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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY STUDENTS' MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME (EAC-SMS) 2023/2024 (COHORT 1 Postgraduate programmes)

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IUCEA invites suitably qualified Nationals of the East African Community (EAC) partner States to apply for cohort 1 Postgraduate programs of the East Africa Community Student's Mobility Scholarship Scheme (EAC-SMS). The EAC-SMS is funded by a consortium of IUCEA- Member Universities, The IUCEA, and Parents/Guardians/Self.

Important Timelines:

CALL OPEN: **August 2nd, 2023**


CALL CLOSES: **August 23rd, 2023 not later than 17:00 hours, East African Time.**

SELECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENT: **August 30th, 2023.**

Eligibility: Nationals of the EAC Partner states (Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda).

Duration of the Scholarship: Depending on the selected University program for the Masters's or Doctoral.

1. BACKGROUND

The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) is mandated by the IUCEA Act 2009, to coordinate higher education in the East African Community (EAC). In the operationalization of her mandate as per the Act, access to and affordability of higher education in the EAC region has been high on the agenda. Over the year: 

IUCEA has implemented some strategies and operations on academic mobility to facilitate student and staff mobility to promote regional integration. The students' mobility programme including scholarships has attracted several initiatives, namely uniform fees for EAC citizen students to be charged in EAC countries' host universities, and scholarship programmes for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

The Students Mobility programme in East Africa was first facilitated in the form of an exchange programme between Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda through the University of East Africa established in 1963 and it continued until 2004.

Following the above rich history of regional students' mobility and scholarship programme, and the resolutions of the IUCEA Annual Meeting held in Kigali in 2019, IUCEA started the process to revive the East African Community Students Mobility program. Compared to the high demand for scholarships and the limited available opportunities, the 10th IUCEA Annual meeting held in June 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda, encouraged IUCEA member universities to provide at least 1 slot for students from the EAC Partner States other than their own. Hence many Universities committed to offering scholarships by waiving Tuition and examination fees, while IUCEA will provide traveling expenses and Health Insurance, and the remaining cost will be on the side of the parents/ guardians/self. (See the responsibility of each party at the end of the call)

The postgraduate scholarship supports Master's and Ph. D' students in the selected programs (Table 1).


The students are required to apply to study in another EAC country (not their country of origin/citizenship).

2. SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

46 postgraduate scholarships are available in the 2023/2024 academic year.

Responsibility of the parties:

A) IUCEA- Inter-University Council for East Africa

- a) Provide medical insurance.
- b) Provide transport facilitation by road whenever applicable at the beginning and the end of the academic programme. 

- c) Provide Masters and Ph.D. students with a lump sum for research (after completion of coursework).

B) Universities

- a) Offer scholarships through tuition and examination fees waiver.
- b) Offer admission and induction to the scholarship awardees.
- c) Provide a contact person for liaison with IUCEA and Parents/guardians.
- d) Monitor and provide regular progress reports on the performance of the scholarship programme.

C) Parents / Guardians/self/Sponsors

- a) Cater for accommodation and living expenses.
- b) Cater for other university fees (except tuition and examination- provided in the scholarship).
- c) Provide any other material/ information as may be required.

D) Students

- a) Apply to the universities of their choice in the region whose programmes have been selected for the scholarship scheme.
- b) Mobilise any additional resources to support their studies.
- c) Provide information on their academic and social welfare to IUCEA, University, and Parents.

3. PROGRAMMES ON OFFER

The following programs are on offer (by country, University, and available slots and Intake).

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LEVEL	PROGRAMMES	UNIVERSITY	COUNTRY	STUDY	SLOTS	II
		TENABLE	TENABLE	DURATION		
Master	Master of Arts in Cooperative and Community Development	Moshi Cooperative University	Tanzania	2	2	C



LEVEL	PROGRAMMES	UNIVERSITY TENABLE	COUNTRY TENABLE	STUDY DURATION	SLOTS	II
Masters	Agricultural Extension	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST)	Kenya	2	1	J
Masters	Business Administration	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST)	Kenya	2	1	J
Masters	Business Administration	Kibabii University	Kenya	2	1	J S
Masters	Education	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST)	Kenya	2	1	J
Masters	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST)	Kenya	2	1	J



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Masters	Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST)	Kenya	2	1	J
Masters	Information Technology	Kibabii University	Kenya	2	1	J S
Masters	Information Technology Security and Audit	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST)	Kenya	2	1	J
Masters	Master of Business Administration	Kenyatta University	Kenya	2	1	S
Masters	Master of Economics (Corporation and Human Development)	Kenyatta University	Kenya	2	1	S
Masters	Master of Economics (International Trade)	Kenyatta University	Kenya	2	1	S



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Masters	Master of Education (Educational Management)	Kenyatta University	Kenya	2	1	5
Masters	Master of Education (Educational Planning)	Kenyatta University	Kenya	2	1	5
Masters	Master of Public Health (Reproductive Health)	Kenyatta University	Kenya	2	1	5
Masters	Master of Regional Integration	Kenyatta University	Kenya	2	1	5
Masters	Master of Science (Climate Change and Sustainability)	Kenyatta University	Kenya	2	1	5
Masters	Master of Science (Integrated Soil Fertility)	Kenyatta University	Kenya	2	1	5
Masters	Master of Science (Knowledge Management)	Kenyatta University	Kenya	2	1	5
Masters	Master of Science in Biotechnology	Kenyatta University	Kenya	2	1	5



