**Sharing the sky**

**Skills development using a global robotic telescope network**

**for uplifting the East African astronomical research community**

**APPLICATION FORM**

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| PERSONAL DATA | |
| Name (as per ID document)  Please *italicise* the given name that you are known by, and underline surname, e.g. “*John* Adam Smith” |  |
| Postal Address |  |
| Email Address |  |
| Telephone/ Cell-phone number |  |
| Emergency Contact Details  (to be used In case of emergency while attending the course) |  |
| Gender |  |
| Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYY) |  |
| Nationality |  |
| ID/Passport Number |  |
| Current employment status  (e.g student, employed, self-employed or unemployed) |  |
| Current employer or university |  |
| Country based in  (needs to be Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, or Rwanda) |  |
| If studying, degree aimed for and year of study in this programme  (e.g. “PhD, 3rd year”) |  |
| Academic qualifications (see below)  (e.g “B.Tech in Technical and Applied Physics, Technical University of Kenya”) |  |
| Further relevant qualifications |  |
| MOTIVATION | |
| Why do you want to participate in the “Sharing the Sky” programme? |  |
| REFERENCES  Please name three referees familiar with their work and ensure that they will send their reference letter to the specified e-mail on time. | |
| Referee 1 (Name, Institution, E-mail) |  |
| Referee 2 (Name, Institution, E-mail) |  |
| Referee 3 (Name, Institution, E-mail) |  |

***Required attachments***:

– Certificate of any academic degree obtained

– If no degree obtained yet, transcript of your current programme of study

I declare that all information provided is accurate.

I have provided all requested supporting evidence.

I will make sure that the nominated referees will provide a reference letter to the e-mail address below within at most one week after the application deadline.

I confirm that I will be attending all four workshops over the two years of the programme.

I confirm that I will make use of the LCO 1m global telescope network to develop my skills and/or carry out a research project.

Print Name:

Date:

Please note that participation in the programme is subject to the following ***minimal qualifications***:

– a bachelor or master degree in astrophysics or a related subject

*or*

– enrolled in the final two years of such a study programme and having a strong record

Please e-mail the completed application form to the respective coordinator in your country of residence ***by 28 Mar 2025***:

*Kenya:* Prof Paul Baki (Technical University of Kenya), paulbaki@tukenya.ac.ke

*Uganda*: Dr Edward Jurua (Mbarara University of Science and Technology), ejurua@must.ac.ug

*Tanzania*: Dr Noorali Jiwaji (Open University of Tanzania), ntjiwaji@yahoo.com

*Rwanda*: Prof Pheneas Nkundabakura (University of Rwanda), p.nkundabakura@ur.ac.rw

Inform your referees to send their reference letters by e-mail *to the same address* ***by 4 Apr 2025***.

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