selected one to two thematic focus areas. They have developed a brief concept note justifying the need and relevance against university strategies, and considering other available support, past experience (BSU), the current situation and possible South-based twinning arrangements.

The guidelines for preparing the Expression of Interest can be found at [the DFC website](#). Based on the Expression of Interest a matchmaking of partners will take place. After matching, the partners will jointly produce a joint project proposal for meeting the capacity development needs of each of the three universities.

Also, the BSU IV Programme outline and the concept notes prepared by the three south lead universities can be found at [the DFC website](#).

Please note that the Expression of Interest must be submitted to DFC (via e-mail research@dfcentre.dk) before **30 August 2022 12:00hrs**, named "Expression of Interest BSU IV – [Name of Southern Partner University]". The subsequent procedure for the selection of partnerships is further described in the guidelines mentioned above.

Questions to the Call and the further process can be directed to research@dfcentre.dk.

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