



Call for Application for 5 Master's Scholarships in Educational Technology at the University of Rwanda – College of Education

1. Background

The University of Rwanda – College of Education (UR-CE), through its Department of Mathematics and Science Education, with financial support from the Transformative Higher Education and Lifelong Learning for Sustainable Growth (TELLS) initiative, has secured funds to support capacity development in higher education and research.

In this regard, five (5) scholarships for the Master of Educational Technology are hereby advertised to eligible and motivated candidates. The scholarships aim to build a critical mass of experts in Educational Technology who will contribute to digital transformation and sustainable growth in Rwanda's education system.

2. Project Description

The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) has supported North–South–South university partnerships through the Norwegian Programme for Capacity Development in Higher Education and Research for Development (NORHED), launched in 2012.

In 2021, a five-year project (2021–2026) titled “*Transformative Higher Education and Lifelong Learning for Sustainable Growth (TELLS)*” was signed between NORAD and the University of Agder. For the implementation of the TELLs project, the later university also signed a collaboration agreement with partner universities, including the University of Rwanda. The TELLs project focuses on strengthening higher education and research capacity in areas including:

- Lifelong learning
- New certificate and qualification structures
- Digital inclusion and diversity
- Gender equality
- 21st-century soft skills
- Artificial intelligence in education
- Innovative pedagogical models
- Virtual student and staff exchanges
- Digital-age education policies

3. Funding

The program will receive partial funding (tuition fees) from the TELLs initiative under NORAD support, coordinated by the project leadership at UR-CE.



4. Application Requirements

This call only targets admitted candidates under the Master of Educational Technology at the University of Rwanda – College of Education, **September 2025 intake**. Applicants must demonstrate strong motivation to contribute to innovation in digital education, research, and higher education transformation aligned with the TELLs agenda.

4.1 Eligibility

In addition to being admitted to the program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be admitted to the Master of Educational Technology, UR-CE, September 2025 intake
- Be a Rwandan citizen
- UR's permanent staff shall be given priority
- Demonstrate ability to think and work independently and in teams
- Show strong interest in digital transformation, AI in education, and lifelong learning
- Be ready to adhere to UR scholarship management policies and regulations

In reference to the *Policy and Procedures for Scholarship Awards at UR (October 2022)*:

- Male applicants above **35 years of age** are not eligible for the Master's scholarship
- Female applicants above **40 years of age** are not eligible for the Master's scholarship

In line with the University of Rwanda's gender policy and commitment to bridging gender gaps in academia, qualified female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

5. Application Files

5.1 Key Documents to Be Submitted

Applicants must submit the following:

- An application letter addressed to the Director of the Centre of Postgraduate Studies, University of Rwanda
- A motivation statement detailing commitment, statement of goals, research interests aligned with TELLs themes, and reasons for applying
- An updated CV (maximum two pages), including contact details and names of three referees with full contact information
- Proof of admission to the Master of Educational Technology (September 2025 intake)
- Copy of national ID (proof of Rwandan citizenship)
- Academic transcripts and degree certificates
- Any other relevant professional certificates (if available)



6. Selection

Selection among eligible candidates will be competitive and merit-based, considering:

- Academic performance and research potential
- Alignment of research interests with TELLS thematic priorities
- Evidence of innovation and digital competence
- Leadership potential and contribution to higher education transformation
- Communication and collaboration skills

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview focusing on:

- Analytical and critical thinking skills
- Research design and methodological maturity
- Ability to complete studies within the specified timeframe
- Commitment to institutional and national development

7. Important Dates

Application deadline: Applicants must submit all required documents no later than **15th April 2026**.

8. How to Apply

All application files must be submitted in soft copy (zipped folder) and sent to:

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