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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2024-2025 INTAKE



APPLICATION FORM FOR
TAGDev
Scholarships 2024



Training the Next Generation of Scientists for Africa

1.0 Background

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) in partnership with Mastercard Foundation, Gulu University (Uganda), Egerton University (Kenya), Africa University (Zimbabwe), University of Free State (South Africa), Malawi University of Science and Technology (Malawi), University of Eldoret (Kenya), Uganda Martyrs University (Uganda), University of Port Harcourt (Nigeria), University of Cape Coast (Ghana), University of Bamenda (Cameroon), National University of Agriculture (Benin), and Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique (Morocco) are implementing a 10 year (2023-2033) Transforming African Agricultural Universities to Meaningfully Contribute to Africa's Growth and Development (TAGDev 2.0) program. The program seeks to strengthen universities and TVET institutions to better serve communities by skilling and empowering Africa's young people and their institutions to drive inclusive, equitable and climate resilient transformation of agriculture and agrifood systems. The program will support young African students that are economically disadvantaged but academically competent to enable them complete their studies. **The scholarship is open to both female and male applicants. However, applications from females, refugees and persons with disabilities are highly encouraged**"

2.0 Applicable Universities in this call for Application

Scholarships for 2024/2025 academic year are only available at Gulu University (Uganda) and Egerton University (Kenya).

3.0 Eligible programs

The following programs have been prioritized by the two universities to for the academic year 2024/2025

a) Gulu University

Undergraduate

1. BSc. Agriculture
2. BSc. Food Bioscience and Agribusiness
3. BSc. Biosystems Engineering
4. BSc. Agri-Entrepreneurship and Communication Management

Masters

1. MSc. Food Security and Community Nutrition
2. MSc. Agri-Enterprises Development
3. MSc. Agronomy
4. MSc. Biosystems Engineering

b) Egerton University

Undergraduate

1. BSc. Agricultural Education and Extension
2. BSc. Science in Agriculture

Masters

1. MSc Agri Enterprise Development
2. MSc Environmental Studies

4.0. Who is eligible to apply

This scholarship opportunity is open to East African nationals and refugees residing within Kenya and Uganda. Refugees and persons with disability are highly encouraged to apply. The applicant has to be in position to qualify for admission into undergraduate and/or postgraduate programs at Gulu University and/or Egerton University as listed above. Students already having a scholarship of any kind are not eligible to benefit from this scholarship opportunity. A double scholarship holder if found at whatever level of study will be automatically discontinued.

5.0 Eligibility Criteria

Applicants to the TAGDev 2.0 Scholarship need to take note of the following key eligibility criteria.

1. Be a national of Kenya and Uganda to benefit from the national respective scholarship quota
2. Be a refugee residing in Uganda and Kenya to benefit from a regional quota
3. Be from economically disadvantaged, marginalized communities, coming from conflict and post conflict areas.
4. Be less than 25 years for undergraduate and less than 30 years for masters studies at the time of application.
5. Be 29 years and below for a refugee and persons with disability for undergraduate studies and 34 years and below for refugees and persons with disability for masters studies at the time of application.
6. Should have completed secondary school and/or diploma for a Bachelors degree application not more than two years from the time of this call.
7. The applicant should meet admission criteria to eligible programs in the university of choice (Egerton University or Gulu University).
8. For admission into Gulu University for an undergraduate degree programme one must have attained a High School Certificate (HSC) also known as Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) or its equivalent.
9. For admission into Egerton University one must have completed the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) or its equivalent.
10. Demonstrate interest in agriculture, agribusiness and entrepreneurship
11. Demonstrate leadership qualities and commitment to service of humanity

6.0. What the scholarship covers

This is a full board comprehensive scholarship that covers: tuition fees, research costs, workshop and conference costs, living expenses including stipend and hostel, laptop, internship attachment, community engagement and field attachment, and entrepreneurship training. Consequently, considering the level of investment, successful applicants will be required to become high achievers, highly engaging and focused students/graduates and change makers contributing to outreach services in the communities, capable of creating enterprises that create jobs for themselves and others and have personal satisfaction and dynamism.

