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# RUFORUM announces 53 Mastercard@RUFORUM scholarship recipients for 2021-2022 academic year

**Kampala 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021.** The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is pleased to announce the beneficiaries of the fifth cohort of the Mastercard@RUFORUM scholarship recipients for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Since July 2016, <u>RUFORUM</u>, in partnership with <u>Mastercard Foundation</u>, <u>Gulu University</u> and <u>Egerton University</u> are implementing an eight year programme; Transforming African Agricultural Universities to meaningfully contribute to Africa's growth and development (TAGDev) that aims at transforming African agricultural universities and their graduates to better respond to development challenges through enhanced application of science, technology, business and innovation for rural agricultural transformation. The project will directly support the training of 220 (110 undergraduate and 110 postgraduate) economically disadvantaged students from across Africa. The Programme further provides opportunities for transformative action research using the expanded RUFORUM Community Action Research Programme (CARP+) to enhance university-led community impact and the RUFORUM Agricultural Enterprises Challenge Program (RECAP), which aim at developing a critical mass of young business leaders by providing a supporting environment.

The 2021 call for Master Scholarships was competitive and attracted 458 applicants from 22 African countries. After a rigorous three-stage selection process involving pre-admission into the university, shortlisting for scholarship assessment, and interview, the RUFORUM Technical Committee made the final selection.

Fifty three (53) scholarships were awarded to applicants from 09 African countries (Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, Lesotho, Rwanda, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia and Ghana). Of the 53 scholarships, 37 were awarded to females, accounting for 70% of the recipients.

RUFORUM appreciates all applicants and congratulates the 53 scholarship recipients. See below the full list of the selected beneficiaries/awardees.

# **Related Link**

RUFORUM-MCF Student profiles <a href="http://www.ruforum.org/MCF/student-profiles">http://www.ruforum.org/MCF/student-profiles</a>

# 2021/2022 TAGDev scholarship beneficiaries

#### **Gulu University** First name Gender Country Degree Surname Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition Female Uganda Amony Paska Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition Wakaabu Dirisa Male Uganda Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition John Kenya Ngala Male Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition Meri Emmanuel Male Uganda Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition Manjawira Female Malawi Alinafe Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition Adeke Martha Female Uganda Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition Faith Kenya Musumba Female Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition Uganda Female Nagasha Janet Uganda Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition Acomo Ketty Female Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition Uganda Adongo Susan Female Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition Uganda Ikomolot Caroline Female Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition Uganda Odongkara Joan Female Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development Obote Dickens Male Uganda Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development Teddy Female Uganda Aceng Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development Uganda Oyoo Peter Male Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development Acio Gloria Female Uganda Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development Ndayishishimiye Gerard Male Rwanda Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development Female Kalu Onyinyechi Nigeria Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development Zimbabwe Chapeyama Bolyne Female Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development Uganda Jimmy Male Acur Uganda Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development Okot Male Vincent Uganda Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development Nakamanyisa Annet Female Uganda Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development Ruth Ahsiiibwe Female Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development Uganda Nalga Harriet Female Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development Laker Viola Uganda Female Uganda Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development Amongin Lydia Female

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Surname	First name	Gender	Country	Degree
Uma	Apollo	Male	Uganda	Master of Science in Agribusiness Management
Nakiganda	Rachael	Female	Uganda	Master of Science in Agribusiness Management
Koech	Gladys	Female	Kenya	Master of Science in Agribusiness Management
Nambafu	Scolastica	Female	Kenya	Master of Science in Agribusiness Management
Gwiza	Shepherd	Male	Zimbabwe	Master of Science in Agribusiness Management
Chitsora	Shantel	Female	Zimbabwe	Master of Science in Agribusiness Management
Ooko	Winnie	Female	Kenya	Master of Science in Agribusiness Management
Molapo	Mathapelo	Female	Lesotho	Master of Science in Agribusiness Management
Engurat	Judith	Female	Kenya	Master of Science in Agribusiness Management
Menbere	Timar	Female	Ethiopia	Master of Science in Food Science
Ababu	Victor	Male	Kenya	Master of Science in Food Science
Odep	Lydia	Female	Kenya	Master of Science in Food Science
Cherotich	Dorothy	Female	Kenya	Master of Science in Food Science
Mugwaneza	Emmanuel	Male	Rwanda	Master of Science in Food Science
Kipng'etich	Dennis	Male	Kenya	Master of Science in Food Science
Nderitu	Grace	Female	Kenya	Master of Science in Food Science
Kiama	Roseline	Female	Kenya	Master of Science in Food Science
Ombonga	Martha	Female	Kenya	Master of Science in Food Science
Masai	Haron	Male	Kenya	Master of Science in Animal Nutrition
Oktoto	Caleb	Male	Kenya	Master of Science in Animal Nutrition
Chebet	Naomi	Female	Kenya	Master of Science in Animal Nutrition
Acheampong	Maud	Female	Ghana	Master of Science in Animal Nutrition
Kyarimpa	Grace	Female	Uganda	Master of Science in Animal Nutrition
Bett	Josphat	Male	Kenya	Master of Science in Animal Nutrition
Ouma	Mary	Female	Kenya	Master of Science in Animal Nutrition
Onkeo	Christine	Female	Kenya	Master of Science in Animal Nutrition
Alarape	Omolara	Female	Nigeria	Master of Science in Animal Nutrition

### About RUFORUM:

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), is a consortium of 129 African universities operating in 38 countries on the continent with a Vision for vibrant, transformative universities catalysing sustainable, inclusive agriculture development to feed and create prosperity for Africa. RUFORUM was established by Vice Chancellors in 2004 with a Secretariat hosted at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. In 2014 RUFORUM signed a MoU with the African Union Commission to support implementation of the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA 2024) Priority One on reducing poverty and ensuring food and nutrition security. As of August 2020, RUFORUM has supported the training of 229 BSc, 2023 MSc and 625 PhD graduates, of whom 98% work in their countries or region, the generation of over 300 agricultural technologies and mobilized over \$236.3million for strengthening postgraduate education in Africa. Please visit www.ruforum.org for more information.

## **About Mastercard Foundation**

The Mastercard Foundation works with visionary organizations to provide greater access to education, skills training and financial services for people living in poverty, primarily in Africa. As one of the largest, private foundations, its work is guided by its mission to advance learning and promote financial inclusion to create an inclusive and equitable world. Based in Toronto, Canada, its independence was established by MasterCard when the Foundation was created in 2006. For more information and to sign up for the Foundation's newsletter, please visit www.mastercardfdn.org. Follow the Foundation at @MCFoundation and read more about matercard@RUFORUM

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