

A NEW PROGRAM IN ARCHIVAL SCIENCE STARTS AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY.

The East African School of Library and Information Science (EASLIS), Makerere University will start a PhD program in Records and Archival Science to address the growing demand for information professionals in the region. This program will not only cultivate new researchers and leaders in the field, but also bridge the knowledge gap by focusing on critical information science issues specific to records and archival science, such as indigenous knowledge systems and information access in underserved communities; digital vs. physical records and adapting archival practices to keep pace with new technologies like blockchain and artificial intelligence. By training researchers in these areas, EASLIS aspires to establish a self-sufficient knowledge base and contribute valuable insights to the global records and archival science conversation. The program will further elevate EASLIS's reputation and its graduates' qualifications for leadership positions, while strengthening the school's academic environment through the addition of research-focused faculty.

The goal of establishing a doctoral training program in Records and Archival Science is to:

- Train a new generation of scholars equipped to conduct in-depth research on critical issues facing the records and archival science field. These graduates could become leaders in archives, records management, guiding future practices.
- The program will contribute valuable knowledge that might not be addressed by existing programs with a more global focus. This will involve research on indigenous knowledge systems, digital recordkeeping in developing countries, and the preservation of cultural heritage materials.
- Train Doctoral graduates to qualify for leadership roles in public and private institutions, managing records and archives, and ensuring proper records and archives management practices. This would elevate the overall professional standing of the field within the region.
- Training researchers focused on contributing to the global conversation in records and archives management.

We look forward to training senior colleagues at this academic level.

Come One, Come All