7.0 Nature of the scholarship

This is a comprehensive scholarship with direct and indirect costs that will be covered by the program through the implementing university where the student will be studying. Indirect costs such as participation in the international conference will be directly covered by the RUFORUM Secretariat. The following further apply:

- i. Direct costs for student training will be transferred to the university as a grant payable to the university. The students will receive their respective services and entitlements from the university as the implementer and where necessary from RUFORUM.
- ii. All scholarships will be on a rolling basis implying that, the scholarship will be renewed on annual basis subject to satisfactory academic performance at grade B level of the respective university.
- iii. Retaking more than four courses will lead to the withdrawal of the scholarship awarded to the candidate.
- iv. Applicants who may be discovered to have falsified information in order to gain advantage of the scholarship shall be disqualified on confirmation of the falsification and/or forgery.
- v. Any misconduct (breaching university rules especially examination malpractice, violence towards others) on the part of the successful applicant shall lead to automatic disqualification and loss of the

scholarship.

- vi. Successful applicants will be expected to become champions and transformative leaders, entrepreneurs and change makers at various levels and shall remain communicating with RUFORUM and the Universities as part of the Program Alumni.

8.0 Application process

All applications must be submitted to the respective University of choice as follows:

Egerton University

Prof. Nancy W. Mungai
TAGDev Program Coordinator, Egerton University
TAGDev Office, Physics Block, First Floor
P.O Box 536-20115, Egerton - Njoro, Kenya
Tel: +254 711 68 9880 or +254 720 390 893
Email: mcf.chs@egerton.ac.ke

Gulu University

Academic Registrar, Gulu University
Awich Road, Pece-Laroo Division, Gulu City
P.O.Box 166 Gulu, Uganda
Tel: +256-471-433573
E-mail: ar@gu.ac.ug

For additional information about the scholarship at Gulu University Please contact:

Prof. Duncan Ongeng
TAGDev Programme Coordinator, Gulu University
Tel: +256782673491
Email: mcf.agric@gu.ac.ug

How to submit your Scholarship Application Online

Applicants are encouraged to fill out the online application and print it out to attach to their application for admission to the university of choice. The procedure for submitting the TAGDev 2.0 scholarship application through the RUFORUM Information Management System (RIMS) is as follows:

1. Access the RIMS Web Portal through; <https://rims2.ruforum.org/>
2. Create your account by clicking on [Register Here](#)
3. An email will be sent to your valid email address to activate your

account. Please check in the Spam or Junk for message incase activation mail is not refelected in your inbox.

4. Login using your email and password you used for creating.
5. After successful login, the Applicant Dashboard will appear with different options.
6. Go to Calls – > Scholarship Calls
7. Select the Call ID : RU/2024/TAGDev-2.0/001
8. Click Apply to start filling the Application Form.
9. Remember to save while filling the form by “Clicking Save Draft”
10. Download, print and submit it with your application form for admission to the University of your choice.
11. Depending on the University you are applying to, you may either submit the document in hard copy or simply attach it on the univeristy online portal.

For any assistance, kindly contact the administrator at mcf@ruforum.org

Submission Deadline: 30th June 2024

Key Virtual Information Session Days

Friday 7th June, 2024

Friday 14th June, 2024

Friday 21st June, 2024

Friday 28th June, 2024

All information sessions will be virtual and start at 16:00 Hrs East African Time

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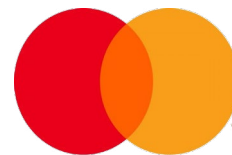
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A.0. Applicant Expression of study Interest



Please include National Identity Card Number/Passport number/Birth certificate number. For local students (in Kenya and Uganda), any other valid identification may be acceptable

Title of Program applied for (e.g. Master of Science in Horticulture)

University of Interest

Section A1. Applicant Biodata (as applicable in your National Registration Documents)

Code	Particular		
A1	Name		
	a) Surname:		
	b) First name:		
	c) Other names:		
A2	Gender (Tick where applicable)	Male	Female
A3	Age in complete years		
A4	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)		
A5	Place of Birth		
	a) Village		
	b) District and/or county		
	c) Country		
A6	Residence contact address		
	a) Village		
	b) District and/or county		
	c) Country		
	d) Name the nearest major road from the nearest trading centre (Attach sketch map to allow validation team easy of tracking your home) include distance in km.		
	e) Email (please provide your email address)		
	f) Re-type your email address		
	g) Telephone contacts (include Mobile phone number if available. If not available include for any relative/ neighbor/local administrator closest to you)		
	h) Name of Telephone number owner		

