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Maseno University Partnerships, Research and Innovations Division Job Description Manual







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1. Introduction

Organisational Overview

Maseno University, the "only university in the world that sits on the equator, "was founded in 1991 and it is located in Maseno town along the Kisumu-Busia road, about 25 km from Kisumu city and 400 km West of Nairobi.

The history of the University's began with the merger of Maseno Government Training Institute with the Siriba Teachers Training College in 1990 to form Maseno University as a constituent college of Moi University. The Act of Parliament in 1991 made Maseno University an accredited institution of higher learning in Kenya and later, in 2001, it became a full-fledged university. Maseno University was one of the first universities to establish the role of Emeritus professor when Professor B.A. Ogot was appointed as the first Emeritus professor at Maseno University's name is was crafted by the first English Christian Missionaries to settle in the region from the name of a tree called "Oseno" or "Oluseno" in local dialects.

As a full-fledged university, Maseno University began operations with two campuses namely the College campus, and the Siriba campus. Today, it has five campuses, a testament to its growth and evolution and they include; the College Campus, Siriba Campus, Kisumu City Campus, Homa Bay Campus and the eCampus (the first of its kind in Kenya, a virtual ground that runs adaptable online projects both for on-grounds understudies and in addition off-grounds understudies selected for different Maseno University programs)

The university has three divisions which include Administration, Finance and Development, Academic and Students' Affairs, and Partnership, Research and Innovations. Each of these divisions is headed by a Deputy Vice Chancellor and they are structured differently based on their size and number its functions.

The functions under the Academic and Students' Affairs Division of the university are structured into schools, faculties, institutes, centers, departments and directorates. The Administrations, Finance Development Division functions are structured into department, directorates, sections and units. The Partnership, Research and Innovations Division is structured into Directorates.

The university offers undergraduate and post-graduate program at the following faculties, schools and Institute:

- 1. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- 2. Faculty of Education
- 3. Faculty of Science
- 4. School of Public Health
- 5. School of Environment and Earth Sciences
- 6. School of Development and Strategic Studies
- 7. School of Graduate Studies
- 8. School of Business and Economics
- 9. School of Medicine
- 10. School of Agriculture and Food Security
- 11. School of Mathematics and Actuarial Science
- 12. School of Computing and Informatics
- 13. School of Planning and Architecture
- 14. Institute of Gender Studies

Currently, the university has 51 Departments all distributed in the 13 different schools and faculties named above.

2. Partnership, Research and Innovations

2.1 Deputy Vice Chancellor - Partnerships, Research and Innovations

1. Background Information			
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Job Title: Deputy Vice Chancellor –	Job Level: MSU/PPI002	Current Grade:	No. of Posts:
Partnerships, Research and	WIS0/111002	1/	1
Innovations			
Institution:		Faculty/School:	
Maseno University		N/A	
Division:		Department/Unit:	
Partnership, Research and Innovation	18	N/A	
r arthership, Research and Innovation	15	11/21	
Reports to:			
Vice Chancellor			
Direct Reports:		Indirect Reports:	
a) Registrar-Research		Deputy Registrar-Resear	rch
b) Director- Research, Publications,	and Innovations		
c) Director- Linkages, Outreach and			
d) Coordinator-Business Incubation	n Centre.		
e) Coordinator-Science, Technology			
f) Coordinator- Education for Susta	inable Development.		
2. Purpose of the Job:			
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This job exists to provide leadersh			
development of Memoranda of Un property rights, linkages, partnershi			
dissemination of research findings i			
locally and internationally and promo			tablishment of mikages
3. Main Responsibilities of the			
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Research and Scholarship Respo	ngihiliting		
Research and Scholarship Respo	JIISIDIIIUES:		
N/A			
Teaching and Learning Respons	ibilities:		
N/A			
Community Service and Outread	h Responsibilities:		
N/A			
Managerial Responsibilities:			
a) Formulate policies and strategies			
including Research policy, Consu			
others to guide in the implementa	ation and actualization of p	barthership, research and	IIIIIovatioii
programmes. b) Coordinate the development of research grants and research proposals for resource mobilisation for the			
b) Coordinate the development of research grants and research proposals for resource mobilisation for the university.			
c) Coordinate exhibition activities such as Agricultural Show of Kenya (ASK) show, Commission for University			mission for Universitv
Education (CUE) exhibitions, NACOSTI Science week to show case research innovations of the university.			
d) Supervise Centres and Departments that comprise of Partnerships, Research and Innovations to ensure			
fulfilment of their mandate in line with the university policies.			
e) Coordinate management of unive	rsity Intellectual Property	to safeguard innovation m	ade by University and
to prevent plagiarism.			
f) Coordinate promotion of rights, c	ulture, ethical behaviour,	national value and nationa	al interest among the

