



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN GENOCIDE STUDIES AND PREVENTION

The management of the University of Rwanda, College of Arts and Social Sciences through its Center for Conflict Management (CCM) wishes to invite interested and qualified candidates to study Master programme in Genocide Studies and Prevention (GSP). A new intake is being recruited to start in September, 2020. This programme is offered at Gikondo Campus (UR-Headquarters), Kigali. The mandate of CCM is to address the knowledge gap in the field of genocide, peace and conflict studies and post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation through conducting research, teaching as well as community services in the form of policy oriented research.

1. Programme rationale

The Great Lakes region has been the home to the Africa's most intractable and turbulent conflicts. The region has experienced over the last two to three decades among others, the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda and civil wars in Burundi, the DRC, South Sudan and Uganda. Continued violent conflict has resulted in humanitarian crises, an upsurge of displaced populations and poverty from loss of livelihoods and security. Significant themes that have dominated the conflicts in the region include proliferation of small arms and light weapons, illegal armed groups, sexual and gender-based violence, population displacement, and trans-boundary ethnicities. These conflicts, some of which are ethnically motivated, have led to the development of the genocide ideology that constitutes a serious threat to survival and peace. The MA programme in GSP is a post-graduate level (Master) programme that provides candidates with an understanding of the complexities of genocide, the history of various cases of genocide, the intricacies and complexity vis-à-vis the prevention and intervention against genocide, challenges and complexities faced by post-genocide societies. As a society that suffered from genocide just twenty-six years ago, Rwanda has an understandable interest in preventing genocide. In light of the recent history, there seems to be few better places in the world to house such a Master programme than the nation of Rwanda. Throughout many of the courses, the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda is addressed and offered for comparative purposes. The programme more importantly focuses on strategies of prevention of genocide. Indeed, such a master programme is extremely relevant in Rwanda and the region, as they are still in the process of recovering from the same genocide and many violent conflicts. Graduates in the GSP are well suited to serve as consultants to the Rwandan government on genocide-related issues, to memorials on matters of commemoration and memory, and to international and non-governmental organizations concerned with the prevention and intervention against genocide and other crimes against the humanity.

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An ever-increasing number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are hiring individuals who have an expertise in genocide prevention and intervention. Such individuals will also be ideal candidates for possible positions with human rights organizations, conflict resolution organizations, and peace development organizations.

2. Mode of attendance

This is a two years Master programme. The next intake will start in **September, 2020** and will be offered in a modular based approach offered in the evening hours.

3. Admission criteria

Bachelor's Degree in any of the following fields: Law, Development Studies, Political Science, Sociology, History, Public Administration, Journalism and/or Communication, and any other related fields are eligible to apply.

4. Key dates

The closing date for application: August 31st, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

The starting date of the programme: September 14th, 2020

5. Required documents for application

- i. Application letter addressed to the Director for the Centre of Postgraduate Studies, University of Rwanda
- ii. Notarized undergraduate degree
- iii. Notarized transcripts
- iv. Copy of ID or Passport
- v. Up-to-date CV
- vi. Sponsorship letter from an organization or employer (if any)
- vii. Applicants from countries where English is not the language of instruction in higher education must provide an English proficiency certificate from a relevant body or institution.

6. Application process

- i. Go to UR Website (www.ur.ac.rw)
- ii. Go to Admission, Applicant Portal and click to ([New Application](#))

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- iii. Fill the **Biographical Form** and click (**Save**) at the end you will get “**Your Student ID Reference Number**”. *Please keep this ID Number as it will be your ID identification for all transactions at UR*
- iv. Create a PIN of 5 numeric digits, do not start with a 0 (this PIN will serve as your password to access your student account), leave the page and open the link below.
- v. Candidates are requested to submit all required documents by using the

Link: pgfile.ur.ac.rw/pgfile/findme.php

NB: All documents must be in PDF

If all required documents are not submitted, you failed to go to the next step.

When your submission succeeds, you will find a message in your email box

For any additional information, clarifications or inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact

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