Section B: Family Background and History

Code	Particular	Father/Male	Mother/Female
B1	Names		
B2	Status (Alive / Deceased) If deceased, give date of death with proof e.g. death certificate or letter from a reliable authority		
B3	Do your parents have any disability? If YES please indicate the type of disability		
B4	Occupation/ Job Title either now or previously		
B5	Organization or Place of Work		
B6	Gross Annual Income (if parent not in formal employment, compute together the income from various sources)		
B7	If deceased in B2 (above)/or if you are living with your guardian or your spouse, please state name of guardian or spouse	Guardian	
		Spouse	
B8	Guardian or Spouse's phone contact		
B9	If Guardian please indicate Guardian's relationship with you		
B10	Guardian or Spouse's occupation		
B11	How many siblings (brothers and sisters) do you currently have:		

Section C: Applicant's Education Background

In this section precisely describe your educational background and funding history as required in the respective sub-sections.

Code	Particular	Name of school	Location of School (District)	School ownership (private/public)	Total score (points/aggregate / grade/CGPA)	Year of completion	Average cost of fees (per year)
C1	Primary Education						
C2	Secondary Education						
C2a	Ordinary level; UCE for Uganda, KCSE for Kenya and/or equivalent from other countries						
C2b	Advanced level/High School Certificate for Uganda and/or equivalent from other countries						
C3	Tertiary level certificate/ Diploma						
C4	University Education						
C5	For your BSc. education, please provide title of your research/project:						
C6	Please provide a history of your academic performance (Tick the applicable and attach all applicable certificates/pass slips)						
	a) Primary level	Attach applicable certificate/pass slip					
	b) Secondary Level	Attach applicable certificate/pass slip					
	c) Tertiary level (TVET or Technical college)	Attach applicable certificate/pass slip					
	d) University (only for those applying for Masters)	Attach applicable certificate/transcript					

Section D: Family associated Information

Code	Particular		
D1	Household income source (List four major sources of household/family income)	Amount of income from each source per year (use local currency)	
	a.		
	b.		
	c.		
	d.		

D2	Who among the following contributes the most to the household income (Tick up to a maximum of 3)	Father	Mother
		Brothers/sisters	Self
		Community	Government
		Spouse	Guardian
D3	Household Asset Ownership		
	a Does your household own livestock?	Yes	No
	b If yes (in D3a), list the type and number of livestock	Livestock type	Number
		1. Cattle	
		2. Goat	
		3. Sheep	
		4. Donkey	
		5. Camels	
	6. Poultry		
D4	Is your family house connected to electricity?	Yes	No
D5	What type of Toilet do you have?	a. Flash and Pour	
		b. VIP latrine	
		c. Covered Pit latrine	
		d. Uncovered Pit Latrine	
		e. Composting toilet	
		g. No facility /bush /field	
		h. Ecosan	
D6	How many people share the toilet?		
D7	What is your major water source for household use?	Water source	Distance to the source (km)
		a. Family Borehole	
		b. Community borehole	
		c. River/spring	
		d. Shallow well	
		e. Tap stand	
		f. Protected springs	
e. Others (specify)			
D8	Type of Roofing material for your house (tick all applicable)	a. Grass	
		b. Iron sheets	
		c. Tiles	
		d. Bricks	
		e. Slab	
		f. Others (specify)	
D9	Type of house wall (tick all applicable)	a. Grass	
		b. Mud and wattle	
		c. Wooden	
		d. Iron sheets	
		e. Brick/stone	
		f. Others (specify)	
D10	Type of floor (tick all applicable)	a. Earth	
		b. Cement	
		c. Tiles	
		d. Others (specify)	

D11	Which of the following assets do you have in your home (tick where applicable)	a. TV b. Radio c. Bicycle d. Motorcycle e. Mobile phone	f. Car g. Refrigerator h. Others (specify)
D12	You the applicant, what are your current sources of income? (Rank them in order of importance)	1.	3.
		2.	4.
D13	Number of rooms in the house (including kitchen & garage)		
D14	Number of people living in the house		
D15	After high school, did you ever have any pending school fees balances?	Yes	No

