



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO STUDY MASTER OF ARTS IN DEVELOPMENT  
STUDIES PROGRAMME AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RWANDA– COLLEGE OF  
ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

The Management of the University of Rwanda is pleased to invite interested and qualified candidates to apply to study Master of Arts in Development Studies programme for academic year **2019-2020 April intake**. The programme offers solid and balanced academic and professional training in theory and practice for Development studies. The students are guided to develop a critical understanding of major debates, theories, and design strategic interventions. They also acquire skills to analyse the issues and to design and assess development interventions aimed at tackling these issues. An essential part of this process is to develop skills in research methodology, which is applied in a research paper prepared as a requirement for the Masters Degree. Graduates often choose careers in local government, various government ministries, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, private sector companies, banks, consultancy firms, and in Academia. It will be taught weekends in Huye Campus and Gikondo Campus, Kigali. The duration of the programme is four semesters (2 years).

**I. Criteria for Admission:**

1. An Upper 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Honours Degree, or equivalent meritorious academic record, or,
2. A Lower 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Honours Degree (or equivalent) with minimum of three years' work in a Development-related field
3. Computer literacy is essential
4. English Proficiency is required
5. For further details on minimum admission requirements, refer to the UR General Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Studies  
<https://ur.ac.rw/documents/academics/GENERAL%20ACADEMIC%20REGULATIONS%20FOR%20POSTGRADUATE%20STUDIES.pdf>

**II. Key Dates for this call**

- a. Opening of online application process 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2020
- b. Closing of online application process: 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020
- c. Selection process and Admission process: up to April 5<sup>th</sup> 2020
- d. Opening of registration process: 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2020
- e. Starting date of the programme: 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020







### III. Documents Required for Application:

1. A cover letter addressed to the Director of UR CPGS motivating applicant's interest to join the program
2. Detailed curriculum vitae
3. Notarized degree or equivalent from HEC
4. Notarized academic transcripts
5. Two recommendation letters from academic referees who are knowledgeable about the applicant,
6. Copy of National identity card or Passport

### IV. Application process

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**". Please keep this ID Number as it will be your ID identification for all transactions at UR.
4. 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.)
5. **Candidates are requested to submit all required documents by using the link [pgfile.ur.ac.rw/pgfile/findme.php](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 submissions succeed, 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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*Done at Kigali on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020*

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