



APPLICATION FORM FOR
THE MASTERCARDFDN@RUFORUM
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2017/2018



TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENTISTS FOR AFRICA

GUIDANCE TO APPLICATION

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) in partnership with The MasterCard Foundation, Gulu University and Egerton University are implementing an eight year program aimed at transforming 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. This is eight year program (2016-2024) and will be supporting students that are economically disadvantaged, those from post-conflict and conflict affected areas of Africa. Interested applicants will undertake their training at Gulu University and Egerton University.

2.0 ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS

The RUFORUM Technical Committee (RTC) has identified the following priority programs for the academic year 2017/2018 as eligible for application and to be supported.

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

3.0 WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

This scholarship opportunity is open to African students of all race, colour, dissent and who in particular are economically disadvantaged and those coming from conflict and post-conflict areas of Africa. The applicant has to be in position to qualify for admission into undergraduate and/or postgraduate programs at Gulu University and/or Egerton University as listed above. Students already having a scholarship of any kind are not eligible to benefit this scholarship opportunity anyone with a double scholarship if found will automatically be discontinued.

4.0 SELECTION 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 programs 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 High School Certificate (HSC) also known as Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) or its equivalent. For admission into Egerton University one must have completed the Kenya Secondary Education Certificate (KSCE) or its equivalent.

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

5.0 WHAT THE SCHOLARSHIP COVERS

This is a full board comprehensive scholarship that covers: tuition fees, one return air ticket for African students from outside Uganda and Kenya, research costs, workshop and conference costs, living expenses including stipend and hostel, laptop, internship attachment, community engagement and field attachment, and entrepreneurship training. Consequently, considering the level of investment, successful applicants will be required to become high achievers, highly engaging and focused students/graduates and change makers in their communities and Africa is general.

6.0 NATURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- This is a comprehensive scholarship with direct and indirect costs. Direct costs for student training will be transferred to the university as a grant payable to the university. The students will meanwhile receive their respective services and entitlements from the university as the implementer and where necessary from RUFORUM.
- All scholarships will be on a rolling basis implying that annual renewable of funding is subject to satisfactory academic performance at grade B level of the respective university.
- Retaking more than two courses will lead to the withdrawal of the scholarship awarded to the candidate.
- Applicants who may be discovered to have falsified information in order to gain advantage of the scholarship shall be disqualified.
- Successful applicants will be expected to become champions and transformative leaders, entrepreneurs and change makers at various levels and shall remain communicating with RUFORUM and universities for at least 5 years after completing their studies.
- Any misconduct (breaching university rules and regulations including participation in riotous acts) on the part of the successful applicant shall lead to automatic disqualification and loss of the scholarship.

7.0 APPLICATION PROCESS

All applications must be submitted to the respective university of choice:

Egerton University

Prof. Nancy W. Mungai
TAGDev Program Coordinator, Egerton University
Board of Undergraduate Studies
P.O Box 536-20115, Egerton - Njoro, Kenya
Tel: +254 711 68 9880 or +254 720 390 893
Email: mcf.chs@egerton.ac.ke

Gulu University

Academic Registrar, Gulu University
Awich Road, Laroo Division, Gulu Municipality
P.O.Box 166 Gulu, Uganda
Tel: +256-471-433573
E-mail: ar@gu.ac.ug

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

Assoc. Prof. Duncan Ongeng
Tel: +256 782673491
Email: mcf.agric@gu.ac.ug



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SECTION A.0 : Applicant Expression Of Study Interest

PLEASE ATTACH PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPH	Please include National Identity Card Number/Passport number
	Title of Program applied for (e.g. Bachelor of Science Agriculture)
	University of Interest

SECTION A1: Applicant Biodata (as applicable in your National Registration Documents)

Code	Particulars			
A1.1	Surname			
A1.2	First name			
A1.3	Other name if any			
A2	Gender	Male	Female	
A3	a) Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	b) Age in complete years		
A4	Place of Birth			
A4.1	a) Village	b) Parish/Ward		
	c) County	d) District		
	e) Country	f) Tribe		
A5	Current contact address			
	a) Village	b) District		
	c) County	d) Country		
	e) Current residence address if different from the above			
	f) Name the nearest major road from the nearest trading centre (Attach sketch map to allow validation team easy of tracking your home) include distance in km.			
g) Telephone contacts (include Mobile phone number if available. If not available include for any relative/neighbor/local administrator closest to you)				
h) Name of Telephone number owner				

SECTION B : Family Background and History

Code	Particular	Father	Mother		
B1	Name				
B2	Status (Alive / Deceased) If deceased, give date of death with proof				
B3	District of origin				
B4	Occupation / Job Title either now or previously				
B5	Organization / Place of Work / Phone contact				
B6	Gross Annual Income (if parent not in formal employment, compute together the income from various sources)				
B7.1	If deceased in B2 (above), state name of current guardian.				
B7.2	Guardian's phone contact				
B7.3	Guardian's relationship with you				
B7.4	Guardian's occupation				
B8	Please provide details about your siblings (brothers/sisters) from the same father/mother who are either 'out of' or 'still in' school in the table below.				
B8.1	How many brothers and sisters do you have				
B8.2	Provide the following details regarding your siblings (brothers/sisters).				
	Name	Name of School / College / University attended	Name of Organization He/she is working	Name of Sponsor during school	Age

SECTION C : Applicant's Education Background

In this section precisely describe your educational background and funding history as required in the respective sub-sections.

