



# A Call for PhD Supervision Training 2025 for AMU Staff

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## Background

This PhD supervision training is initiated by the Ethiopian SuperStars project. The Ethiopian Superstars is an international training program that involves 7 Ethiopian universities (Addis Ababa University, Ambo University, Arba Minch University, Bahir Dar University, Hawassa University, Jimma University and Mekelle University). The project is coordinated by Jimma University and Ghent University, is financially supported by VLIR-UOS ([www.vliruos.be](http://www.vliruos.be)) and runs from September 2023 to August 2026.

The overall vision of Ethiopian SuperStars project is strengthening the advisory and coaching skills of academic staff at Ethiopian higher education institutions. To realize this, Ethiopian

SuperStars works towards the following four milestones:

- Milestone 1: Train 210 academic staff on PhD supervision (30 at each university)
- Milestone 2: Customize the training to an Ethiopian context
- Milestone 3: Facilitate integration of training in Ethiopian universities

As part of milestone 1, we are offering PhD supervision training to the academic staff of the participating universities. Eight days training will be provided by Ethiopian trainers that have been certified by Impetus Academy ( [www.impetus.academy](http://www.impetus.academy) ).

## Outline of the PhD supervision training

The 8-days training consists of a blended learning trajectory of

- Formal face-to-face learning activities in group (e.g., demonstration, role play)
- Reflection exercises
- Individual assignments
- There will be two groups for the training, each consisting of 12 participants. The first group will attend the training on **October 6 & 7** and **November 16 & 17, 2025**, while the second group will attend on **October 9 & 10** and **November 27 & 28, 2025**.

**Participation in the training program is open to those who apply and meet the following criteria/commitments:**

- PhD-holding staff member of Arba Minch University
- Motivated to improve their PhD supervision skills;
- Commitment to complete the training. No certificate will be awarded for partial completion of the training.

- Actively supervising PhD students or have experience supervising PhD students.
- For female applicants: actively supervising MSc students or have experience supervising MSc students.

### **Selection procedure**

- Participants are requested to complete application form, which will be evaluated by the post-graduate directors.
- We aim to have 40% (4 to 5) female participants per training.

### **The return on investment**

- Certificate of attendance upon successful completion of the training.
- Training materials
- Social learning: exchange of experiences with a network of other trainees;
- Personal growth: acquisition of new coaching/supervisory skills
- Added value to the university: contribution to professional development of PhD supervisors as a function of better-quality PhD supervision.

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## **Application Process**

- Complete the Application form found in the notice's attachment
- Application should be submitted by email to [nebiyuyem2000@gmail.com](mailto:nebiyuyem2000@gmail.com) with carbon copy to:
  - Prof. Yisehak Kechero (Director of the school of graduate studies) email: [kecheroyisehak329@gmail.com](mailto:kecheroyisehak329@gmail.com)

### **Deadline**

- Deadline for soumission : **14 September 2025.**

### **For more details contact :**

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**NB :** Those of you who applied in the **second round** of the PhD supervision Training call in **April 2025** are scheduled to attend training sessions on **October 6 & 7** and **November 16 & 17, 2025**. Please remember to send us a reminder email regarding your application.

## Application form

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The application form must be filled out completely and accurately, using Arial with font size 11pt.

### 1. General information

Candidate/applicant		
Last name, first name and middle name		
Department/Program name		
E-mail		
Sex		
Supervision experience		
PhD/(MSc for female candidates only) students currently supervising as a main supervisor		
	Last name, first and middle name	Year of first enrolment
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PhD/(MSc for female candidates only) students currently supervising as a co- supervisor		
	Last name, first and middle name	Year of first enrolment
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Students completed their PhD/(MSc for female candidates only) (either as a main supervisor or co-supervisor)		
	Last name, first and middle name	Year of PhD/ (MSc for female candidates only) completion
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**'...' please add lines whenever appropriate**

- 2. Motivation (max 1 page): Describe why you are motivated to attend the training or what inspired you to pursue this training; how this training will impact your approach to mentor students and how you will be able to ensure completion of the training.**

*Enter your text here*

**3. Brief Curriculum Vitae (max 2 pages).**