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Masters	Master of Science in Computer Science	Muranga University of Science and Technology (MUST)	Kenya	2	1	5
Masters	Master of Science in Crop Protection (Plant Pathology)	Kenyatta University	Kenya	2	1	5
Masters	Master of Science in Entrepreneurship	Kenyatta University	Kenya	2	1	5
Masters	Master of Science in Information Technology	Muranga University of Science and Technology (MUST)	Kenya	2	1	5
Masters	Master of Technology in Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Muranga University of Science and Technology (MUST)	Kenya	2	1	5
Masters	Master of Technology in Mechanical Engineering	Muranga University of Science and Technology (MUST)	Kenya	2	1	5



LEVEL	PROGRAMMES	UNIVERSITY TENABLE	COUNTRY TENABLE	STUDY DURATION	SLOTS	II
Masters	Pure/Applied Mathematics	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST)	Kenya	2	1	J
Masters	Urban Environmental Planning and Management	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST)	Kenya	2	1	J
Masters	Master LLM ICT	Open University of Tanzania (OUT)	Tanzania	2	1	C
Masters	Master MED CDD	Open University of Tanzania (OUT)	Tanzania	2	1	C
Masters	Master MED QM	Open University of Tanzania (OUT)	Tanzania	2	1	C
Masters	Master of Arts In Security and Strategic Studies	Nkumba University	Uganda	2	1	F



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Masters	Master of Business Administration	Nkumba University	Uganda	2	1	F
Masters	Masters in Business Administration	Makerere University	Uganda	2	1	A
Masters	Masters in Education	Makerere University	Uganda	2	1	A
Masters	Masters in Public Administration	Makerere University	Uganda	2	1	A
Masters	Renewable Energy	Makerere University	Uganda	2	1	A
Ph. D	Ph. D Business Administration	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST)	Kenya	3	1	J
Ph. D	Ph. D Business Information Systems	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST)	Kenya	3	1	J
Ph. D	Ph. D Education	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga	Kenya	3	1	J



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Ph. D	Ph. D Planning	Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST)	Kenya	3	1	J



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Ph.D	PhD Astronomy	Open University of Tanzania (OUT)	Tanzania	3	1	C
Ph.D	PhD Tourism	Open University of Tanzania (OUT)	Tanzania	3	1	C

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4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The minimum requirements for qualification into the Programme are:

- Citizenship:** Be a national and resident of a partner state of the East African Community.
- Eligible programme at an eligible university:** Have been accepted for admission in an eligible programme at an eligible university that participates in the EAC-SMS and is in another country of the EAC other than their own. However, applicants should not wait until they are admitted to apply for the scholarship.
- Statement of motivation:** Submit a motivation letter in English (with not more than 300 words) as follows:
 - Demonstrate a convincing motivation to pursue the Programme chosen.
 - Adequately demonstrate the foreseen professional engagement in the EAC Integration agenda after completing the Programme
 - Demonstrate how the acquired skills and knowledge from the Programme will be applied to contribute to the EAC Integration Agenda
 - Demonstrate where they anticipate seeing themselves professionally and academically in 5 to 10 years.



d) Financial need: Demonstrate financial need.

e) Age, academic performance record & experience: (as per the advertisement).

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Masters

a) Be a National and resident of a partner state of the East African Community. + (provide either: National ID/Passport/Birth Certificate). +Proof of Residency (provide a certificate from the local government)

b) Be below 35 years of age at the time of application.

c) Possess at least an equivalent of Upper Second-Class Honours or “Distinction”

Ph.D

a) Be a National and resident of a partner state of the East African Community. + (provide either: National ID/Passport/Birth Certificate).+ Proof of Residency (provide a certificate from the local government)

b) Be below 45 years of age at the time of application.

c) Excellent academic performance record.

d) Work experience will be an added advantage.


5. APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process is two-fold and each MUST be completed separately

1) Application for Admission to the University.

Step 1: Identify the programme and University of their choice from section 4 above that contains Eligible Programmes;

Step 2: Fill out the application form for admission to the university of choice (Check the university website). Ensure you pay the University application fee (Attach to your application).

Step 3: Submit the completed university application form and supporting documents to the selected university indicating that you are applying for the IUCF[^] (EAC-SMS) Scholarship. 


Notes: (1) Candidates may apply to more than one University (BUT CAN ONLY BE OFFERED ONE SCHOLARSHIP).

(2) Candidates may apply for more than one programme; however, each programme should have its application form and attachments.

II) Application for the EAC-SMS Scholarship.


Step 4: Register online for the scholarship <https://www.iucea.org/01sms>


Step 5: Download the Scholarship Application Form





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and complete it.

Step 6: Submit the COMPLETE application form in step 5 (above) and supporting documents in PDF format as one zip folder electronically to eacsms@iucea.org and exsec@iucea.org

NOTE: Please indicate the subject line as; YOUR NAME, EAC-SMS Application, MONTH YEAR, e.g. Amani Africa, EAC-SMS Application, August 2023.

The Following Supporting Documents are required.

- a) A letter of motivation for applying for the scholarship.
- b) Updated and Signed Curriculum Vitae.
- c) Certified copies of all academic certificates and transcripts.
- d) A copy of the university Application Form and its attachments (including payment of application fees).
- e) A recent passport photograph in colour capturing your full head and upper shoulders.
- f) Evidence of Nationality of a Partner State in the East African Community such as a copy of a national identity card/ passport/birth certificate. 

g) Any outstanding awards like leadership/community service etc.






h) Any other form of evidence required in the application form e.g. medical reports, photos, and letters of reference.

Note:

(1) Applicants with academic qualifications obtained from foreign institutions must be equated by the authorised national agency (National Council/ Commission for Higher Education) in their respective countries.

(2) Applicants with supporting documents (transcripts, certificates among others) in languages other than English//KISWAHILI are required to submit both the originals and copies translated into the English language by an accredited language translations provider.

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