

UF AND THE UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM: 25 YEARS OF EXCHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT

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As CAS celebrates its first 50 years, we also reach a remarkable milestone in our partnership with the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM). Founded upon a memorandum of understanding developed by then-CAS Director Peter Schmidt and signed by both institutions in 1989, this linkage continues to provide extraordinary opportunities for UF students and UDSM academic staff.

CAS and the UF International Center work with the UDSM Office of Cooperation, Links, and Projects (Links) as well as the Office of Staff Development (OSD) to administer our student-faculty exchange. Both UF and non-UF students can study abroad as international students at UDSM, residing on campus while doing language and area studies coursework with UDSM instructors. As per the continuing MOU, UDSM provides housing, a food stipend, and tuition waiver for student participants. This allows UF to hold the student program fees in an account which supports the other aspect of this exchange: UDSM faculty residencies at UF.



Candidates for faculty residencies are selected by the UDSM OSD in collaboration with CAS. The program prioritizes junior staff members who are working towards their doctorate in any field. CAS and UFIC coordinate visiting scholar visas, air travel, accommodation, and maintenance stipends for semester-long residencies. CAS also connects scholars

with UF faculty expertise for mentoring opportunities. UF Libraries offer research assistance and training. CAS provides staff support and while based in Grinter Hall, scholars are also able to participate in the full range of event programming on Africa.

Since the program's inception, UF has hosted over 75 scholars from a large variety of UDSM departments, including archaeology, architecture, botany, chemistry, development studies, economics, engineering, fine arts, geography, history, law, linguistics, literature, management, marketing, mathematics, sociology, statistics, and zoology. After completing their program at UF, UDSM visiting scholars either continue to pursue their doctorate through UDSM or go on to programs elsewhere, e.g. Germany, Norway, Spain, UK, etc. We are also pleased to announce that one former exchange participant, Prof. F.D. Luoga, will become the new UDSM deputy vice-chancellor for academic affairs in 2015.

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