

My name is David Kitulazzi, I am a Ugandan and I work at Makerere University Business School (MUBS) as an Assistant Lecturer of Real Estate Business Management in the Department of Finance.

In 2015, I applied for funding from IREBS Foundation for African Real Estate Research to study a Master of Arts in Valuation and Property Management at the University of Nairobi, Kenya. I was given the funding and I was able to pursue my Masters Degree that I successfully completed.

The reason I applied for the funding was that I had little savings that could not sustain the two years I lived in Nairobi, Kenya during my study period. The University also never had funding opportunities for Real Estate studies by the time I applied for funding.

IREBS Foundation funding was a big push for me to study and complete my Masters Degree. This degree has added much knowledge in my Real Estate disciplines that I pass on to my students of Bachelor of Real Estate Business Management (BREM) at MUBS. I have also headed teams in; 1) Reviewing the BREM programme as requested by Makerere University Senate Academic Policies and Appeals Committee; 2) Proposing a Master of Science in Real Estate and an MBA-Real Estate (still at Department Level) at Makerere University Business School (MUBS). I am also involved in research. I have also grown my academic network with the University of Nairobi staff and I am currently expanding the network to the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

At the beginning of this year 2021, IREBS Foundation for African Real Estate Research accepted to financially assist me with tuition fees and accommodation costs for my Phd in Construction Economics and Management at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. With this PhD, I will greatly contribute to real estate research in Uganda, East Africa and Africa, bridging the research gaps and creating new knowledge; continue training real estate practitioners/students and socially developing societies that we live in.