



APPLICATION FORM FOR MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships 2021



TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENTISTS FOR AFRICA

GUIDANCE TO APPLICATION

1. BACKGROUND

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) in partnership with Mastercard foundation, Gulu University and Egerton University are implementing an eight year program (2016-2024) 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 (<http://www.ruforum.org/MCF>). The program is supporting students that are economically disadvantaged, and/or coming from conflict and post-conflict affected areas of Africa. Interested applicants will undertake their academic training at Gulu University (Uganda) and Egerton University (Kenya).

2. ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS

The RUFORUM Technical Committee (RTC) has identified the following priority programs for the academic year 2021/2022 as eligible for application and to be supported.

Gulu University

1. Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition
2. Master of Science in Agri-enterprises Development

Egerton University

1. Master of Science in Agribusiness Management
2. Master of Science in Animal Nutrition
3. Master of Science in Food Science

3. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

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

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Be a national of Kenya or 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 30 years at the time of application for the Master's program.
5. The applicant should meet admission criteria to eligible programs in the University of choice (Egerton University or Gulu University). Continuing students are NOT eligible.
6. For admission into the two universities, one must have completed a relevant Bachelor Degree with a second class honours, upper division.
7. Demonstrate interest in agriculture, agribusiness and entrepreneurship.
8. Demonstrate commitment to leadership.
9. Have commitment to working in agriculture, agricultural value chains and rural development.
10. Have a strong commitment to community engagement and transformation

5. 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. NATURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. This is a comprehensive scholarship that will be managed jointly by RUFORUM and the implementing university.
2. 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.
3. Retaking more than two courses will lead to the withdrawal of the scholarship awarded to the candidate.
4. Applicants who may be discovered to have falsified information in order to gain advantage of the scholarship shall be disqualified.
5. 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.
6. 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. APPLICATION PROCESS

Application for admission (online or hard copies) and scholarship must be submitted to the respective university of choice:

Egerton University

Prof. Nancy W. Mungai
TAGDev Program Coordinator, Egerton University
TAGDev office, Physics Block 1st floor
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
TAGDev Program Coordinator
Faculty of Agriculture and Environment
Gulu University, Awich Road, Laroo Division, Gulu Municipality
Tel: +256 782673491 | Email: mcf.agric@gu.ac.ug

Application Deadline

The deadline to apply for the MCF@RUFORUM Scholarships is 31st March 2021 at 17:00 Hours (GMT+3).



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PLEASE ATTACH PASSPORT
SIZE PHOTOGRAPH

Please include National Identity Card Number/Passport number/Birth certificate number. For local students (in Kenya and Uganda), any other valid identification may be acceptable

Title of Program applied for (e.g. Master of Science in Horticulture)

University of Interest

Section A1. Applicant Biodata (as applicable in your National Registration Documents)

Code	Particular
A1	Name
	a) Surname:
	b) First name:
	c) Other names:
A2	Gender (Tick where applicable)
	Male
	Female
A3	Age in complete years
A4	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)
A5	Place of Birth
	a) Village
	b) District and/or county
	c) Country
A6	Residence contact address
	a) Village
	b) District and/or county
	c) Country
	d) 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.
	e) Email (please provide your email address)
	f) Re-type your email address
	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/Male	Mother/Female
B1	Names		
B2	Status (Alive / Deceased) If deceased, give date of death with proof e.g. death certificate or letter from a reliable authority		
B3	Do your parents have any disability? If YES please indicate the type of disability		
B4	Occupation/ Job Title either now or previously		
B5	Organization or Place of Work		
B6	Gross Annual Income (if parent not in formal employment, compute together the income from various sources)		
B7	If deceased in B2 (above)/or if you are living with your guardian or your spouse, please state name of guardian or spouse	Guardian	
		Spouse	
B8	Guardian or Spouse's phone contact		
B9	If Guardian please indicate Guardian's relationship with you		
B10	Guardian or Spouse's occupation		
B11	How many siblings (brothers and sisters) do you currently have:		

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	Location of School (District)	School ownership (private/public)	Total score (points/aggregate / grade/CGPA)	Year of completion	Average cost of fees (per year)
C1	Primary Education						
C2	Secondary Education						
C2a	Ordinary level; UCE for Uganda, KCSE for Kenya and/or equivalent from other countries						
C2b	Advanced level/High School Certificate for Uganda and/or equivalent from other countries						
C3	Tertiary level certificate/ Diploma						
C4	University Education						
C5	For your BSc. education, please provide title of your research/project:						
C6	Please provide a history of your academic performance (Tick the applicable and attach all applicable certificates/pass slips)						
	a) Primary level	Attach applicable certificate/pass slip					
	b) Secondary Level	Attach applicable certificate/pass slip					
	c) Tertiary level (TVET or Technical college)	Attach applicable certificate/pass slip					
	d) University (only for those applying for Masters)	Attach applicable certificate/transcript					

Section D: Family associated Information

Code	Particular		
D1	Household income source (List four major sources of household/family income)	Amount of income from each source per year (use local currency)	
	a.		
	b.		
	c.		
	d.		

