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**Call for applications to study Master of Education in Biology Education,  
Chemistry Education, Mathematics Education and Physics Education  
programmes  
Academic year 2020/2021  
April intake**

The management of the University of Rwanda (UR) through its African Centre of Excellence for Innovative Teaching and Learning Mathematics and Science (ACEITLMS) at the College of Education (UR-CE) is pleased to invite interested and qualified candidates for applications in the following Master of Education programmes:

1. Master of Education in Biology Education
2. Master of Education in Chemistry Education
3. Master of Education in Mathematics Education
4. Master of Education in Physics Education

The ACEITLMS is one of the four African Centres of Excellence (ACEs) of the ACE II Project hosted at UR under a partnership between the Government of Rwanda and the World Bank to strengthen higher education by delivering quality postgraduate education and building collaborative research capacity in the Eastern and Southern Africa region. The core aim of ACEITLMS is to strengthen human capacity in the delivery of quality teaching and learning of mathematics and science in Rwanda and across the region, in partnership with regional and international higher learning institutions through the three main activities namely (i) teaching and learning, (ii) research and training, and (iii) community engagement.

For teaching and learning, the Centre is running PhD and MEd programmes in Science and Mathematics Education whose graduates are expected to bring innovation in the teaching and learning of Science and Mathematics. In this regard, ACEITLMS calls for Applications to the above-mentioned programmes which are expected to start with the academic year 2020-2021.



## I. Programme, entry requirements, duration, and mode of attendance

To be admitted to the MEd programmes, candidates should have an undergraduate degree with Honours in one of the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics Education with upper second class or equivalent.

For Bachelor's degree holders in Mathematics or Science without Education, they should have either one of the following: (i) a Postgraduate Diploma in Education, or (ii) At least 5 years teaching experience in science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) and mathematics.

As English is the language of instruction at UR, candidates should demonstrate sufficient English proficiency to undertake a master's level work.

N.B: Degree obtained outside Rwanda should obtain equivalence in respect to the Rwanda National Qualification Framework which can be submitted while applying or before completing 1<sup>st</sup> semester (6 months)

The program is in modular system by coursework and dissertation to be **offered during the weekends** in a blended mode. The program will be delivered at Remera Campus, Kigali for a period of maximum two years (four semesters) starting in April 2021.

## II. Key dates for this call

1. Closing of online application process: **5<sup>th</sup> March 2021**
2. Registration period of admitted candidates: **22<sup>nd</sup> March -24<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

## III. Required documents for application.

1. A cover letter indicating for which programme of study the application is being made and description of the motivation to join the programme
2. A recent passport sized photograph and copy of ID or Passport;
3. Notarized Undergraduate Degree or equivalence from HEC and transcripts;
4. Updated CV;



5. Two Recommendation Letters from Academic referees who are knowledgeable about the applicant;
6. Sponsorship letter from an organization (if any);

N.B: Candidates who were admitted from the last call for applications (at the ACEITLMS) but not selected for financial support who wish to take any of these programmes on a self-sponsored basis can just submit their request to the ACEITLMS ([aceitlms@ur.ac.rw](mailto:aceitlms@ur.ac.rw)/ [wreceitlms@gmail.com](mailto:wreceitlms@gmail.com)) without re-application.

#### IV. Selected criteria

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

#### IV. Funding

Selected and admitted applicants will be self-sponsored to attend the programme as ACEITLMS does not provide funding for the weekend programmes. Therefore, if admitted, candidates will be encouraged to apply for any possible external funding.

See the university fee structure for the cost of Masters programmes in STEM accessible from University of Rwanda's website:

[https://ur.ac.rw/IMG/pdf/fees\\_structure\\_2018\\_2019\\_combined-pivote.pdf](https://ur.ac.rw/IMG/pdf/fees_structure_2018_2019_combined-pivote.pdf)

#### V. Application process

1. Go to UR Website ([www.ur.ac.rw](http://www.ur.ac.rw))
2. Go to Admission, Application Portal and click to ([New Application](#))
3. Fill the **Biographical Form** and click (**Save**) at the end you will get "**Your Students' ID Reference Number**". Please keep this ID Number as it will be your ID identification for all transaction 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 cannot go to the next step.**
- **When your submission succeeds, you will find a message in your inbox.**

*Female candidates and applicants with disabilities are encouraged to apply*

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