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**The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Rwanda.
'360° Knowledge Accelerator towards dignifying work for young Africans'**

**Call for Application for full scholarship under the
Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the
University of Rwanda
Academic Year-2021 – 2022**

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Announcement

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1. BACKGROUND

The University of Rwanda in partnership with Mastercard Foundation is implementing a 10-year Scholars Program (MCF-SP@UR) aimed at enabling higher education access to young Africans qualified, yet economically disadvantaged and/ or coming from conflict and post-conflict affected areas of Africa — with a focus on women pursuing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), young people with disabilities, and refugee and displaced youth—and strengthen the UR capability and mobilization for inclusive and supportive tertiary education pathways to dignified work.

The MCF-SP@UR is committed to developing Africa's next generation of ethical and transformative leaders who would influence positive forward-looking changes in their respective home countries specifically and on the African Continent. We aim to drive and support transformation at three levels: individual (Scholars), institutional (the University), and system (higher education ecosystem and beyond).

2. AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

- For the academic year 2021-2022, the MCF-SP@UR is recruiting **entry-level scholars (Year 1) for 75 scholarships in selected undergraduate programs.**
- The program provides comprehensive scholarships for access to quality university education at the University of Rwanda to **qualified** academically talented, yet economically disadvantaged young Rwandan people with leadership potential and other African coming from conflict and post-conflict areas of Africa currently living in Rwanda as Certified Refugees.
- Priority shall be given to: **Females, Certified Refugees, and Persons with Disability.**

3. ELIGIBILITY & ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS

- The applicant must be admitted into the eligible programs at University of Rwanda as listed on point 9 below:
- Eligible applicants for the scholarship should have:
 - At least **70 as aggregate mark** for programs in Medicine and Pharmacy, and **67 as aggregate mark** for other programs **or equivalent.**
 - At least **80% aggregate mark or equivalent** for applicants from Teacher Training Centres (TTC)
 - At least **55% aggregate mark or equivalent** for applicants from TVET schools

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- Applicants with any other scholarship, once selected, must be willing to discontinue it to benefit from the MCF-SP @UR scholarship opportunity.
- Continuing students are **NOT** eligible.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

- a. To apply for the scholarship, one must have successfully completed secondary education and **admitted at UR in 1st year for academic year 2021-2022** (A letter of admission to be attached).
- b. Be Rwandan or a refugee/ displaced youth currently living in Rwanda.
- c. Be below **28 years** at the time of application for the undergraduate programs.
- d. The Applicant must demonstrate that he/she has Critical Economic Needs or living with disability.
- e. The applicant must have proven records of leadership and community engagement(s).
- f. The applicant must have a strong commitment to community engagement and transformation and be prepared to **Go-Back and Give-Back** to his or her community.
- g. **70% of all scholarships** shall be given to girls and women and **80% of all scholarships** shall be given students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs.

5. APPLICATION PROCESS

- a. A general application form must be filled online using the following link: <https://mcf scholars.ur.ac.rw>
- b. Before completing the online application form, please download the form and read through all instructions and required information
- c. Applicant can fill the online form in more than one session, but the application will be considered only after formal submission steps below:
 - After filling the application -click on "generate PDF".
 - Download the generated PDF.
 - Print the PDF, put your initial on each page and sign the declaration form and sworn statements.
 - Upload the signed form.
 - **Click Submit.**
- d. Refugees and displaced youth living in Rwanda are requested to fill the additional declaration form available on the above link.
- e. Youth with disability are requested to fill the additional declaration form available on the above link
- f. All applicants are required to upload other supporting documents as required.

6. APPLICATION DEADLINE & SUPPORT TEAM CONTACT DETAILS

- Eligible candidates can start the online application to MCF-SP@UR' scholarships while gathering the supporting documents.
- THE DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION FOR THE MCF-SP@UR SCHOLARSHIPS: ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2022 AT 11.59PM (CENTRAL AFRICA TIME).

