



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MASTERS IN HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

The University of Rwanda (UR) through its *Centre of Excellence for Vaccines, Immunization and Health Supply Chain Management (EAC RCE-VIHSCM)* is offering Masters program in Health Supply Chain Management.

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 9th Ordinary Meeting of the EAC Sectoral Council of Ministers of Health, held on 17th 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:

1. The Republic of Kenya to host the “East African Community Regional Kidney Institute (EACKI)”;
2. The United Republic of Tanzania to host the “East African Community Regional Heart Institute (EACHI)”;
3. The Republic of Uganda to host the “East African Community Regional Cancer Institute (EACCI)”;
4. The Republic of Burundi to host the proposed “East African Community Regional Nutritional Sciences Institute (EACNSI)”;
5. 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 29th 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 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:

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

The current call for application

The Master's Programme is currently running its 4th cohort, having graduated the inaugural cohort in 2019. The RCE is now calling for new applications for scholarship for the 5th Cohort for public servants from the Republic of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania (Mainland and Zanzibar) and the Republic of Uganda. If recommended by their governments, they will be offered a fully sponsored scholarship. New applications for self-sponsored candidates are also welcome. The 2022-2024 Intake is expected to start in September 2022.

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





I. Entry requirements

The programme targets participants with:

At least a bachelor's degree or equivalent in Pharmacy, Public Health, Procurement, Logistics, Supply Chain, Nursing, or any other related health field. A Minimum of at least two years' relevant work experience in the area of HSCM at mid or senior management level is mandatory.

II. Key dates for this call

Applications should be submitted **no later than Sunday 31st July 2022.**

III. Required documents for application

1. A cover letter which should contain the candidate's motivation to join the program
2. Detailed curriculum vitae
3. Copies of Notarized academic certificates (Notarized hard copies will be required before Registration)
4. Copies of Notarised academic transcripts (Original/notarized transcripts will be required before registration)
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

IV. Selection criteria

The selection will be done by assessment of submitted documents. Only applicants who meet the entry requirements indicated above and who have submitted all the required documents will be considered for admission.

V. Funding/SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Self-sponsored candidates are encouraged to apply and will be given high priority. However, the EAC RCE-VIHSCM has reserved scholarships for students from EAC Partner States public institutions. Once selected, highly deserving applicants from EAC Partner States are ranked for scholarship award based on quota system. Other variables include gender, age limit of not more than 45 years, disability, geographical equity, and distribution of human resources for health in a country.





VI. Application process and course fees

1. Go to UR Website (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), leave the page and open the link below.
5. **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 cannot go to the next step

When your submission succeeds, you will find a message in your email box.

6. For those who will have been selected to undertake the program, **Registration fee** is FRW 95,000 for Rwandan and EAC candidates, and FRW 114,000 for other International Student) payable at University of Rwanda account number **00094-0651934-37** opened in the **Bank of Kigali (Swift Code BKIGRWRW)**.
7. **The tuition fee is Euros 6,000 payable in two instalments at UR-CMHS account 00094-0651934-37 opened in the Bank of Kigali (Swift Code BKIGRWRW). Payments will be made before starting each academic year.**

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

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