**PASET Africa Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund (RSIF)**

**Sixth Rsif PhD Scholarships – 2024**

**CONCEPT NOTE TEMPLATE**

**Note**

* Before submitting your Concept Note, please make sure that you have completed all sections. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
* All applications will be scanned for plagiarism. Evidence of plagiarism will disqualify you.
* Please delete all the instructions highlighted in red before uploading your Concept Note.
* Applications must be received ONLINE by **16th September 2024** at 5:00 pm (East Africa Time; UTC+3). Late applications will not be considered or acknowledged.

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1. **Title of Proposed Study**

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1. **Abstract:** *(one paragraph)* **(Max 300 words)**

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1. **Background to the Study and Literature Review:** *(What have you read that has had an impact on your thinking about the topic?)* **(Max 1000 words)**

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1. **Statement of the Problem** *(What is the gap in Knowledge? Why does this research need to be conducted?)* **(Max 250 words)**

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1. **Objectives of the Study** *(What does the study hope to achieve?)* **(Max 5 objectives)**

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1. **Questions and/or Hypotheses** *(State the unknown in terms of questions or in terms of solutions).*

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1. **Justification:** *(Please highlight elements of creative thinking and innovative approach.* *Why this would be suitable for PhD-level research)* ***(Max 1000 words)***

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1. **Proposed Research Design, Methods/Procedures** *(This section answers the question, “How will you conduct the study?”)* **(Max 500 words)**

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1. **References:** *(Include all the resources that have been used in the writing of the concept note. Follow APA standard format for the references.)*

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