Call for applications to study PhD by Research in ICT at the University of Rwanda (UR), College of Science and Technology

The Management of the University of Rwanda (UR) wishes to invite interested and qualified candidates to apply for the PhD by research in ICT offered at the School of ICT, College of Science and Technology.

I. Why choose a Postgraduate programme at the College of Science and Technology, School of ICT?

PhD by research in ICT with option in Computer Science programme and PhD by research in ICT with option in Software Engineering programme are two PhD programmes under the school of ICT developed to help students to produce high quality research that advances the state of the art in the field of computer science. Our programmes attract students with deep grounding in Computer Science to conduct research projects under the direction of faculty mentors and culminating in the defence of a doctoral dissertation. The role of PhD student involves in the production of dissemination material (i.e. high-quality scientific publications, reports) towards fulfilling the PhD degree requirements. The programme is designed to provide broad training with an international scope in several areas of Computer Science to prepare students for leadership careers in research and interdisciplinary work using computer science. We offer a dynamic and internationally-focused environment in order to help students to advance their PhD researches. The successful candidates will have the opportunities to work on the undergoing research projects when necessary and also to operate as part of our research teams.

II. Programmes, entry requirements, duration and mode of attendance

Program Title	Entry Requirements	Duration	Mode of attendance
PhD by research in ICT (Option in Software Engineering) PHD by research in ICT (Option in Computer Science)	To be considered for admission to the PhD by research in ICT, applicants should hold a master's degree in any of engineering or ICT related fields such as computer science, computer engineering, Information Technology, Electronics and Communication Engineering. The applicants should hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum of Second Class Upper division or equivalent.	3 - 4 years	Full-time PhD Programme by research, publications and thesis; Professional Development courses and seminars will be offered

III. College and Campus offering programmes: College of Science and Technology/ School of ICT, Nyarugenge Campus.

IV. Payments and fee structure for postgraduate studies:

The University fees structure is available on the website www.ur.ac.rw under the academic section: https://ur.ac.rw/?Fee-structure-and-payment-information

V. Scholarships and other financial support opportunities:

✓ There will be an opportunity to apply for Higher Education Council (HEC) for Government of Rwanda Loan;

Note: Female candidates both national and international are strongly encouraged to apply.

VI. Key dates for this call:

1. **Application deadline:** Applications for admission into PhD by Research are received continuously across the year.

2. **Outcome of Selection and admission process**: Application documents should be submitted via UR online application portal, and the admission letters for successful applicants will be available not later than one-month time after the receipt of the application documents.

3. **Registration period**: Admitted candidates shall proceed with the online registration or at CST Registrar's office.

4. **Commencement**: After the registration processes.

VII.   Application process

6. Go to UR Website (www.ur.ac.rw)

7. Go to Admission, Applicant Portal and click to (New Application)

8. 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.

9. 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.)

10. Candidates are requested to submit all required documents by using the link: pgfile.ur.ac.rw/pgfile/findme.php

N.B:

- **All documents must be in PDF**
- **If all required documents are not submitted, you are failed to go to the next step**
- **When your submission succeeds, you will find a message in your email box.**

VIII.   Documents required for application:

1. A cover letter addressed to the Director of UR CPGS indicating for which programme of study the application is being made and the motivation to join the programme

2. Notarized BSc, MSc Degrees and transcripts (Equivalence from HEC will be required for degrees obtained out of Rwanda)

3. Copy of your ID or Passport

4. Updated CV

5. Two recommendation letters from academic referees who are knowledgeable about the applicant.

6. Sponsorship letter from an organization (if any)

7. Applicants from countries where English is not the language of instruction at higher education must provide an English Proficiency Certificate from a relevant body or institution.

8. PhD research concept note of a maximum of 3000 words.

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

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