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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO STUDY MASTERS AND PhD  
PROGRAM IN GENDER**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024  
SEPTEMBER INTAKE**

The University of Rwanda through its College of Arts and Social Sciences, the Centre for Gender Studies (CGS) is offering Post Graduates Study programs – **The Master of Social Sciences in Gender and Development, and PhD by Research in Gender Studies and PhD by Research in Gender and Development**

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

The duration of the Master's program is three semesters (18 months). The first two semesters are dedicated to coursework (evening program) and the final is for research and thesis writing.

**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 advantage

**B. PhD Program**

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 honour's degree in social science or humanities related field
5. Track record of knowledge and experience in or contribution to gender is an advantage

**II. Key dates for this call**

*Closing of online application process: July 15, 2023*



### III. Required documents for application

#### A. Master's Program

1. 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 for 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 for Gender Studies will not provide scholarship. Candidates are encouraged to apply for scholarships elsewhere or can be self-sponsored

#### VI. Application process

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

*For any additional information, clarifications or inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact the Gender Program Officer, e-mail: [didos.nkuru@gmail.com](mailto:didos.nkuru@gmail.com) Tel: 0788672822 or Ms. Gashayija Gloriose, email: [ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw](mailto:ur-cpgscholarship@ur.ac.rw), Tel: + 250 788 442 047.*

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