CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MASTERS IN HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (HSCM)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024
SEPTEMBER INTAKE

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*). The Republic of Rwanda was mandated 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; from15 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.

The EAC RCE-VIHSCM is currently running its 4th and 5th cohort, having graduated 2 cohorts and yet to graduate the 3rd cohort of the MHSCM. The RCE is now calling for new applications for the 6th Cohort for public servants from the Republic of Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, 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. A maximum of 4 places are reserved for successful private applicants who have the financial means to sponsor themselves.

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

The Master's programme in Health Supply Chain Management (HSCM) is a two-year programme delivered under a blended learning approach to cater for in-service status of students. Studies are organized through face-to-face (on site) learning, off campus learning, field placement and dissertation writing.

- **The entry requirements are:**

A bachelor's degree or equivalent in Medicine, Pharmacy, Public Health, Procurement, Logistics, Supply Chain or Nursing. Applicants should be working in health sector with 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

The 2023-2025 Intake is expected to start in September 2023. Application deadline: July 31, 2023

III. Required documents for application

All applicants are required to submit the following:

1. A cover letter addressed to the Director of UR CPGS which should contain the candidate's motivation to join the program
2. Detailed curriculum vitae
3. Copies of academic certificates (Notarized copies will be required before admission)
4. Copies of academic transcripts (Original/notarized transcripts will be required before admission)
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 through the assessment of submitted documents. Only applicants who meet the entry requirements indicated above and who have submitted all the required documents will be selected. Candidates recommended by their governments will be offered a fully sponsored scholarship. Self-sponsored candidates are encouraged to apply and will be given high priority.

V. Funding/Scholarship Award

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 to cover the tuition fee, return air ticket and stipend during the face to face lectures. The scholarship will be offered based on quota system/equal number of students per each EAC Member State. Other variables include gender, age limit of not more than 45 years, disability, and distribution of human resources for health in a country. A maximum of 4 places are reserved for successful private applicants who have the financial means to sponsor themselves.

VI. Application process

1. Go to UR Website (www.ur.ac.rw)
2. Go to Admission, Applicant Portal, and click on (New Application)
3. Fill out 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
6. Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QCT8TZ5

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 EAC RCE-VIHSCM at email: director.rcevihscm@ur.ac.rw, Tel: 078302783.

Done at Kigali, on........./............2023

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