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- During the application period, an MCF-SP@UR Scholarship application support team will be available to provide any needed information. The following are contact details of the heads of MCF-SP@UR scholarship application support team:

Dr. Odette Uwizeye: Registrar of University of Rwanda Tel: +250 788 304 391 Email: admissionsur2022@gmail.com	Prof. Evariste Karangwa Lead -Recruit – MCF-SP@UR Tel: +250 739 140 377 Email: mcfsp.ur@gmail.com
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- After the application period is closed, applicants shall not contact the MCF-SP@UR application support team under any circumstances on the status of their application. The MCF-SP@UR would inform and contact applicants as when necessary.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Telephone numbers and email addresses provided by applicants should be active at all times to receive critical information on their application.
- The application for the scholarship is a staggered ongoing process
- There will be a pre-selection step and those successful will be invited for an oral interview by independent panels and at each stage, unsuccessful candidates would be notified.
- There would be unannounced on-site validation visits to the home of selected students
- There are **absolutely No Charges/ Fees/ Facilitation/ Agents or Intermediaries Required** at any stage of this process.
- Applicants who will be discovered to have falsified information or attempt to influence the process at any stage (application or home visit) in order to gain advantage of the scholarship shall be disqualified.
- The decisions of the Selection Committee **are Final**.
- Successful applicants will be expected to become champions and transformative leaders, entrepreneurs and change makers at various levels and shall remain in close communication with the University of Rwanda for at least 5 years after completing their studies.
- Any misconduct (breaching university rules, regulations and policies including participation in riotous acts, involvement in subversive activities, illicit financial activities, terrorism, or denial of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi) on the part of the successful applicants (scholars) shall lead to automatic disqualification and loss of the scholarship.
- All scholarships will be on a rolling basis implying that annual renewal of funding is subject to satisfactory academic performance.

8. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

- a. This is a comprehensive scholarship that will be managed by the University of Rwanda. The MCF SP @ UR also offers an opportunity for the scholars to receive holistic training that empowers them and lead them

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to the academic success, community engagement and transition to employment opportunities which will equip the scholars to be global citizens.

b. The scholarship will cover:

- Comprehensive financial support (full tuition fees, fully paid on-campus accommodation, a laptop, learning materials, annual return ticket allowance and a full-year monthly stipend).
- Psycho-social Support Services
- Uniquely sourced internships with industry for professional development.
- Continued academic support through academic mentorship, virtual learning, and tutoring.
- Career Development Services (including Industrial Mentorship, Career Guidance, Professional Development, and Enterprise Development, amongst others)
- Regular group meetings with other scholars that focus on personal and professional development opportunities and activities tailored to build societal relationships and scholars' capacity.
- Opportunities to participate in leadership congresses, community services and mentoring (Go-back Give- Back),
- The prestige of becoming part of the growing family of the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Alumni and networking with the Global Scholars Community.

c. Considering the level of investment, successful applicants will be required to become high achievers, highly engaging and focused students/graduates, give back and change makers in their communities and Africa in general.

9. LIST OF APPROVED EDUCATION PROGRAMS OF FOCUS FOR MCF-SP@UR

Centre	Level	College	School	H / P	Program	Comment
Nyarugenge Campus						
Nyarugeng	UG	CST	CST	H	Undergraduate programs	
Nyarugeng	UG	CST	School of Engineering	P	BSc (Hons) in Civil Engineering [All]	STEM
Nyarugeng	UG	CST	School of Engineering	P	BSc (Hons) in Electrical Power Engineering	STEM
Nyarugeng	UG	CST	School of Engineering	P	BSc (Hons) in Electronics & Telecom Engineering	STEM
Nyarugeng	UG	CST	School of Engineering	P	BSc (Hons) in Transport Engineering	STEM
Nyarugeng	UG	CST	School of Architecture and Built Environment	P	BSc (Hons) in Architecture	STEM
Nyarugeng	UG	CST	School of Architecture and Built Environment	P	BSc (Hons) in Geography [all options]	STEM
Nyarugeng	UG	CST	School of Science	P	BSc (Hons) in Chemistry	STEM
Nyarugeng	UG	CST	School of Science	P	BSc (Hons) in Mathematics [all]	STEM
Gikondo Campus						
Gikondo	UG	CBE	CBE	H	Undergraduate programs	
Gikondo	UG	CBE	School of Business	P	BSc (Hons) in Accounting	NON-STEM



