



EAC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

APPLICANTS' SELECTION CRITERIA

General

The selection criteria has been developed based on effective conditions for meeting requirements of the objectives of the masters' programme in the disciplines of the themes under this programme and benchmarking with scholarship programs offered in the region and beyond.

The criteria have been categorized into 2 stages, namely mandatory and technical merits of the applicant. The mandatory criteria will have to be fully met, for a candidate to be considered for detailed evaluation of their academic credentials as an indicator of technical merits. The two stages are elaborated in subsequent sections.

1. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

A candidate should:

- a) be a citizen of a Partner State of the East African Community;
- b) be below 35 years of age;
- c) be applying from a country in the EAC Partner States, other than the country where the programme is offered;
- d) Submit evidence of possessing a Minimum of a Second Upper Class Degree or "Distinction" as applicable at Undergraduate level.

2. ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS AND TECHNICAL MERIT

This requirement will be evaluated based on the following:

- a) academic qualifications for admission to the programme based on academic performance in the previous courses relevant to the Master's program being applied for;
- b) Language skills and intercultural competencies (Knowledge of English Language);
- c) A well written Motivation Letter in English.

3. EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

a) Stage I:

Each candidate will be assessed on the mandatory criteria. Failure to meet all of the criteria will lead to disqualification to stage II. The candidates passing this stage will be subject to the detailed evaluation for academic credentials and technical merit.

b) Stage II:

- This stage will entail evaluation of the candidates based on assessment of each of the items of the academic and technical merits in terms of scores to be provided according to guidelines agreed by the selection committee.
- The scoring will be followed by ranking of candidates within Partner States where candidates originate, cross checked with Partner States where programmes are offered.

i) ***Thematic Areas***

The committee will prioritize thematic areas at this stage and rank candidates accordingly

ii) ***Gender consideration***

Where applicable, no single gender will be more than two thirds of the selected candidates in a partner state of EAC;

iii) ***Economically and physically challenged candidates***

Special consideration shall be given to this groups at any stage of this process

4. FORMAT OF THE SELECTION REPORT

- a) University Cover page
- b) Introduction
- c) Pre-evaluation processes including the appointment and names of the university/Institution committee members
- d) Admission Requirements of the Programme
- e) Evaluation Processes (Procedure and Criteria used)
- f) Ranking of successful students and justification
- g) Ranking of unsuccessful students and justification
- h) Recommendation and Conclusion
- i) Declaration that the university only admitted students who fully met the admission criteria
- j) Signatures of head of selection committee and Vice Chancellor
- k) Signed Minutes to the evaluation meetings
- l) Annexes (Any other relevant documents)