students and faculty in research.

g) Coordinate industrial linkages and partnerships both locally and internationally to facilitate collaborative research, joint student supervision, attachment and internship.

Operational Responsibilities:

- a) Receive all research, publications and consultancy reports for review and checking for viability within and without the university.
- b) Develop proposal for research agencies for the university to guide various schools, and departments in areas of research priority and actualisation of research activities.
- c) Develop proposals to actualise benefits on collaboration, partnership, agreement, innovation and protocols.
- d) Develop university research proposals in line with the National Research Policy and the National Research Fund to facilitate research funding.
- e) Review Scientific Research Ethics, Protocol, Code of Conduct to ensure originality of research proposals and research papers and prevent plagiarism within and without the university
- f) Build relationships with industries through local, national and international research networks to leverage research outcomes and opportunities.
- g) Coordinate conferences, publication of papers in refereed journals to facilitate dissemination of research findings and innovations.
- h) Provide research grants/funds to academic staff and postgraduate students; provide time out for academic staff to carry out research, and to ensure that the university research performance is proactive, dynamic and innovative in terms of quality, commercialised products and service in areas of strength and priority.
- i) Actualise memorandum of understanding to facilitate staff and student exchange programmes, to enhance staff development especially at postgraduate level, and to enhance teaching and research both locally and internationally.
- j) Support community development services by overseeing programmes such as community health services, best farming practices among others to enhance good coexistence with the community and for empowering the community.
- k) Facilitate public-private partnership to assist the university acquire facilities such as hostels for students.

4. Job Dimensions:

Financial Responsibilities

- a) Prepare budget for the Division
- b) Provide input into the budget for the university.
- c) Authorise through approving expenditure in the division.

Responsibility for physical assets

- a) Computer
- b) Printer/photocopier
- c) Office furniture

Nature of decision making

- a) Operational Decisions.
- b) Analytical Decisions.
- c) Financial Decisions.
- d) Strategic Decisions.

5. Qualifications Knowledge and Skills:

Minimum level of academic qualifications required to perform effectively in the role

Earned Doctor of Philosophy Degree be an Associate Professor.

Minimum level of professional qualification required to perform effectively in the role

N/A

Minimum level of knowledge that would be regularly applied to the job

a) High level expertise in, and detailed understanding of, a number of different functional areas across the institution.

b) Computer literacy.

c) Budgeting skills.

d) Knowledge of relevant legislation (Universities Act, 2012; Public Finance Management Act).

Typical soft skills that would be regularly applied to the job (Attributes)

- a) Leadership skills.
- b) Communication skills.
- c) Interpersonal skills.
- d) Organisational skills.
- e) Ability to work under pressure.
- f) Negotiation skills.
- g) Team building.
- h) Problem solving.
- i) Conflict management.
- j) Supervisory skills.

