



The MasterCardfdn@RUFORUM Scholarships 2017/2018

The MasterCard Foundation has partnered with the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM; www.ruforum.org), a network of 66 universities in 26 African countries. The partnership focuses on 'Transforming African Agricultural Universities to meaningfully contribute to Africa's growth and development'. The aim of 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 2017/2018, 20 undergraduate and 10 masters' scholarships are available of which 70% will be for Kenya and Uganda nationals. For undergraduate scholarships, 60% will be awarded to female applicants and 50% at masters.

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 25 years for undergraduate and less than 30 years for masters' studies at the time of application.
5. Should have completed secondary school and/or diploma for a Bachelors degree application not more than two years from the time of this call.
6. The applicant should meet admission criteria to Eligible programmes in the University of Choice (Egerton University or Gulu University).
7. For admission into Gulu University in the undergraduate degree programmes, one must have attained the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE)-High School Certificate (HSC) or its equivalent with two principal passes. Meanwhile for admission into Egerton University for undergraduate programmes one must have completed the Kenya Secondary Education Certificate (KSCE) or its equivalent with at least C+ pass mark. All admissions into master's degree programmes require a relevant undergraduate degree programme. Demonstrate interest in agriculture, agribusiness and entrepreneurship
9. Demonstrate leadership qualities
10. Have commitment to working in agriculture and agricultural value chains
11. Have a strong commitment to community transformation

The following academic programmes are eligible for application during the academic year 2017/2018.

Gulu University

1. Bachelor of Science in Agri-Entrepreneurship and Communication Management
2. Bachelor of Science in Food and Agribusiness

3. Master of Science in Food Security and Community nutrition
4. Master of science in Agri- Enterprise Development

Egerton University

1. Bachelor of science in Agriculture
2. Bachelor of science in Animal Science
3. Masters of science in Community Studies and Extension
4. Masters of science in Agri-Enterprise Development

Application procedure

Applicants should obtain application forms for both the scholarships and admission from the university of choice. Applicants shall only apply to one university of choice. Application forms can also be downloaded from the following websites: RUFORUM (www.ruforum.org); <http://www.ruforum.org/MCF/>; Gulu University (<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.

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 1 MB two file attachment (university admission and scholarship application).

Egerton University

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Gulu University

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

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Application Deadline: The deadline to apply for the 2017/2018 academic year for MasterCardfdn@RUFORUM Scholarship is Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 17:00 Hours (GMT+#)

ADMISSION TO PROGRAMMES IN EGERTON UNIVERSITY

A. THOSE HOLDING KENYA CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION OR ITS EQUIVALENT, APPLYING FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME

Code	Programme	Minimum Requirement	Duration
B.AGRI	Bachelor of Science in Agriculture	At least C+ in KCSE At least C+ in Mathematics, English, Biology and Chemistry	4 years
B.ANSC	Bachelor of science in Animal Science	Passed KCSE or its equivalent with at least C+ in Mathematics, Physics, Geography and English Applicants with grade C and above in Agriculture or Economics will have added advantage	4 years

B. DIPLOMA HOLDERS APPLYING FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME

Code	Programme	Minimum Requirement	Duration
B.AGRI	Bachelor of Science in Agriculture	At least a credit or its equivalent in agricultural related discipline from recognized college or university	4 years
B.ANSC	Bachelor of science in animal science	Distinction and credit or their equivalents in animal Husbandry, Animal Health, Agriculture, Range, Wildlife Management, from a recognized institution	4 years

C. DEGREE HOLDERS APPLYING FOR MASTERS PROGRAMME

Code	Programme	Minimum Requirement	Duration
MCOS E	Master of Science in Community Studies and Extension	At least Upper Second Class Bachelor degree in agriculture and Human Ecology Extension, Community Development or related qualification from recognized institution One page statement on your motivation to applying for the course	2 years
MAED	Master of Science in Agri- Enterprise Development	At least upper second class Bachelor degree in Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics, BA Economics, Bachelor of Commerce, other related agricultural disciplines from Egerton University or a recognized institution Holders of lower second class in the above mentioned disciplines having two years relevant working experience maybe admitted One page statement on your motivation to establish a viable agri-enterprise	2 years

Application forms are obtainable from the following places:

1. Egerton University Main campus Admissions Office
 2. Egerton University Graduate School Main Campus
 3. Egerton University website at www.egerton.ac.ke
- Note:** Please submit complete application form to the Program Coordinator, Egerton University Board of Undergraduate Studies (BUGS), Egerton University