D2	Who among the following contributes the most to the household income (Tick up to a maximum of 3)	Father	Mother
		Brothers/sisters	Self
		Community	Government
		Spouse	Guardian
D3	Household Asset Ownership		
	a Does your household own livestock?	Yes	No
	b If yes (in D3a), list the type and number of livestock	Livestock type	Number
		1. Cattle	
		2. Goat	
		3. Sheep	
		4. Donkey	
		5. Camels	
	6. Poultry		
D4	Is your family house connected to electricity?	Yes	No
D5	What type of Toilet do you have?	a. Flash and Pour	
		b. VIP latrine	
		c. Covered Pit latrine	
		d. Uncovered Pit Latrine	
		e. Composting toilet	
		g. No facility /bush /field	
		h. Ecosan	
D6	How many people share the toilet?		
D7	What is your major water source for household use?	Water source	Distance to the source (km)
		a. Family Borehole	
		b. Community borehole	
		c. River/spring	
		d. Shallow well	
		e. Tap stand	
		f. Protected springs	
e. Others (specify)			
D8	Type of Roofing material for your house (tick all applicable)	a. Grass	
		b. Iron sheets	
		c. Tiles	
		d. Bricks	
		e. Slab	
		f. Others (specify)	
D9	Type of house wall (tick all applicable)	a. Grass	
		b. Mud and wattle	
		c. Wooden	
		d. Iron sheets	
		e. Brick/stone	
		f. Others (specify)	
D10	Type of floor (tick all applicable)	a. Earth	
		b. Cement	
		c. Tiles	
		d. Others (specify)	

D11	Which of the following assets do you have in your home (tick where applicable)	a. TV b. Radio c. Bicycle d. Motorcycle e. Mobile phone	f. Car g. Refrigerator h. Others (specify)
D12	You the applicant, what are your current sources of income? (Rank them in order of importance)	1.	3.
		2.	4.
D13	Number of rooms in the house (including kitchen & garage)		
D14	Number of people living in the house		
D15	After high school, did you ever have any pending school fees balances?	Yes	No

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	
		a.			
		b.			
		c.			
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	Year	
		a.			
		b.			
		c.			
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	
		a.			
		b.			
		c.			
E7	Are you currently volunteering in any activity in your community?	Yes	No		
E8	If yes, in which ways are you currently involved	a.			
		b.			
		c.			
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?				

E11	Please rank in order of preference the first three sectors you would like to work in the most.	Sector	Rank
		a. Education	
		b. Finance and Banking	
		c. Agriculture and Environment	
		d. Engineering	
		e. Medicine and Health care services	
		f. Telecommunications	
		g. Religious and social services	
		h. Public service and Government	
		i. Others (specify)	

Section F: Work Experience

Code	Particular				
F1	What degree program did you pursue at undergraduate level	a. Degree Program	b. Institution	c. Year of start	d. Year of completion
F2	Provide details of work experience gained after your degree.				
	Name and address of Organization You worked for; and indicate job title	a. Dates from – to	b. Average monthly salary	c. Reason for leaving Employment	
	1.				
	2.				
	3.				
	4.				
F3	Describe your most significant contribution to each of the organizations 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 physical disability	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		
G4	Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted by a court of Law (apart from a traffic offense)	Yes	No
G5	If yes, what was the cause		

G6	Was English your language of instruction at University?	Yes	No
G7	How did you learn about this scholarship call?	a. Radio b. Newspaper c. Poster d. Mastercard foundation staff e. RUFORUM staff f. Former school/university g. Friend or word of mouth, h. Website i. 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 MCF@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 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 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. RUFORUM, Gulu and Egerton universities, and 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 Mastercard foundation. I pledge that I will not prosecute or institute any proceeding or make claims or demands either against RUFORUM, the university and 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 ApplicantSign.....Date.....

Place of signingP.O. Box

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

Witness.....