Other requirements e.g. regulatory/statutory/institutional would the job holder be required to comply with for appointment to this role

- a) A minimum of 48 publication points as a Senior Lecturer of which 32 points should be from refereed journals.
- b) Published research findings.
- c) Research on academic area of focus.
- d) Certificate of good conduct.
- e) Higher Education Loans Board clearance certificate.
- f) Credit Reference Bureau clearance.
- g) Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission clearance.
- h) Chapter six of constitution of Kenya 2010.
- i) Commission for University Education clearance.
- 6. Relevant Experience Required:

Minimum number of months or years of experience the jobholder is required to have to be appointed to the position

At least 10 years working experience in senior management, five (5) of which should have served at the level of Dean/Director of School/Campus or Principal.

7. Problem Solving:

Problems are broad and complex, involving more than one area of the institution. Solutions will often be arrived at through the stewardship of a project team, involve significant financial risk and require "board" approval.

8. Communication:

Communication/information the job holder needs to understand in order to perform the job:

- a) Basic verbal instructions or requests.
- b) Detailed verbal instructions or requests.
- c) Simple written instructions or requests.
- d) Detailed written procedures.
- e) Detailed technical and/or functional instructions or queries.
- f) Basic e-mail, fax or mail correspondence.
- g) Detailed e-mail, fax or mail correspondence.
- h) Written Government policy documents affecting the job holder's area of responsibility.
- i) Current legislation affecting the job holder's area of responsibility.
- j) Articles and research products affecting the job holder's area of responsibility.
- k) Complex research findings published in scientific journals.
- 1) Factual reports on aspects of the institution such as policy guidelines.
- m) High level proposals on the institution's strategic direction.

Communication/information the job holder needs to carry out in order to perform the job:

- a) Routine communication in connection with instructions, requests or normal work tasks.
- b) Routine communication with employees of the institution or clients.
- c) Communication around escalated or difficult queries with internal or external customers or clients.
- d) Communication requiring a high level of diplomacy and sensitivity.
- e) Explanation of complex services or concepts to employees of the institution or clients.
- f) Simple verbal instructions to other employees within the institution.
- g) Detailed verbal or written instructions or requests to employees of the institution or contractors.
- h) Basic e-mail, fax or mail correspondence.
- i) Detailed e-mail, fax or mail correspondence.
- j) Drafting of factual reports, presentations, procedure or policy documents or training material.
- k) Drafting of scientific or highly specialised articles for publication in the job holder's area of expertise.
- 1) Written proposals or presentations aimed at changing practices within or across the Departments or grant seeking to generate funds.
- m) Complex written proposals or presentations aimed at setting or changing strategy for a Department or large external institution.
- n) High level written proposals or presentations to the Board, Senate, Council or key external stakeholders on the strategic direction of the overall institution.

9. Influence:

Job holders' influence over subordinates and colleagues:

- a) Allocation of work to Director- Research, Publications, and Innovations, Director- Linkages, Outreach and Consultancies, Registrar- Research, Coordinator- Business Incubation Centre, Coordinator- Science, Technology and Innovation, and Coordinator- Education for Sustainable Development.
- b) Supervises Director- Research, Publications, and Innovations, Director- Linkages, Outreach and Consultancies, Registrar- Research, Coordinator- Business Incubation Centre, Coordinator- Science, Technology and Innovation, and Coordinator- Education for Sustainable Development.
- c) Leads 15 staff through the Director- Research, Publications, and Innovations, Director- Linkages, Outreach and Consultancies, Registrar- Research, Coordinator- Business Incubation Centre, Coordinator- Science, Technology and Innovation, and Coordinator- Education for Sustainable Development.

Job holder influence practices, policies or strategy. This is influence derived from structural authority

Influences or changes broad practices or policies affecting other areas of the institution.

Job holders' influence over people outside the directorate but within the institution and people outside the institution

- a) Convey Information inside the unit/section/department/division/institution.
- b) Convey Information outside the unit/section/department/division/institution.
- c) Convey Information at Senior Management level.
- d) Persuasion outside the unit/section/department/division/institution.
- e) Persuasion at Senior Management level.
- f) Negotiation outside the unit/section/department/division/institution.