Code	Particular	Name of school	Name of school	Total score (Points / Aggregate / Grade / CGPA)	Year of completion
C1	Primary Education				
C2	Secondary Education				
C2.1	Ordinary level; UCE for Uganda, KCSE for Kenya and/or equivalent from other countries				
C2.2	Advanced level/High School Certificate for Uganda and/or equivalent from other countries				
C2.3	Tertiary level certificate/Diploma				

C3	Average cost of fees paid during school per year (use your local currency)			
C3.1	Primary school level			
C3.2	Ordinary level; UCE for Uganda, KCSE for Kenya and/or equivalent from other countries			
C3.4	Advanced level/High School Certificate for Uganda and/or equivalent from other countries			
C3.4	Tertiary level (TVET)			
C3.5	University Education (only filled by those applying for Masters degrees)			
C4	Please provide a history of your academic performance (Tick the applicable and attach all applicable certificates/pass slips)			
C4.1	Primary level	Attach applicable certificate/pass slip		
C4.2	Secondary Level	Attach applicable certificate/pass slip		
C4.3	Tertiary level (TVET)	Attach applicable certificate/pass slip		
C4.4	University (only for those applying for Masters)	Attach applicable certificate/transcript		

SECTION D : Family associated Information

Code	Particular		
D3	Household income source (List four major sources of household/family income)	Amount of income from each source per year (use local currency)	
	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
	4.		
D4	Who among the following contributes the most to the household income	Father	Mother
		Brothers/sisters	Self
		Community	Government
D5	Household Asset Ownership		
D5.1	Does your household own livestock?	Yes	No
D5.2	If yes, list the type and number of livestock	Livestock type	Number
		1.	
		2.	
		3.	
		4.	
		5.	
D6	Is your family house connected to electricity	Yes	No
D7	What type of Toilet do you have	1. Flash and Pour	
		2. VIP latrine	
		3. Covered Pit latrine	
		4. Uncovered Pit Latrine	
		5. Composting toilet	
		6. No facility /bush /field	
		7. Ecosan	

D8	How many people share the toilet		
D9	What is your major water source for household use?	Water source	Distance to water source (km)
		1. Family Borehole	
		2. Community borehole	
		3. River/spring	
		4. Shallow well	
		5. Tap stand	
		6. Protected springs	
	7. Others (specify)		
D10	Type of Roofing material for your house		
D11	Type of house wall (tick all applicable)	1. Grass	
		2. Mud and wattle	
		3. Wooden	
		4. Iron sheets	
		5. Brick/stone	
		6. Others	
D12	Type of floor	1. Earth	Number of rooms in the house
		2. Cement	
		3. Tiles	
		4. Others	
D14	Which of the following assets do you have in your home (tick applicable)	TV	Mobile phone
		Radio	Car
		Bicycle	Refrigerator
		Motorcycle	Others (specify)
D15	Do you/your parent have bank account	Yes	No
D16	Do you belong to a savings association/group, if yes specify	Yes	No
D17	You the applicant, what are your current sources of income? (Rank them in order of importance)	1.	3.
		2.	4.
D18	After high school, did you ever have any pending school fees balances?	Yes	No
D18	After high school, did you ever have any pending school fees balances?	Yes	No
D19	If you are admitted to Gulu University/Egerton University what share of fees can your family cover	1. 76-100%	
		2. 51-75%	
		3. 26-50%	
		4. 0-25%	

SECTION E : Leadership experience and participation in community activities

Code	Particular				
E1	Have you held any leadership position in your life time	Yes	No		
E2	If yes please specify the leadership/position and period (please attach certificates of recognition if any)	Leadership position	Group	Year	
		1.			
		2.			
		3.			
		4.			
		5.			
E3	Have you been a member of a group/association/a club etc.	Yes	No		
E4	If yes, please specify the group and your role take these above	Club/association/club	Role/position		
E5	Have you participated in community service/community related activities	Yes	No		
E6	If yes, please specify the activity and your role in each of the activities	Activity	Group	Year	
		1.			
		2.			
		3.			
		4.			
E7	Are you currently volunteering in any activity in your community	Yes	No		
E8	If yes, in which ways are you currently involved	1.			
		2.			
		3.			
		4.			
		5.			
E9	Using concrete examples, briefly describe your experience in relation to agriculture, livestock, and natural resources. (Make reference to work experience, knowledge, skills, and abilities that you have in these areas)				
E10	What is the most important challenge or problem that you have faced in your life, and how did you overcome or solve it?				

