

MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships 2020/2021

Mastercard Foundation has partnered with the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM; www.ruforum.org), a network of 125 universities in 38 African countries to Transform African Agricultural Universities (TAGDev) to meaningfully contribute to Africa's growth and development. The aim of the partnership is to transform African agricultural universities and their graduates to better respond to developmental challenges through enhanced application of science, technology, business and innovation for rural agricultural transformation. Under this partnership, 110 undergraduate and 110 Masters Scholarships will be provided over a period of eight years. The scholarships target academically deserving yet economically disadvantaged, marginalized communities and those coming from conflict and post conflict areas of Africa. The scholarships are tenable at Egerton University in Kenya and Gulu University in Uganda.

Students enrolled under this scholarship program will receive comprehensive scholarships, leadership development, life skills support, entrepreneurship training and mentorship and exposure to community engagement. For the academic year 2020/2021, thirty (30) Master's Scholarships are available, of which 50% will be for Kenya and Uganda nationals. Fifty percent (50%) of the scholarships will be awarded female applicants.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Be a national of Kenya and Uganda to benefit from the national respective scholarship quota
2. Be a citizen of any African country to benefit from the Africa region scholarship quota
3. Be from economically disadvantaged, marginalized communities, coming from conflict and post conflict areas.
4. Be less than 30 years for Masters Studies by the deadline of the application.
5. The applicant should meet admission criteria to eligible programs in the University of choice (Egerton University or Gulu University). Continuing students are NOT eligible.
6. For admission into the two universities, one must have completed a relevant Bachelor Degree with a second class honours, upper division.
7. Demonstrate interest in agriculture, agribusiness and entrepreneurship.
8. Demonstrate commitment to leadership.
9. Have commitment to working in agriculture, agricultural value chains and rural development.
10. Have a strong commitment to community engagement and transformation.



Eligible Programs of study

The following academic programs are eligible for application during the Academic Year 2020/2021.

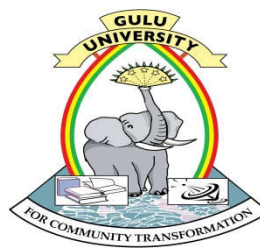
Gulu University

1. Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition
2. Master of Science in Agri-enterprises Development
3. Master of Science in Animal Production and Marketing
4. Master of Science in Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management

Egerton University

1. Master of Science in Agri-enterprise Development
2. Master of Science in Horticulture
3. Master of Science in Natural Resources Management

Programme	Entry requirements	Number of slots
Gulu University		
MSc. Food Security and Community Nutrition	Second Class Bachelor Degree in any of the following disciplines: Agriculture, Food Science and Technology, Human Nutrition and Dietetics, Food and Agribusiness, Science (biological), Veterinary Medicine, Medical degree or their equivalent qualifications from a recognised University.	5
MSc. Agri-enterprises Development	Second Class Bachelor Degree in any of the following disciplines: Agriculture, Agribusiness, Entrepreneurship, Statistics, Quantitative Economics, Veterinary Medicine, Food Science and Business Administration from a recognised institution.	6
MSc. Animal Production and Marketing	Second Class Bachelor degree in any of the following disciplines: Agriculture, Food Science and Technology, Animal Production, Zoology/Botany or Bachelor degree in Veterinary Medicine from recognised institution.	2
MSc. Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management	Second Class Bachelor degree in any of the following disciplines: Science in Agriculture, Agriculture, Environmental Science, General Sciences, Forestry, Veterinary Medicine, Botany, Land Economics and Physical Planning from recognised institution.	2
Egerton University		
MSc. Agri-enterprise Development	Upper second class Bachelor degree in Agribusiness Management, Agricultural Economics or any Agricultural related programme. Applicants should submit motivation letter for starting an agri-enterprise	5
MSc. Horticulture	Upper Second class Bachelor degree in Horticulture or agricultural degrees with major in crop Science or other related plant sciences from University recognized by Egerton University Senate	5
MSc. Natural Resources Management	Holders of Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Management or related disciplines with a minimum of Upper Second Class from a university recognized by Egerton University Senate	5



Application procedure

Applicants shall only apply to one university of choice. For admission to Gulu University, applicants must fill and submit the application form online accessible on <http://www.admissions.gu.ac.ug>. For admission to Egerton University, interested applicants can download the admission forms from the university or RUFORUM websites (<http://www.ruforum.org/MCF/>; <http://www.egerton.ac.ke>).

Application forms for the scholarship can be downloaded from the following websites: RUFORUM (<http://www.ruforum.org/MCF/>); Gulu University website <http://www.gu.ac.ug> and Egerton University (<http://www.egerton.ac.ke>). Applicants are encouraged to carefully study the application guidelines and provide all the required information and documents prior to submitting the application. Females are particularly encouraged to apply.

Note to applicants

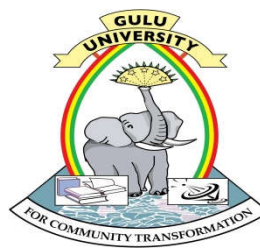
- Applicants are advised to submit ALL the documents as guided in the application form for university admission
- Applicants to Gulu University with qualifications from countries other than Uganda must submit copies of equated academic documents from Uganda National Examinations Board and/or National Council for Higher Education.
- Those applying to Egerton University must attach to the admission application form a passport size photo, Copy of National ID/ Passport, Curriculum Vitae, Certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts; Academic certificates and transcripts must be certified by the institution that issued them.
- Applicants must submit **both the scholarship application form and the university admission application form** at the same time.
- Successful international applicants will also be required to have police clearance certificate (Certificate of good conduct) prior to commencement of their studies

Application submission

Applications can be submitted in hard copy or by email attachment to program coordinators in the University of choice. Applications (PDF) by email attachment should not be more than 5 MB and two file attachment (university admission form and scholarship application form).

Application Deadline

The deadline to apply for the MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships is **31st March 2020 at 17:00 Hours** (GMT+3).



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