10. Other responsibilities assigned outside of the core responsibilities of the job:

Member of:

- a) The Management Board.
- b) University Senate Committee.
- c) Deans Committee, Graduation Committee.
- d) Performance Contracting Committee.
- e) Project Implementation Committee.
- f) Budget Implementation Committee.
- g) Appointment Committee (Grade 1-13).

Chairperson for:

a) The Division Committee (Division of Partnerships, Research and Innovations)

b) The Research Committee.

c) The Shows and Exhibitions Committee.

11. Working Conditions:

Working Environment

Is exposed to minimum disagreeable conditions in the environment. The jobholder has normal office facilities which may include own office with desk, access to a telephone line with the outside world.

Job Hazards

Slight. There is very slight chance of accident or health hazards. Usual office situation, with minimal exposure.

2.2 Registrar-Partnership, Research and Innovation

1. Background Information			
Job Title: Registrar – Partnership, Research and Innovations	Job Level: MSU/PRI/Regoo3	Current Grade: 15	No. of Posts: 1
Institution: Maseno University		School/Faculty: N/A	
Directorate/Division: Partnership, Research and Innovatio	n	Department/Unit N/A	:
Reports to: Deputy Vice Chancellor - Partnership	o, Research and Innovation	15	
Direct Reports:		Indirect Reports:	
Deputy Registrar 2. Purpose of the Job:		Research Assistant	
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This position is responsible for super the Office of Registrar- Partnership, pertaining to partnership, research a	Research and Innovations	to ensure smooth run	
3. Main Responsibilities of the	Job:		
Research and Scholarship Resp	onsibilities:		
N/A			
Teaching and Learning Respon N/A	sibilities:		
Community Service and Outrea	ch Responsibilities:		
N/A			
Managerial Responsibilities:			
a) Recommend regular review of p	olicies and regulations that	govern partnerships,	research and innovation
matters to ensure continuous im	provement of research and	l innovation within th	e university.
b) Participate in the annual preparation of the divisional budget for incorporation into the final university			
budget to guide in allocation of funds for the division.Prepare quarterly divisional reports on the performance of various departments under the division and the			
	performance contracting to aid in senior management decision making for the betterment of the divisional		
operations.			
d) Participate in the annual preparation of work plans for all divisional staff members to ensure proper			
placement of staff and organization of various tasks towards achievement of divisional goals and objectives. Participate in approval of the annual staff leave roster to ensure the division is adequately staffed at all			
Participate in approval of the annual staff leave roster to ensure the division is adequately staffed at all times for effective service delivery in the university.			
) Coordinate research, extension and outreach programmes hence ensure skills and technology transfer to			
	the industry and society. () Promote management and collaboration in extension linkages, programmes and activities to joint research		
activities within and without the	university.		2
 h) Coordinate publication of resear research findings. 	ch findings in the journals	to enhance dissemina	tion of knowledge and
 i) Ensure staff performance evalua monitoring of staff productivity 			

Operational Responsibilities:

- a) Coordinate regular extension and outreach programmes to ensure the effectiveness of the same in benefiting target groups within the society.
- b) Establish linkage and networks with the community to empower the community and enhance positive image of the university in the community.
- c) Assist in development of research proposals by reviewing of research publications, and academic journals to facilitate research activities and attract funds to the university.
- d) Design outreach programmes which target the achievement of University Mission and Vision to facilitate transfer of technology and practices to the community.
- e) Review the outreach programmes to identify areas of improvement and enhance achievement of their intended outcome.
- f) Liaising with external agencies for purpose of mobilising financial support from development partners of the university.
- g) Organise for local exhibition for by inviting proposals from the potential participants to show case the new innovations and knowledge.
- h) Create for a for purposes of linking the external stakeholders and the University.

4. Job Dimensions:

Financial Responsibilities

Develop and consolidate the departmental budget.

Responsibility for physical assets

- a) Computer and accessories.
- b) File cabinets.
- c) Office furniture.

