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that's why the army is involved in the demarcation process of the borderline drawn by the colonialists in 1913.

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The technical teams are using colonial documents to redefine the borderline.

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167 university staff win Swedish scholarships

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KAMPALA. A total of 167 academic staff from the five public universities in Uganda were yesterday awarded scholarships for graduate training at doctoral and master levels under

the Mak-Sida Bilateral Research Programme.

The scholarships, aimed at capacity building to promote research for national and regional development, were as a result of the renewed research cooperation agreement between the governments of Uganda

and Sweden for five years (2015 - 2020).

Prof Mukadasi Buyinza, the director of research and graduate training at Makerere University, said the deliberate strategy to invest in graduate training is based on the common knowledge that about half the research in the world is carried out by graduate students.

"There is evidence that the new knowledge and innovations contributed through various researches is the scientific measure of the relevance of any university towards national development," Prof Buyinza

said during the event held at Makerere University.

Out of the 125 PhD students, 105 will be trained at Makerere University while the 20 others will go to Sweden. The other 42 students will enrol for master degree training.

The benefits

By the end of the collaboration in 2020, a total of 337 students will have benefitted from the programme, according to Prof Buyinza.

The Shs112b scholarship fund will contribute to capacity building for Makerere, Gulu, Busitema, Mbarara

and Kyambogo universities.

The Swedish ambassador, Mr Urban Andersson, encouraged the beneficiaries to work hard and not only produce exciting results, but also formulate them into policy options for the government and other actors to implement. "Results and innovations should reach beyond the university. But there is often a gap between research results and its direct application, its impact on policy formulation and decision-makers. This is the case also in Uganda," Mr Andersson said. "We sincerely hope that you will work hard to fill this gap," he added.