



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO STUDY MASTERS AND PhD PROGRAM IN GENDER STUDIES, ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022 SEPTEMBER INTAKE

The University of Rwanda, College of Arts and Social Sciences through its Centre for Gender Studies (CGS) is offering three Postgraduate studies programs – The **Master of Social Sciences in Gender and Development**, **PhD by research in Gender Studies**, and **PhD by research in Gender and Development**.

The duration of the Master's program 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 one semester (6 months) maximum.

The duration of the two PhD programs is 3 years for Full-time students and 4 years for part-time students. The possible extension is one year (12 months) maximum for both PhD programs.

### I. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

#### A. Master's Program

1. Having a Bachelor degree with honours in any discipline with a minimum of second 2nd class lower division (60% and above);
2. Satisfy admission committee through interview;
3. Track record of knowledge and experience in or contribution to gender is an added advantage.

#### B. PhD Programs

1. Having a master's degree (Level 6 in the Rwandan qualification framework)
2. Demonstrate ability in English to undertake PhD programme
3. Satisfy admission committee through interview;
4. Having master's or Bachelor with honours degree in social science or humanities related field
5. Track record of knowledge and experience in or contribution to gender is an added advantage

### II. KEY DATES FOR THIS CALL

Closing of online application process: August 15, 2021



### III. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICATION

#### A. Master's Program

1. An application letter addressed to the Director of UR CPGS indicating for which program of study the application is being made and description of the motivation to join the program;
2. Notarized Undergraduate Degree or Equivalence from Higher Education Council (HEC) for degrees acquired outside of Rwanda; applicants can apply for equivalence online (provide the link) or do so when they arrive in Rwanda. No student shall be allowed to continue to study after 6 months without submitting the equivalence issued by HEC (Those who have degree from abroad)
3. Updated curriculum vitae
4. National ID or Passport
5. Recommendation letters from at least two academic referees who are knowledgeable about the applicant
6. English proficiency certificate from a relevant body or institution for applicants who graduated in countries where English is not the language of instruction.

#### B. PhD Programs

1. An application letter addressed to the Director of UR CPGS indicating for which program of study the application is being made and description of the motivation to join the program
2. Updated curriculum vitae
3. Notarized Undergraduate Degree or Equivalence from Higher Education Council (HEC) for degrees acquired outside of Rwanda; applicants can apply for equivalence online (provide the link) or do so when they arrive in Rwanda. No student shall be allowed to continue to study after 6 months without submitting the equivalence issued by HEC (Those who have degree(s) from abroad)
4. Recommendation letters from at least two academic referees who are knowledgeable about the applicant.
5. Copies of a valid identification card and/or passport.
6. Sponsorship letter from an organization (if any).
7. Applicants whose Master's degree was studied in a language other than English shall provide proof of English proficiency from a relevant and accredited body or institution.
8. Research Concept Note relevant to the PhD degree sought.
9. Master's Thesis abstract

### IV. SELECTION CRITERIA

Completeness and accuracy of required documents (see previous section)



## V. FUNDING

The Centre will not provide scholarships. 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.**
- **When your submission succeeds, a message will be sent to your e-mail box.**

## VII. Further Information

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

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