Section E: Leadership experience and participation in community activities

Code	Particular			
E1	Have you held any leadership position in your life time?	Yes	No	
E2	If yes please specify the leadership/position and period (please attach certificates of recognition if any)	Leadership position	Group	Year
		a.		
		b.		
		c.		
E3	Have you been a member of a group/ association/a club etc.?	Yes	No	
E4	If yes, please specify the group and your role take these above	Club/association/club	Role/position	Year
		a.		
		b.		
		c.		
E5	Have you participated in community service/ community related activities?	Yes	No	
E6	If yes, please specify the activity and your role in each of the activities	Activity	Group	Year
		a.		
		b.		
		c.		
E7	Are you currently volunteering in any activity in your community?	Yes	No	
E8	If yes, in which ways are you currently involved	a.		
		b.		
		c.		
E9	Using concrete examples, briefly describe your experience in relation to agriculture, livestock, and natural resources. (Make reference to work experience, knowledge, skills, and abilities that you have in these areas)			
E10	What is the most important challenge or problem that you have faced in your life, and how did you overcome or solve it?			

E11	Please rank in order of preference the first three sectors you would like to work in the most.	Sector	Rank
		a. Education	
		b. Finance and Banking	
		c. Agriculture and Environment	
		d. Engineering	
		e. Medicine and Health care services	
		f. Telecommunications	
		g. Religious and social services	
		h. Public service and Government	
	i. Others (specify)		

Code	Particular				
F1	What degree program did you pursue at undergraduate level	a. Degree Program	b. Institution	c. Year of start	d. Year of completion
F2	Provide details of work experience gained after your degree.				
	Name and address of Organization You worked for; and indicate job title	a. Dates from – to	b. Average monthly salary	c. Reason for leaving Employment	
	1.				
	2.				
	3.				
	4.				
F3	Describe your most significant contribution to each of the organizations you have listed above				
F4	Do you have full support of your current employer to undertake graduate studies through full release	Yes	No		
F5	If yes, attach evidence (letter of no objection/endorsement explaining what value add graduate studies will bring to the organisation)				

Code	Particular	
G1	Do you have any physical disability	Yes No
G2	If yes, please specify	
G3.1	Do you have any past medical history of chronic illness (note that you need to provide the true information. Your medical condition does not in anyway disadvantage your application).	Yes No
G3.2	If yes, please specify	
G4	Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted by a court of Law (apart from a traffic offense)	Yes No
G5	If yes, what was the cause	

G6	Was English your language of instruction at University?	Yes	No
G7	How did you learn about this scholarship call?	a. Radio b. Newspaper c. Poster d. Mastercard foundation staff e. RUFORUM staff f. Former school/university g. Friend or word of mouth, h. Website i. Others (Specify)	

Ido declare that all the information I have provided in this application form is to the best of my knowledge true and accurate. I do understand that any information that may be deemed falsified and/or inaccurate shall lead to automatic disqualification of my application and/or scholarship. I do acknowledge that completing this application DOES NOT imply automatic award of scholarship. The decision of the RUFORUM Technical Committee is Final.

Applicant Signature: Date:

Parent/Guardian/Witness Signature: Date.....

Section H: Sworn Statements

1. RELEASE FORM

If selected to be awarded TAGDev 2.0 scholarship, I agree to the education model and training framework that will be provided by the university to which I have been provided the scholarship to undertake my studies. I agree to abide and allow the university, RUFORUM and Mastercard Foundation for purposes of any public relations and purpose of promoting their services to the wider global context make use of any photographs and/or my personal biodata as permissible under ethical conduct. I provide RUFORUM and member universities and Mastercard Foundation such express permission to use the said material either complete or in part, alone or in conjunction with any wordings, caption or drawing. RUFORUM, Gulu and Egerton universities, and Mastercard Foundation can use the photographs for purposes of out-door advertising or any other media or before any forum gathering for the promotion of their mandate and services.

2. EXCLUSIVITY

I declare that I will not provide any material to any organisation without any prior informed consent of RUFORUM, if such information is to be used to the detriment of RUFORUM, the university, and Mastercard Foundation. I pledge that I will not prosecute or institute any proceeding or make claims or demands either against RUFORUM, the university and Mastercard Foundation or any of its staff and representatives in respect to the use of materials provided including photographs among others.

I do understand the details and conditions of the release and exclusivity conditions and endorse as here below

Name of the ApplicantSign.....Date

Place of signingP.O. Box

Telephone.....Email

Witness.....

