



MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships 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 Bachelor and 110 Master 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 program will receive comprehensive scholarships, leadership development,

life skills support, entrepreneurship training and mentorship and exposure to community engagement. For the academic year 2018, 45 Bachelor and 15 Master scholarships are available of which 70% will be for Kenya and Uganda nationals. For Bachelor and Master scholarships, 60% and 50% will be awarded to female applicants, respectively.

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 Bachelor and less than 30 years for Master studies at the time of application.
5. Should have completed secondary school and/or diploma for a Bachelor degree application not more than two years from the time of this call.
6. The applicant should meet admission criteria to eligible programs in the University of choice (Egerton University or Gulu University).
7. For admission into Gulu University for a Bachelor degree one must have attained the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE)-High School Certificate (HSC) or its equivalent with two principal passes. For admission into Egerton University one must have completed the Kenya Secondary Education Certificate (KSCE) or its equivalent with at least C+ grade.
8. Demonstrate interest in agriculture, agribusiness and entrepreneurship
9. Demonstrate leadership qualities
10. Have commitment to working in the agricultural value chains
11. Have a strong commitment to community transformation

Eligible Programs for Scholarship

The following Bachelor and Master programs are eligible for scholarship in 2018 in the respective universities.

Gulu University

1. Bachelor of Science in Agri-Entrepreneurship and Communication Management
2. Bachelor of Science in Food and Agribusiness
3. Bachelor of Science in Biosystems Engineering
4. Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development
5. Bachelor of Science Education (Agriculture)
6. Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition

Egerton University

1. Bachelor of Agribusiness Management
2. Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education and Extension
3. Bachelor of Science in Horticulture
4. Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Management
5. Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Technology
6. Master of Science in Agronomy

The following are the minimum requirement for admission to the above programs at Egerton University.

S/No	Code	Program	Minimum Requirement	Minimum requirement for Diploma Holders	Duration
1	B.AGBM	Bachelor of Agribusiness Management	At least C+ in KCSE At least Biology B or Biological sciences B-, Mathematics B+ Added advantage if have C Grade pass in Economics, Commerce or Accounting	Credit or Distinction in Farm management, or other disciplines recognized the Egerton University Senate	4 years
2	B.AGED	Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education and Extension	At least C+ in KCSE At least B- in Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Geography, B- in Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences	Credit or above in Agricultural Education and Extension or related field from a college or university recognized by Egerton University A diploma with a pass must have at least two years work experience in related field	4 years
3	B. HORT	Bachelor of Science in Horticulture	At least C+ in KCSE At least Biology B- or Biological Sciences B, Chemistry B- or Physical Science B, Mathematics C+ Added advantage if studied and passed Agriculture	At least Credit or its equivalent in Horticulture or Agriculture from a recognized university or college	4 years
4	B. NARE	Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Management	At least C+ in KCSE At least Biology B- or Biological Sciences B, Geography B-, Chemistry C+ or Physical Sciences B- and Mathematics C+	Distinction, Credit or Equivalent in Range Management, Animal Husbandry, Animal Health, Forestry, Wildlife and other related field	4 years
5	B FOST	Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Technology	At least C+ in KCSE At least B- in Physics, Chemistry and Biology or B in Physical Science and Biological Science	At least Credit in Food Technology or equivalent in areas related to Food Science and Technology	4 years
6	M. AGRO	Master of Science in Agronomy	At least upper second class Bachelor degree in Agriculture or related disciplines from recognized institutions	-	2 years

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO PROGRAMS IN GULU UNIVERSITY

A. Those holding Uganda advanced certificate of education or its equivalent for admission to undergraduate programs

Code	Program	Minimum Requirement	Duration
BFA	Bachelor of Science in Food and Agribusiness (Weekdays)	Principal passes in Chemistry and Biology obtained at the same sitting and at least credit in Mathematics and English at 'O' Level	4 Years
GSA	Bachelor of Science in Agri-Entrepreneurship and Communication Management (Weekdays)	Principal passes in two of the following: Chemistry, Biology Economics, Entrepreneurship, Mathematics and Agriculture obtained at the same sitting and at least a credit in Mathematics.	4 Years
GSB	Bachelor of Science in Biosystems Engineering (Weekdays)	Principal passes in Mathematics and Physics obtained at the same sitting and Credit passes in Chemistry and Biology at 'O' Level	4 Years
SEA	Bachelor of Science Education (Agriculture) (Weekday)	Principal passes in any two of the following: Biology, Geography, Agriculture and Chemistry obtained at the same sitting	3 Years

B. Diploma Holders Applying For Admission To Undergraduate Programs

BFA	Bachelor of Science in Food and Agribusiness (Weekdays)	Second Class/Credit Diploma in Agriculture, Animal or Crop husbandry, Veterinary or other related disciplines obtained from a recognized institution	4 Years
GSA	Bachelor of Science in Agri-Entrepreneurship and Communication Management (Weekdays)	Second Class/Credit Diploma in Agriculture, Animal or Crop husbandry, Veterinary or other related disciplines obtained from a recognized institution	4 Years
GSB	Bachelor of Science in Biosystems Engineering (Weekdays)	Second Class/Credit Diploma in the following engineering disciplines: Civil Engineering, Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Mechanization, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Computer Engineering.	4 Years
SEA	Bachelor of Science Education (Agriculture) (Weekday)	Second Class/Credit Diploma or equivalent in Agriculture, Animal or Crop husbandry, Veterinary or other related disciplines obtained from a recognized institution	3 Years

C. Degree Holders Applying For Admission To Masters Programs

MAE	Master of Science in Agri-Enterprises Development (Weekdays)	Second Class Bachelor degree in agricultural sciences, Veterinary Medicine, Business Administration or other economics related disciplines from a recognized institution.	2 Years
MFN	Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition (Weekdays)	Second Class Bachelor degree in any of the following disciplines: Agriculture, Food Science and Technology, Biological Sciences, Veterinary Medicine or other medical fields from a recognized institution	2 Years

Application forms are obtainable from the following places

1. Office of the Academic registrar, Gulu University Main campus
2. Gulu University coordination office at UMA show ground, Lugogo, Kampala
3. Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, Gulu University Main campus
4. Gulu University website at www.gu.ac.ug

APPLICATIONS 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. At Egerton University, application forms are obtainable at the Main Campus in Njoro from the Admissions Office and Board of Postgraduate Studies for Bachelor and Master programs, respectively.

Applications can be submitted in hard copy or by email attachment to the University of choice. Applications (PDF) by email attachment should not be more than 1-MB two file attachment (i.e. the university admission and scholarship application). Send your applications to:

Egerton University

TAGDev Program Co-ordinator, Egerton University, TAGDev Office in Physics Block
P.O. Box 536-20115, Egerton Njoro, Kenya. Email: mcf.chs@egerton.ac.ke

Gulu University

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The deadline for submission of application for the MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships is Tuesday 28th February 2018 at 17:00 hours (GMT+3). Females are particularly encouraged to apply.