



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPATING IN MICRO MASTERS PROGRAM ON DATA ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY OFFERED BY MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT)

The Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) - a policy research think tank in Tanzania, undertakes, and articulates research aiming at enhancing the understanding of policy options and development management. The mandate of ESRF also includes capacity development of intellectual resources of both producers and users of knowledge in Tanzania.

One of the areas of interest for capacity development by ESRF is on conducting scientific impact evaluation research and assessing the effectiveness of social programs. The ESRF facilitates capacity strengthening in this area through [Impact Evaluation Laboratory](#) (IE Lab). The objective of the lab is to establish and sustain a vibrant community of practice on impact evaluation research in Tanzania. The IE Lab is funded by [William & Flora Hewlett Foundation](#) – a charitable institution based in the USA. Under the auspices of Impact Evaluation Laboratory, during 2022, the ESRF intends to support the participation of up to fifteen (15) Tanzanian scholars in Micro Master's Program in Data, Economics and Development Policy offered by Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). This program which is designed jointly by [MIT Department of Economics](#) and [Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab \(J-PAL\)](#) equip learners with the practical skills and theoretical knowledge to tackle some of the most pressing challenges facing developing countries and the world's poor.

Through a series of five online courses and proctored exams, learners will gain a strong foundation in microeconomics, development economics, and probability and statistics, while engaging with cutting-edge research in the field. This is an internationally recognized professional and academic credential in economics. The credential is also recognized for admissions into graduate programs at the MIT, among US Universities and in many other universities around the world. The Founders and lead trainers for the program include Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee, winners of the 2019 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences and pioneers in the field of development economics.

The ESRF is thus pleased to announce its partnership with MIT in 2022 by providing scholarships to 15 scholars from Tanzania interested with pursuing the course. Interested students are advised to visit micro [masters webpage at MIT](#) with a purpose of further acquainting with the program before enrolling. Applicants interested of applying for ESRF's



financial support will then be required to make an application by filling an online [application form](#).

Applicants for ESRF's financial support must meet the following requirements.

1. Must be citizens of Tanzania.
2. Must possess at least a bachelor's degree in economics or studies related to economics.
3. Must have scored a GPA of at least 3.6 in undergraduate degree.

Application deadline for funding request is Friday 28th January 2022. Applicants in need of further information are advised to contact our Research Fellow, Mr. Zakayo Zakaria through telephone # +255 (0) 712 918 771.