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Gikondo	UG	CBE	School of Economics	P	BSc (Hons) in Applied Statistics	STEM
Gikondo	UG	CBE	School of Business	P	BBA (Hons) in Finance	NON-STEM
Gikondo	UG	CBE	School of Business	P	BBA (Hons) in Procurement, Logistics and Supply Chain Management	NON-STEM
Gikondo	UG	CBE	School of Business	P	BSc (Hons) in Transport Management	NON-STEM
Gikondo	UG	CBE	School of Business	P	BSc (Hons) in Business Information Technology	STEM
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Busogo	UG	CAVM	CAVM	H	Undergraduate programs	
Busogo	UG	CAVM	School of Agriculture and Food Science	P	BSc (Hons) in Crop Production	STEM
Busogo	UG	CAVM	School of Agriculture and Food Science	P	BSc (Hons) in Food Science & Technology	STEM
Busogo	UG	CAVM	School of Agriculture and Food Science	P	BSc (Hons) in Horticulture	STEM
Huye	Huye	Huye	Huye	H	Huye	Huye
Huye	UG	CST	CST	H	Undergraduate programs	
Huye	UG	CST	School of ICT	P	BSc (Hons) in Computer Science	STEM
Huye	UG	CST	School of ICT	P	BSc (Hons) in Computer Engineering	STEM
Huye	UG	CST	School of ICT	P	BSc (Hons) in Information Systems	
Huye	UG	CST	School of ICT	P	BSc (Hons) in Information Technology	STEM
Huye	UG	CMHS	CMHS	H	Undergraduate programs	
Huye	UG	CMHS	School of Medicine and Pharmacy	P	Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery	STEM
Huye	UG	CMHS	School of Medicine and Pharmacy	P	BSc (Hons) in Pharmacy	STEM
Huye	UG	CMHS	School of Medicine and Pharmacy	P	BSc (Hons) in Clinical Psychology	NON-STEM
Huye	UG	CBE	CBE	H	Undergraduate programs	
Huye	UG	CBE	School of Business	P	BSc (Hons) in Accounting	NON-STEM
Huye	UG	CBE	School of Business	P	BSc (Hons) in Finance	NON-STEM
Huye	UG	CBE	School of Economics	P	BSc (Hons) in Applied Statistics	STEM
Huye	UG	CBE	School of Economics	P	BSc (Hons) in Economics [Monetary Economics]	NON-STEM
Huye	UG	CASS	CASS	H	Undergraduate programs	
Huye	UG	CASS	School of Journalism and Communication.	P	BA (Hons) in Creative Design	STEM

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Huye	UG	CASS	School of Arts and Languages	P	BA (Hons) in Modern Languages [Translation and Interpreting]	NON-STEM
Huye	UG	CASS	School of Law	P	Bachelor of Law with Honours	NON-STEM
Huye	UG	CASS	School of Social Sciences	P	BSOC (Hons) in Social Work	NON-STEM
Rukara	Rukara	Rukara	Rukara	H	Rukara	Rukara
Rukara	UG	CE	CE	H	Undergraduate programs	
Rukara	UG	CE	School of Education	P	BEd (Hons) - Mathematics and Computer Science [Secondary]	STEM
Rukara	UG	CE	School of Education	P	BEd (Hons) - Physics and Chemistry [Secondary]	STEM
Rukara	UG	CE	School of Inclusive and Special Needs Education	P	BEd (Hons) - Special Needs & Math [PTE]	STEM
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Done in Kigali,^{12th}May 2022


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