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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO STUDY MASTER PROGRAMMES AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF RWANDA– COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SOCIAL  
SCIENCES ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023  
SEPTEMBER INTAKE**

The University of Rwanda, College of Arts and Social Sciences, School of Governance, Development and Society is offering two master programmes – The **Master of Arts in Development Studies** and a **Master of Social Science in Local Governance Studies**. The school is pleased to invite interested and qualified candidates to apply for one of the two mentioned master programmes **2022-2023 September intake**. Both programmes offer a solid and balanced academic and professional training in theory and practice. Students are guided to develop a critical understanding of major debates, theories, and design strategic interventions.

Those who wish to apply for the **Master of Arts in Development Studies** acquire skills to analyse development issues and to design and assess development interventions aiming at tackling contemporary issues; and

Those who would apply for the **Master of Social Sciences in local governance studies** acquire knowledge and skills allowing them to understand and seek ways to resolve contemporary challenges in local government administration and management; apply relevant theories in analyzing local governance problems and developing responses relevant for national development; and cultivate and nurture in them the culture of transparency, accountability, efficiency, effectiveness, and competence in public service delivery.

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 Master's 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. Both are weekend programmes in the main building at Gikondo Campus, Kigali.

The duration of the programmes is three semesters (18 months). The first two semesters are dedicated to coursework and the final is for research and thesis writing. The possible extension is of one semester (6 months) maximum.



## I. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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 two years' work in a development/governance-related field
3. A computer literacy is essential
4. A good command of the English Language is compulsory
5. For further details on minimum admission requirements, refer to the UR policy for Postgraduate programs.

## II. Key dates

1. Closing of online application process: 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

## III. Required documents for application

1. A cover letter indicating for which program of study the application is being made and description of the motivation 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. Selection criteria

The selection of candidates will be done basing on the assessment of the documents submitted by the applicants. Only applicants who meet the entry requirement indicated above and who will have submitted all the required documents will be invited to have an entry exam, Candidate(s) who will have passed successfully the entry exam will be recommended for admission.

## V. Funding

Candidates are encouraged to apply for scholarships elsewhere or can be self-sponsored.

## VI. Application Process

Go to UR Website ([www.ur.ac.rw](http://www.ur.ac.rw))

Go to Admission, Applicant Portal and click to ([New Application](#))



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*

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. 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 cannot go to the next step.**

#### VII. Further Information

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

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**Done at Kigali, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**



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