The MasterCardfdn@RUFORUM Scholarships 2017/2018 Academic Year

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 programme 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 or Uganda to benefit from the national respective scholarship quota respectively.
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 for an undergraduate degree programme 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+ pass.

8. 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

Eligible Programmes of study

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-Enterprises Development

Egerton University

1. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
2. Bachelor of Science in Animal Science
3. Master of Science in Community Studies and Extension
4. Master 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 the university of choice. Applications (PDF) by email attachment should not be more than 1 MB for the two file attachment (university admission and scholarship application).

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Application Deadline
The deadline to apply for the 2017/2018 academic year for The MasterCardfdn@RUFORUM Scholarships is Wednesday, 15th March 2017 at 17:00 Hours (GMT+3).

ADMISSION TO PROGRAMMES IN GULU UNIVERSITY

A: THOSE HOLDING UGANDA ADVANCED CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION OR IT'S EQUIVALENT FOR ADMISSION TO UNDERGRADUATE PROGEAMMES

Code	Programme	Minimum Requirements	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
BSA	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

B: DIPLOMA HOLDERS APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO UNDEGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Code	Programme	Minimum Requirements	Duration
BFA	Bachelor of Science in Food and Agribusiness (Weekdays)	Second Class Diploma in Agriculture, Animal or Crop husbandry Veterinary or other related disciplines obtained from a recognized institution.	4 years

BSA	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 recognised institution	4 years

C: DEGREE HOLDERS APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO MASTERS PROGRAMMES

Code	Programme	Minimum Requirements	Duration
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 recognised 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 recognised 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. Gulu University Kitgum Campus
4. Gulu University website at **www.gu.ac.ug**

Please present the completed application form to the Office of the Academic Registrar in Gulu University Main Campus; Gulu University Coordination Office at UMA Show Ground Lugogo, Kampala and Gulu University Kitgum Campus.

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