

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF TANZANIA



PRESS RELEASE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM SUITABLY QUALIFIED TANZANIANS TO FILL THE POST OF VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF TANZANIA

The Open University of Tanzania is a public University, established by the Act of Parliament No 17 of 1992. Repealed and Replaced by the OUT Charter Inc. of 2007 Since January 1st 2007, and since then the University has been operating under this Charter which is in line with the Universities Act No. 7 of 2005. It's stated mission is To persistently provide relevant, quality, flexible, accessible, and affordable open online education, research, and services to community for social economic development of Tanzania, Africa and the rest of the world. The Open University of Tanzania operates through its headquarters in Kinondoni, Dar es Salaam and its 27 Regional Centres in each region of Tanzania Mainland and Four (4) Coordination Centres in Zanzibar, Pemba, Kahama and Tunduru Islands. The University also has coordination centres in Kenya, Namibia, Uganda, Ghana, Ethiopia and Zambia.

The term of office of the current Vice Chancellor will come to an end on the 2nd June, 2020 and therefore, the University hereby invites competent and qualified candidates to apply for the following position:

JOB TITLE:	VICE CHANCELLOR
VACANCY NO.:	OUT2020/VC
DEPARTMENT:	OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR
RESPONSIBLE TO:	THE COUNCIL/CHANCELLOR/CHAIRMAN
WORK STATION:	HQ/DSM
SALARY:	AS PER OUT HRM POLICY AND PREVAILING CIRCULAR
FRINGE BENEFITS:	AS SPELT OUT BY THE EXISTING REGULATION OF THE UNIVERSITY

1. QUALIFICATIONS:

Background Knowledge and Skills

- Associate Professor or Full Professor (Any Specialization).
- Outstanding Academic Qualifications, Managerial and Administrative Experience and Capability of at least (7) seven years
- Excellent Record of Scholarship, Teaching, Research and Service to the Public.
- Extensive Knowledge and Experience of University Systems.
- Extensive Experience in Universities at a Senior Management Level.
- Excellent management, communication, interpersonal, public relations and negotiation skills.
- Proven integrity with irrevocable commitment to best practices in corporate governance, with particular emphasis on integrity, accountability and transparency.
- Ability to develop and update the institutions vision and direction systematically and strategically.
- Ability to interpret and promote the University's key academic purposes.
- Ability to inspire and encourage new ideas and developments by motivating and supporting staff and students.
- Ability to influence, persuade and build coalitions and networks

2. KEY FUNCTIONS

Policy and Planning

- Spearhead the continuous development and review of the Mission, Vision, Objectives and Policies designed to achieve academic excellence in the institution's programmes.
- Promote an understanding of the Mission and Vision of the University.
- Co-ordinate the development of Policies, Plans and Programmes of OUT, based on a Strategic Overview of the University and its environment to enable it realise its Vision.
- Mobilise and procure internally and externally the resources necessary for the implementation of the University's Strategic Plans and Programmes.
- Guide the Formulation and review of the Institutional Rolling Strategic plan.

Management and Fiscal Control

- Be the Chief Executive Officer of the University, with a general responsibility for maintaining and promoting efficiency, effectiveness and good governance at the University in line with the OUT Charter (2007).
- Provide executive leadership to the institution through the creation and implementation of strategic management plans.

- Direct and supervise the Senior Management Team responsible for the academic, financial, administrative, regional services and public relations functions of the University and ensure that each performs to the expected levels of excellence. and the promotion of good order throughout the institution
- Oversee the implementation of systems designed to ensure sound management and fiscal control.
- Oversee the procurement and fair allocation of resources to various cost centres within the University.
- As the Chief Executive Officer of the Open University of Tanzania, The Vice Chancellor attends to both Council's and Administrative Meetings and present reports on the Institutions position.

Responsibility to the Council

- Submit reports to Council and powers as conferred upon him/her from time to time by the Council based on the relevant national laws i.e. University Act No. 7 of 2005, Regulations (2006) and OUT Charter (2007).

Responsibility to Senate

- As the Chair of Senate; Reports to Senate about all decisions taken by the Vice Chancellor and directs the implement of Senate decisions.

External Liaison

Represents the University externally in order to promote awareness and an understanding of the University's Mission, Vision, objectives, policies and programmes, and is accountable for the entrusted University's resources and promote linkages with external bodies/institutions (locally and internationally).

3. PERFORMANCE MEASURES/CRITERIA

- Explicit Mission and Vision statements and policies, plans and procedures that complement the institution's objectives.
- Clear understanding of the University's Legal regime, functions, objectives by staff, students and the University community at large.
- Availability of adequate resources, efficient and effective allocation and utilization on the same.
- Appointment of high calibre staff and high academic and administrative standards maintained.
- Maintenance of harmonious relations between academic and non-academic units, departments and staff of the University.
- High standards of behaviour exhibited among staff and students.
- Quality of advice he/she provides to the Council.
- Practical, effective and acceptable recommendations to the Council and Senate and prompt implementation of decisions of the same.

TENURE: 5 years, can be reappointed for a maximum of 2 terms subject to positive performance appraisal.

4. MODE OF APPLICATION:

Applications accompanied by signed up-to-date Curriculum Vitae and other relevant documents, names and addresses of three referees (including the last employer) should reach the Chairperson of the Search Committee at the address below ONE MONTH from the date of the first appearance of this advertisement in the news paper. Applicants are further advised to ask their referees to submit reports directly to the Chairperson of the Search Committee latest ONE week after the closing date for applications.

The Chairperson,
Search Committee for the Vice Chancellor
The Open University of Tanzania,
P.O.Box 23409,
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Attn: SECRETARY TO COUNCIL