

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO STUDY MASTERS PROGRAMME AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RWANDA- COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Management of the University of Rwanda is pleased to invite interested and qualified candidates to apply to study Master of Arts in Development Studies programme 2019-2020 September intake. The programme offers solid and balanced academic and professional training in theory and practice for Development studies. The students are guided to develop a critical understanding of major debates, theories, and design strategic interventions. They also acquire skills to analyse the issues and to design and assess development interventions aimed at tackling these issues. An essential part of this process is to develop skills in research methodology, which is applied in a research paper prepared as a requirement for the Masters Degree. Graduates often choose careers in local government, various government ministries, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, private sector companies, banks, consultancy firms, and in Academia. It will be taught weekends in Huye and Kigali.

Duration of the programme: Four semesters. The first three semesters are dedicated to learn through courses and the final 4<sup>th</sup> semester is for research and thesis writing.

#### Criteria for Admission:

- 1. An Upper 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Honours Degree, or equivalent meritorious academic record, or,
- 2. A Lower 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Honours Degree (or equivalent) with minimum of three years' work in a Development-related field
- 3. Computer literacy is essential
- 4. Good command of the English Language
- 5. For further details on minimum admission requirements, refer to the UR policy for Postgraduate programs.

## Key Dates for this call

- 1. Opening of online application process 26th April, 2019
- 2. Closing of online application process: 6th June, 2019
- 3. Selection process and Admission process: 10th June 10th July, 2019
- 4. Opening of registration process: 10th July, 2019
- 5. Closing of registration process: 10th August, 2019
- 6. Starting date of the programme: 16th September, 2019



### **Documents Required for Application:**

- 1. A cover letter indicating for which program of study the application is being made and description of the motivation to join the program
- 2. Detailed curriculum vitae
- 3. Notarized degree or equivalent from HEC
- 4. Notarized academic transcripts
- 5. Proof of payment of the admission fee (10,000 FRW for Rwandan and EAC candidates and 12000 FRW for International Student non-refundable )
- 6. Two recommendation letters from academic referees who are knowledgeable about the applicant,
- 7. Copy of National identity card or Passport

### **Application process**

- 1. Go to UR CPGS Webpage (<u>www.postgraduate.ur.ac.rw</u>) by clicking on the link <u>UR</u>

  <u>Center Postgraduate Studies</u> on UR Website (<u>www.ur.ac.rw</u>)
- 2. Go to Students Portal and click to (New Application)
- Fill the Biographical Form and click (Save) at the end you will get "Your Student ID Reference Number" and create PIN.
- 4. Please keep this ID Number as it will be your ID identification for your study and all transactions at UR
- Go to the Bank and pay your application fees using your create student
  Reference Number (10,000 FRW for Rwandan and EAC candidates and 12000 FRW for
  International Student)
- 6. Candidates are requested to submit a **soft copy in PDF format as one**document (merging all the listed documents in a single file) to the

  following email <a href="mailto:twizevecha@gmail.com">twizevecha@gmail.com</a> with a copy to <a href="mailto:jhahirwa@gmail.com">jhahirwa@gmail.com</a>,

  Postgraduate Coordinator and <a href="mailto:admissions.pgs@ur.ac.rw">admissions.pgs@ur.ac.rw</a> (please make sure folder is your reference Number)

#### COLLEGE ACCOUNT TO BE USED DURING APPLICATION

NAME OF ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NUMBER	BANK NAME
UR INTERNAL REVENUES	00094-0651928-43	BANK OF KIGALI

SWIFT CODE: BKIGRWRW

NB: APPLICANTS SHOULD USE THEIR ID NUMBERS AND THEIR FULL NAMES DURING APPLICATION

For any additional information, clarifications or inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact: The school coordinator; email: <a href="mailto:jhahirwa@gmail.com">jhahirwa@gmail.com</a> Tel: 0788503090

Or

Postgraduate studies officer; email: jmutaganda@ur.ac.rw: Tel: 0786147759

Done at Kigali, 25th April, 2019

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