



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



For PhD Researchers to
join the Global OER
Graduate Network
(GO-GN) & the Kenya Open
Education Research Hub

Our Goal

Through this partnership, KOEKE seeks to empower selected Kenyan PhD researchers by facilitating their membership in GO-GN and the Kenya Open Education Research Hub, and by providing access to a fully funded capacity-building programme that includes mentorship opportunities, workshops, and chances for global networking and collaboration.

Why This Matters

The Kenya Open Education Knowledge Exchange (KOEKE) project, in partnership with the Global OER Graduate Network (GO-GN) and the Kenya Libraries and Information Services Consortium (KLISC), invites applications from PhD students and researchers at Kenyan universities whose research centres on Open Education topics such as, but not limited to, Open Educational Resources (OER), Open Pedagogy and Practices, Open Textbooks, Open Data in Education, OER Policy and Implementation, MOOCs and Open Access, Social Justice and Equity in Open Education, and Ed-Tech and Open Platforms among others.

GO-GN is the world's leading network for PhD researchers in open education, helping scholars grow, connect, and shape the future of learning, <https://go-gn.net/about/>.

Key Benefits

1. Benefit from ongoing mentorship and expert guidance, including participation in a series of dedicated mentorship webinars.
2. Join a diverse and supportive global research community of PhD scholars and mentors in open education.
3. Attend a fully-funded, in-person workshop in October 2025, focused on intensive training, collaboration, and capacity building.
4. Gain visibility for your work by presenting in webinars and sharing progress with a global audience through the GO-GN website
5. Collaborate with peers to co-create research outputs and impact stories that highlight your contributions to open education.
6. Shape the future of open education in Kenya by contributing to a national research roadmap.



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Application Process & Guidelines

Who can apply

1. Must be a PhD student enrolled in a Kenyan university.
2. Must be actively engaged in their PhD thesis research.
3. Not beyond the fifth year since they registered for their PhD.
4. Preferably at the age of 45 years and below at the time of application.
5. Doctoral thesis must clearly focus on or relate to Open Education (see areas of interest above).

Key Dates

- Call Closes: 23rd September 2025
- Online Webinar for applicants: 1st week of October
- Successful applicants to the KOEKE Hub will be notified by 30th September 2025.
- In-Person Workshop for selected participants, end of October 2025
- Mentorship & Webinar Series: November 2025 – January 2026

How to apply

Submit the following to koeke.gogn@klisc.or.ke by 23rd September 2025:

1. Two-page research concept which includes:
 - Thesis title and research problem.
 - Abstract summarising your work.
 - A section explaining how your research supports, investigates, or contributes to Open Education.
2. A copy of your PhD admission letter and current transcript
3. A recommendation letter from your supervisor (optional, but will be considered an added advantage).
4. A two-page Curriculum Vitae (CV)