Nature of decision making

- a) Strategic decisions.
- b) Financial decisions.
- c) Analytical decisions.
- d) Operational decisions.

5. Qualifications Knowledge and Skills:

Minimum level of academic qualifications required to perform effectively in the role

Earned Doctor of Philosophy Degree in a relevant field from a recognised institution.

Minimum level of professional qualification required to perform effectively in the role

Registration with the respective regulatory or professional body where applicable.

Minimum level of knowledge that would be regularly applied to the job

a) High level expertise in, and detailed understanding of a number of different specialist areas within a function.

- b) Computer literacy.
- c) Budgeting skills.
- d) Knowledge of relevant legislation.
- e) Knowledge of professional standards.

Typical soft skills that would be regularly applied to the job (Attributes)

a) Communication skills.

- b) Interpersonal skills.
- c) Team building.
- d) Problem solving.
- e) Supervisory skills.
- f) Negotiation skills.
- g) Leadership skills.
- h) Organisational skills.
- i) Conflict Management.
- j) Ability to work under pressure.

Other requirements e.g. regulatory/statutory/Institutional required to comply with for appointment to this role

- a) Chapter six of the constitution.
- b) Certificate of good conduct.
- c) Tax compliance certificate.
- d) Credit Reference Bureau clearance.
- e) HELB clearance certificate.

6. Relevant Experience Required:

Minimum number of months or years of experience the jobholder is required to have to be appointed to the position

At least 12 years working experience as a researcher, lecturing five (5) of which was a Deputy Registrar in a university.

7. Problem Solving:

Problems are complex and open ended and affect more than one area of the institution. Solutions need to be determined through consultation with other areas of the institution.

8. Communication:

Communication/information the job holder needs to understand in order to perform the job:

- a) Detailed written procedures.
- b) Detailed technical and/or functional instructions or queries.
- c) Detailed e-mail, fax or mail correspondence.
- d) Written Government policy documents affecting the job holder's area of responsibility.
- e) Current legislation affecting the job holder's area of responsibility.
- f) Articles and research products affecting the job holder's area of responsibility.
- g) Complex research findings published in scientific journals.
- h) Factual reports on aspects of the institution such as policy guidelines.
- i) In depth technical reports, proposals or project briefs affecting one or more departments.

Communication/information the job holder needs to carry out in order to perform the job:

a) Routine communication in connection with instructions, requests or normal work tasks.

- b) Routine communication with employees of the institution or clients.
- c) Communication around escalated or difficult queries with internal or external customers or clients.
- d) Detailed technical explanation of services or concepts to employees of the institution or clients.
- e) Explanation of complex services or concepts to employees of the institution or clients.
- f) Detailed e-mail, fax or mail correspondence.
- g) Drafting of internal or external newsletters, general articles or content for newspapers, journals, magazines or internet sites.
- h) Negotiation with customers/clients or suppliers over price, contracts or services.
- i) Negotiations with senior management of large external institutions, which will have a significant financial impact on the institution.
- j) Written proposals or presentations aimed at changing practices within or across the Departments or grant seeking to generate funds.
- k) Complex written proposals or presentations aimed at setting or changing strategy for a Department or large external institution.
- l) High level written proposals or presentations to the Board, Senate, Council or key external stakeholders on the strategic direction of the overall institution.

9. Influence:

Job holder's influence over practices, policies or strategy:

Has a strong influence on the strategic direction of more than one department.

Job holders' influence over subordinates and colleagues:

- a) Allocate work to six (6) subordinates.
- b) Supervise six (6) subordinates.

Job holders' influence over people outside the directorate but within the institution and people outside the institution

- a) Convey information inside, outside and at senior management level
- b) Persuade inside, outside the department and at senior management level
- c) Negotiate outside the department and at senior management level

10. Other responsibilities assigned outside of the core responsibilities of the job:

N/A

11. Working Conditions:

Working Environment

Is exposed to minimum disagreeable conditions in the environment. The job holder has normal office facilities which may include own office with desk, access to a telephone line with the outside world.

