



Call for Expression of Interest: Proofreading of Research Papers

1. Background

Rwanda has an ambitious long term objective of becoming a middle income country by 2035 and a high income country by 2050. Gaining a positive trade balance is a prerequisite to realize this objective. Towards this, Rwanda has to prepare well and venture into the modern state of international business through well-configured global trade deals. The latter result into favourable trading activities to drive the nation from trade deficit to trade surplus economy.

In this regard, the University of Rwanda (UR) in partnership with the World Trade Organisation (WTO) is implementing the World Trade Organisation Chairs Programme (WCP) Phase III in Rwanda. The UR WCP's objective is to strengthen knowledge and understanding of the trading system among academics, citizens and policy makers in Rwanda by stimulating not only teaching and outreach activities but also research in relation to international trade. The UR WCP supports research activities that are undertaken to suggest solutions to existing problems in the trading sector and a number of research papers have been produced.

2. Call

The UR WTO Chairs Programme is seeking UR Professors to provide proofreading services for the following three research papers:

- i. Differential impacts of trade digitalization on economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa: a comparative analysis between SADC and ECOWAS countries
- ii. Global Firm Performance Effects on Global Value Chains
- iii. Knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding the use of digital platforms for international trade among Rwandan women traders

A fee of 1,000,000 Rwf is paid for each paper proofread.

The papers are intended for submission for publication in the International Trade Journal.

3. Scope of Work:

Among other characteristics of an academic work, the proofreading will focus on:

- Written English grammar and style for academic publication;

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- Consistency in terminology and focus; anatomy and content of tables, and figures as well as their use
- Consistency, relevance of references, and match between in-text citations and the reference list
- Providing comments to improve clarity and readability (without altering the academic content)

2. Requirements:

- Should have prior experience in mentoring on academic writing and proofreading academic research papers
- Have a sustained track record of publications over 10 years
- Ability to return the edited document by 15 August 2025

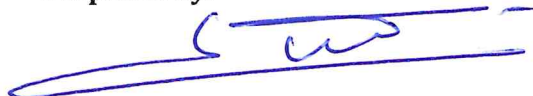
3. Submission of Expression of Interest:

Interested UR Professors are kindly requested to submit the following by 31st July 2025:

- A brief statement of interest (max 200 words)
- A short CV showing relevant experience (Max. 2-3 pages)
- Samples of evidence for publications and prior proofreading work

Applications in one .pdf file should be submitted through e-mail to the Principal, CBE (principal.cbe@ur.ac.rw) with a copy to WTO Chair (ibarayandema@ur.ac.rw).

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