Code	Particular		
E11	Which of the following sectors do you like to work in the most. Please rank in order of preference.	Sector	Rank
		1. Agriculture	
		2. Finance and Banking	
		3. Telecommunications	
		4. Engineering	
		5. Medicine and Health care services	
		6. Education	
		7. Religious and social services	
		8. Public service and Government	
	9. Others (specify)		

SECTION F : Work Experience (to be filled by Postgraduate Applicants Only)

Code	Particular			
F1	What degree program did you pursue at undergraduate level	Degree Program	Institution	Year of completion
F2	Provide details of work experience gained after your degree.			
	Name and address of Organization You worked for with Job Title	Dates from – to	Average monthly salary	Reason for leaving Employment
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
	4.			
F3	Describe your most significant contribution to each of the organisations you have listed above			
F4	Do you have full support of your current employer to undertake graduate studies through full release	Yes	No	
F5	If yes, attach evidence (letter of no objection/endorsement explaining what value add graduate studies will bring to the organisation)			

SECTION G : Other information

Code	Particular		
G1	Do you have any special needs	Yes	No
G2	If yes, please specify	Yes	No
G3.1	Do you have any past medical history of chronic illness (note that you need to provide the true information. Your medical condition does not in anyway disadvantage your application)	Yes	No
G3.2	If yes, please specify		

Code	Particular			
G5	Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted by a court of Law (apart from a traffic offense)	Yes	No	
G6	If yes, what was the cause			
G7.1	Was English your language of instruction in High school	Yes	No	
G7.2	If No, indicate your level of proficiency in English	Level of proficiency	Written	Spoken
		1. Excellent		
		2. Very good		
		3. Good		
		4. Fair		
		5. Poor		
G7	How did you learn about this scholarship call	1. Radio		
		2. Newspaper,		
		3. Poster,		
		4. The MasterCard Foundation staff		
		5. RUFORUM staff		
		6. Former school/university		
		7. Friend or word of mouth,		
		8. Website		
		9. Others (Specify)		

Ido declare that all the information I have provided in this application form is to the best of my knowledge true and accurate. I do understand that any information that may be deemed falsified and/or inaccurate shall lead to automatic disqualification of my application and/or scholarship. I do acknowledge that completing this application DOES NOT imply automatic award of scholarship. The decision of the RUFORUM Technical Committee is Final.

Applicant Signature: Date:

Parent/Guardian/Witness Signature: Date

SECTION H : Sworn Statements

1. RELEASE FORM

If selected to be awarded The MasterCardfdn@RUFORUM scholarship, I agree to the education model and training framework that will be provided by the university to which I have been provided the scholarship to undertake my studies. I agree to abide and allow the university, RUFORUM and The MasterCard Foundation for purposes of any public relations and purpose of promoting their services to the wider global context make use of any photographs and/or my personal biodata as permissible under ethical conduct. I provide RUFORUM and member universities and The MasterCard Foundation such express permission to use the said material either complete or in part, alone or in conjunction with any wordings, caption or drawing. The RUFORUM, universities and The MasterCard Foundation can use the photographs for purposes of out-door advertising or any other media or before any forum gathering for the promotion of their mandate and services.

2. EXCLUSIVITY

I declare that I will not provide any material to any organisation without any prior informed consent of RUFORUM, if such information is to be used to the detriment of RUFORUM, the university, and The MasterCard Foundation. I pledge that I will not prosecute or institute any proceeding or make claims or demands either against RUFORUM, the university and The MasterCard Foundation or any of its staff and representatives in respect to the use of materials provided including photographs among others.

I do understand the details and conditions of the release and exclusivity conditions and endorse as here below

Name of the Applicant Sign..... Date.....

Place of signing P.O. Box

Telephone..... Email.....

Witness.....

ANNEX A : To be completed by Head Teacher/Dean of your immediate former Secondary School/University

Code	Particular	
	Please provide your assessment of the applicant	
	Academic Ability/potential	Ability
		1. Excellent
		2. Very good
		3. Good
		4. Fair
		5. Poor
	Financial Ability	Ability range
		1. Very stable financially
		2. Financially stable
		3. Moderately stable
		4. Financially unstable
		5. Very unstable financially
	Why should RUFORUM fund the applicant (give reason)	

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I have carefully checked and verified the particulars stated above and certify that they are true and accurate.

Name of Head Teacher/Dean/Principal Sign

Date Stamp

Telephone..... Mobile.....

ANNEX B : To be filled by the Lowest recognized Local Administrative Authority (as applicable by country)

Responsible administrative Officer

Name

Position.....

Location (all applicable).....

Do you recommend the applicant for the scholarship award.....

Why do you recommend the applicant for the scholarship award

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I have carefully checked and verified the particulars stated above and certify that they are true and accurate.

Name..... Signature..... Stamp and Date.....