Job Hazards

Slight. There is very slight chance of accident or health hazards. Usual office situation, with minimal exposure.

2.1 Research Assistant

1. Background Information			
Job Title: Research Assistant	Job Level: MSU/RPI/RA006	Current Grade: C/D	No. of Posts:
Institution: Maseno University		School/Faculty: N/A	1
Directorate/Division: Research, Publications and Innovati	ons		nit:
Reports to: Research Coordinator			
Direct Reports: N/A		Indirect Reports: N/A	
2. Purpose of the job:			
This position exists to perform the a preparation, data collection and ana University.			
3. Main Responsibilities of the	e Job:		
Managerial Responsibilities: N/A			
 Operational Responsibilities: a) Prepare research reports on reset the various departments of the up b) Review and disseminate calls for up compare and maintain a databas university. d) Prepare annual ethics review rept the University e) File and index applications for estudents in the University f) Prepare payment vouchers for reUniversity g) Allocate and dispatch proposals University. 4. Job Dimensions: 	niversity r proposals to secure fundi e on Ethics review applicat port to NACOSTI for the U thics review on research p eviewers for different teach	ing for the university tion for the different depa niversity and disseminate roposals by the different r ning staff, researchers and	rtments in the e them accordingly in researchers and l funded students in the
4. Job Dimensions: Financial Responsibilities		_	
N/A			
Responsibility for physical ass	ets		
Computer and accessories			
Nature of decision making			
a) Analytical decisionsb) Operational decisions			

5. Qualifications Knowledge and Skills:

Minimum level of academic qualifications required to perform effectively in the role

Bachelor's Degree or its equivalent in a relevant field

Minimum level of professional qualification required to perform effectively in the role

Training in research ethics

Minimum level of knowledge that would be regularly applied to the job

Knowledge of intermediate clerical, operational or customer service skills acquired through education, experience or on the job training

Typical technical competencies that would be regularly applied to the job

- a) Computer Literacy
- b) Proposal writing skills

Typical soft skills that would be regularly applied to the job (Attributes)

- a) Interpersonal skills
- b) Communication skills
- c) Leadership skills
- d) Organizational skills

Other requirements e.g. regulatory/statutory/Institutional required to comply with for appointment to this role

N/A

6. Relevant Experience Required:

Minimum number of months or years of experience the jobholder is required to have to be appointed to the position

One (1) year relevant working experience

7. Problem Solving:

Problems are generally resolved by reference to established procedures. However some limited flexibility is allowed. Problems clearly outside of established procedures are referred upwards.

8. Communication:

Communication/information the job holder needs to understand in order to perform the job:

- a) Basic verbal instructions or requests
- b) Detailed verbal instructions or requests
- c) Simple written instructions or requests
- d) Detailed written procedures
- e) Basic e-mail, fax or mail correspondence
- f) Detailed e-mail, fax or mail correspondence

Communication/information the job holder needs to carry out in order to perform the job:

- a) Routine communication with employees of the institution or clients
- b) Basic e-mail, fax or mail correspondence
- c) Detailed e-mail, fax or mail correspondence
- d) Drafting of factual reports, presentations, procedure or policy documents or training material

9. Influence:

Job holder's influence over practices, policies or strategy:

Is expected to come up with suggestions on improved practices

Job holders' influence over subordinates and colleagues:

N/A

Job holders' influence over people outside the directorate but within the institution and people outside the institution

Convey information inside and outside the department

10. Other responsibilities assigned outside of the core responsibilities of the job:

N/A

11. Working Conditions:

Working Environment

Is exposed to minimum disagreeable conditions in the environment. The job holder has normal office facilities which may include own office with desk, access to a telephone line with the outside world.

Job Hazards

Slight. There is very slight chance of accident or health hazards. Usual office situation, with minimal exposure.]

Final Signoffs

	Name	Designation	Sign	Date
Head of Department				
Human Resource				

Fair play for pay