



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO STUDY MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 APRIL INTAKE

The University of Rwanda, in collaboration with European Universities and the EU through the Kwigira program with financial support from Bank of Kigali (BK) Foundation, is pleased to announce the availability of 27 partial scholarship Master's positions in biotechnology in the areas of health, environment, agriculture, and veterinary medicine. Interested and qualified candidates are invited to apply for these programs.

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

| Entry Requirements | Duration | Mode of attendance |
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| <p>To apply for this program, the applicant must have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">At least a bachelor's degree in medicine or a Bachelor's degree in Life Sciences, including Biomedical Lab Sciences and Pharmacy (area of health), Bachelor's degree in Biotechnology, Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry, or related fields.Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Medicine, Animal Science, Bachelor's degree in Agriculture, or related fields.Ability to speak, write, and understand English language.Aptitude to comply with the postgraduate regulations of the University of Rwanda.Rwandan by nationality.Having at least one peer-reviewed publication in the above-mentioned field is an added value. | 2 years | Theoretical and practical classes are conducted daily at UR College of Science and Technology (CST), Nyarugenge Campus. |

II. Key dates for this call

- Closing of the online application process: **February 27th, 2026 (at 5:00 pm)**
- Interviews and starting dates: To be communicated



III. Required documents for application

The interested candidates should submit the following documents:

1. Cover letter with a description of the motivation to join the program, addressed to the UR Director of the Centre for Postgraduate Studies.
2. Updated Curriculum Vitae.
3. Copy of National ID or Passport.
4. Undergraduate degree or equivalence from High Education Council (HEC) for degrees acquired outside of Rwanda.
5. Copies of undergraduate academic certificates (Notarized copies will be required before admission)
6. Copies of undergraduate academic transcripts (Original/notarized transcripts will be required before admission).
7. Professional license for those in applicable fields.
8. Two recommendation letters, one from academic senior staff and one from the employer (if applicable) or relevant supervisor.
9. Working certificate, if any.

IV. Selection criteria

The selection will be done through the strict assessment of submitted documents. Only applicants who meet the entry requirements indicated above and who have submitted all the required documents will be shortlisted, then successful candidates will be invited for an oral interview. Twenty-five students with the highest marks will be selected and admitted to the programme.

V. Funding

This master's in biotechnology will be implemented by the University of Rwanda in close collaboration with European Universities and the EU through the Kwigira programme with financial support from the Bank of Kigali (BK) foundation. The tuition fee of the students admitted will be fully covered. The program will not cover the stipend, and students will be responsible for their living and other related costs.

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 **Link:**
<https://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.
- ✓ A candidate should submit only one application.

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

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