



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### Masters in Health Supply Chain Management

#### BACKGROUND

In order to transform the medical and health sciences, bio-engineering, pharmaceutical sciences, eHealth and eLearning and other Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), as well as research and health care delivery, the 9<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the EAC Sectoral Council of Ministers of Health, held on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 in Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania, approved the implementation of the proposed “Multi-National East African Community (EAC) Regional Centres of Excellence (CoE) for Skills and Tertiary Education in Higher Medical and Health Sciences Education Program” (*EAC/SCM/Health/Decision 024*), as follows:

- (i) The Republic of Kenya to host the “East African Community Regional Kidney Institute (EACKI)”;
- (ii) The United Republic of Tanzania to host the “East African Community Regional Heart Institute (EACHI)”;
- (iii) The Republic of Uganda to host the “East African Community Regional Cancer Institute (EACCI)”;
- (iv) The Republic of Burundi to host the proposed “East African Community Regional Nutritional Sciences Institute (EACNSI)”;
- (v) The Republic of Rwanda to host both the Biomedical Engineering and E-Health and the “*EAC Regional Centre of Excellence for Vaccines, Immunization and Health Supply Chain Management (EAC RCE-VIHSCM)*”.

The same EAC Sectoral Council of Ministers of Health directed the EAC Secretariat to undertake and effect the proposed establishment and implementation arrangements of the “Multi-National EAC Regional CoE’s for Skills and Tertiary Education in Higher Medical and Health Sciences Education Program” that will be hosted by the respective EAC Partner States (*EAC/SCM/Health/Decision 025*).

These decisions were upheld and fully endorsed by the 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the EAC Council of Ministers, sitting in Arusha, Tanzania, from 15 to 20 September 2014, through its directive number (*EAC/CM 29/Decision 035*) to the EAC Secretariat. The Council of Ministers directed that the EAC Regional Centre of Excellence for Vaccines, Immunization and Health Supply Chain Management (EAC RCE-VIHSCM), henceforth the RCE, be established with the following mandate:





- To strengthen the health supply chain leadership in the Community;
- To support the professionalization of the health supply chain management cadres; and
- To create a hub from which innovation in health supply chain management can be engineered and disseminated.

Consequently, the EAC Secretariat and key stakeholders officially launched the RCE at University of Rwanda (UR) on 24 March 2016.

Following the launch, the RCE has started to deliver on its mandate by enhancing capacity and strengthening systems along the supply chain to deliver quality vaccines, pharmaceuticals and health commodities at an affordable cost and at the right time. The RCE has done this through training and research.

### **TRAINING PROGRAMMES AT RCE**

The training includes short- and long-term programs that target personnel employed in key positions at Extended Program on Immunization (EPIs), national medicines agencies or stores and hospitals in EAC Partner States. Presently the RCE offers a master's degree in Health Supply Chain Management (MHSCM), which is internationally benchmarked and regionally validated by the Inter University Council of East Africa (IUCEA) and the national councils of higher learning of EAC Partner States. The Master's Degree in HSCM was launched in 2017. It is a two-year program delivered under a blended learning approach to cater for in-service status of students. Studies are organized through Face-to-face (on site) learning, which accounts for 12 weeks and the remaining time is spent on a) distance learning b) work placement and c) dissertation writing. The curriculum is composed of modules arranged by semesters:

- i). Semester I: Introduction to HSCM, Health Products Selection, Quantification and Procurement, Storage and Distribution, Introduction to Human Resources Management and Field Placement 1.
- ii). Semester II: Equipment Management, Resources Management, Leadership and Professional Management and Strategic Procurement and Field Placement 2.
- iii). Semester III: Applied Research Method, Optimization of HSCM and Integration of New Technologies in HSCM;
- iv). Semester IV: Research Proposal, Data Collection, Dissertation writing and defense.

The RCE is currently running two PhD Projects, one looking at "Quality & Availability of Essential Medicines" and the other examining the "Immunization Supply Chains Re-design in Rwanda and Kenya".





### THE CURRENT CALL FOR APPLICATION

The RCE is currently calling for applications to studies at Masters Degree level for the period of 2020-22, Intake starting in **April 2020**.

### APPLICANTS PROFILE

The programme targets participants with:

At least a bachelor's degree or equivalent in Pharmacy, Public Health, Procurement, Logistics, Supply Chain, Nursing or other related health sciences.

A Minimum of at least two years' relevant work experience in the area of HSCM at mid or senior management level.

### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION

1. A cover letter which should contain the candidate's motivation to join the program
2. Detailed curriculum vitae
3. Copies of academic certificates (Notarized copies will be required before admission)
4. Copies of academic transcripts (Original/notarized transcripts will be required before admission)
5. Two recommendation letters from academic referees who are knowledgeable about the applicant and their studies
6. Recommendation from the employer or employer representative at the applicant working institution
7. Copy of national identity card or passport

### VENUE & LANGUAGE

The programme is hosted by University of Rwanda in Kigali and courses are delivered in English language.

### DATES

Applications should be submitted **no later than Saturday 15 February 2020**. Courses for this intake will start in 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

### APPLICATION PROCESS AND COURSE FEES

1. Go to UR Website ([www.ur.ac.rw](http://www.ur.ac.rw))
2. Go to Admission, Applicant Portal and click to ([New Application](#))
3. Fill the **Biographical Form** and click (**Save**) at the end you will get "**Your Student ID Reference Number**" and create PIN.





4. Please keep this ID Number as it will be your ID identification for all transactions at University of Rwanda
5. Go to the Bank and pay your application fees of 10,000 FRW (USD 12) for Rwandan and EAC candidates and 12000 FRW (USD 14) for International Student) using your created student ID Reference Number
6. **Candidates are requested to submit all required documents by using the link <http://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**

7. For those who will have been selected to undertake the program, **Registration fee** is Rwf 85,000(USD 99) for Rwandan and EAC candidates, and Rwf 102.000 (USD 119) for other International Student) payable at University of Rwanda account number **00094-0651934-37** opened in the **Bank of Kigali (Swift Code BKIGRWRW)**.
8. The tuition fee is **Euros 6,000 payable in two instalments** at RCE collection account **00040-06954524-51** opened in the **Bank of Kigali (Swift Code BKIGRWRW)**. Payments will be made before the starting of each academic year.

**NB: APPLICANTS SHOULD USE THEIR ID REFERENCE NUMBERS AND THEIR FULL NAMES DURING PAYMENT**

In order to be admitted to the program, applicants must meet the above-mentioned participant's profile. Non-Rwandans degrees must be recognized by the country's competent authority. The Rwanda Education Board will be consulted for degrees' equivalence.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Self sponsored candidates are encouraged to apply and will be given high priority. However, the EAC RCE-VIHSCM has reserved some scholarships for students from EAC Partner States public institutions. Once selected, highly deserving applicants from EAC Partner States are presented to a Regional Scholarship Awards Committee for consideration and scholarships will be awarded based on quota system.





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

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