



**RESEARCH
PROGRAM ON
Forests, Trees and
Agroforestry**



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MASTERS RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY: INSTITUTIONS FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF FOREST AND WATER RESOURCES

1. SCOPE AND OFFER

The Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) is a non-profit, global research organization dedicated to advancing human well-being, environmental conservation and equity. CIFOR conducts research that enables more informed and equitable decision making about the use and management of tropical and sub-tropical forest landscapes. CIFOR helps policy makers and practitioners shape effective policy, improve the management of tropical forests and address the needs and perspectives of people who depend on forests for their livelihoods. CIFOR's multidisciplinary approach considers the underlying drivers of deforestation and degradation which often lie outside the forestry sector: forces such as agriculture, infrastructure development, trade and investment policies and law enforcement. CIFOR is offering research opportunity to 4 Masters Students and 1 PhD research student under its project, Policies and practices for enhancing co-benefits from joint forest and water conservation in Mau and Mt. Elgon forests in Kenya. The research students will contribute to the project component on analysis of institutions for the governance of forest and water resources (including rights and responsibilities for forest and water use; tenure security; organization and effectiveness of resource management regimes; participation in forestry and water associations; gender and inclusion, coordination and interaction between CFAs and WRUAs; leadership in water and forest associations). The study sites in Mau forest is Londiani, and Kimothon in Mt. Elgon. This opportunity will be for a period of 6 months. Within this period, the successful candidate is expected to collect data from at least one field site, analyze the data and report on it by March 2018.

2. Eligibility

The applicant must be pursuing Master's degree in forest policy/economics, environmental science, social science or related field. He/she must have completed coursework and ready to start fieldwork in **September 2017**.

3. Other requirements

- The applicant must have an interest in conducting research on forest and water governance in Kenya. Have knowledge of institutions and governance aspects in natural resource management at the community level
- Skills in developing data collection instruments and administering them in the field

- Competence in qualitative data analysis techniques and tools such as **Nvivo**
- Competency in participatory techniques and conducting sex-disaggregated focus group discussions
- Organizational skills, with the ability to work in field teams and interact positively with communities, their leaders and other relevant actors in the field

4. Terms and conditions

- CIFOR will only cover the cost of research. No other allowances will be provided (i.e. tuition fees, stipend)
- Fieldwork will be conducted from September, 2017 and analysis and reporting conducted by March 2018
- Participation in seminars/workshops organized by CIFOR and its partners on methods or to disseminate research results

5. Application process

Please send to deansnrem@kabianga.ac.ke and copy to D.Bwire@cgiar.org:

- i) Your letter of interest indicating which study site you would be interested to work in between Londiani and Kimothon or both.
- ii) Curriculum Vitae
- iii) University academic certificates and transcripts,
- iv) 5 page -maximum research concept (cover page, statement of problem, significance of study, objectives, research questions, study approach / methodology, expected results, proposed work plan, proposed budget)

The application deadline is **15 July 2017**. Successful applicants will be notified by 21 July 2017 and shall enter into contract with CIFOR directly.

NOTE: CIFOR SEMINAR

- **DATE:** 8TH JULY 2017
- **TIME:** 9AM
- **VENUE:** UNIVERSITY OF KABIANGA, TOWN CAMPUS
- **INVITED:** INTERESTED POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS AND ACADEMIC STAFF
- **TOPIC:** OVERVIEW ABOUT CIFOR AND THE WATER TOWERS PROJECT.

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