



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO STUDY MASTERS PROGRAMMES
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RWANDA –COLLEGE OF ARTS AND
SOCIAL SCIENCE/CENTER FOR CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (CCM)

The Management of the University of Rwanda is pleased to invite interested and qualified candidates to apply to study Masters offered in the College of Arts and Social Sciences through its Center for Conflict Management (CCM), in the following mentioned programmes:

1. *M.A degree program in Genocide Studies and Prevention*
2. *M.A degree program in Peace Studies and Conflict Transformation in collaboration with the School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg, Sweden*

I. Program Rationale: MA in Genocide Studies and Prevention

The Genocide Studies and Prevention Program is a graduate level (Masters) program that provides candidates with an understanding of the complexities of genocide, the history of various cases of genocide, the intricacies and complexity vis-à-vis the prevention of and interventions in response to genocide, challenges and complexities faced by post-genocide societies. As a society that suffered from genocide just twenty six years ago, Rwanda has an understandable interest in the issue of genocide – its antecedents, approaches of prevention and intervention, the post-genocide reconstruction, etc. In light of the recent history of Rwanda, there seems to be few better places in the world to house a Genocide Studies Program than in Rwanda. Throughout many of the courses, the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda will be addressed, offered for comparative purposes. Indeed, such a master's program is the ideal in Rwanda, as a nation still in the process of recovering from the 1994 Tutsi genocide and continues to face immense problems resulting from the genocide (including genocide ideology, bringing alleged perpetrators to trial, providing for the social, educational and health needs of survivors of genocide...), and reconciliation of Rwandans, as well as national unity.

The graduates of the masters program in the Genocide Studies and Prevention Program are well suited to serve as consultants to the Rwandan government on genocide-related issues, on matters of commemoration and memory, and to international and nongovernmental organizations concerned with the prevention of and intervention against genocide. Ideally, the top graduates of the Masters Degree in Genocide Studies and Prevention are also hired to serve as instructors/professors within the program. Graduates of the program are also ideal candidates to pursue doctoral degrees in such fields as international relations, international humanitarian law, political science, history as well as Peace, Conflict and Security Studies. This, in turn, will prepare them to pursue careers as academics in universities, consultants to





international and nongovernmental organizations, and directors of projects within non-governmental organizations.

An ever-increasing number of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) are hiring individuals who have an expertise in genocide prevention and intervention. Such individuals will also be ideal candidates for possible positions with human rights organizations, conflict resolution organizations, and peace building organizations. For individuals to be top candidates for such positions they will need to be well versed in such areas as conflict management, humanitarian law, and peacemaking and peace building, all of which are germane to the issues of the prevention of and intervention against genocide. Significantly, the Masters Degree in Genocide Studies and Prevention Program at the University of Rwanda is the first program of its kind on the African continent.

II. Program Rationale: MA in Peace Studies and Conflict Transformation

The African Great Lakes Region in general and Rwanda in particular is victim of socio-ethnic and political upheavals and conflicts that have been undermining peace processes and development initiatives within the respective communities. The long-term vision of the program is to provide students with the analytical and methodological tools that can contribute to build capacities to make this region safer and peaceful. The Centre for Conflict Management (CCM) of the University of Rwanda embarks on regional policy programs especially in the fields of peace and conflict transformation. The Master's Program in Peace Studies and Conflict transformation supports academicians; stakeholders and other decision makers in the areas of Peace, Conflict and Development to get useful knowledge in order to fully accomplish their tasks to contribute to a safer and prosperous Region. The Program also attracts different beneficiaries from the Great Lakes Region, Africa and worldwide to catalyze peace building initiatives and development capacities within their communities and beyond. The taught modules address topics like prospects for peace, co-existence and co-operation between peoples on top of the regular curriculum. The program also covers peaceful transformation of conflicts, diplomacy and governance strategies.

III. Details about the programs (MA in Genocide Studies and Prevention and MA in Peace Studies and Conflict Transformation)

These are two-years Master's programs. The new intakes are expected to start in April 2020 and will be offered in a modular based approach. Both programs are offered in an evening mode at Gikondo Campus (UR-Headquarters), in Kigali.





IV. Admission Criteria

Bachelor's Degree in any of the following fields: Law, Human rights, Development Studies, Conflict and Peace studies, Political Science, International Relations, Diplomacy, Public Administration, Journalism and/or Communication, History, and any other relevant field.

The closing date for applications is March 26, 2020.

V. Application process

1. Go to UR Website (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.)
5. Go to the Bank and pay your application fees using your created student ID Reference Number of (10,000 FRW for Rwandan and EAC candidates and 12,000 FRW for International Student)
6. **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 failed to go to the next step
When your submission succeed, you will find a message in your email box**

VI. Documents required for Application

1. Application letter addressed to the Director of the Centre for Postgraduate Studies, University of Rwanda
2. Detailed Curriculum Vitae





3. Copy of certified Bachelor's Degree / or equivalent documents and academic transcript
4. Copy of National Identity Card or Passport
5. Two recommendation letters from at least two academic referees
6. Proof of payment of the admission fee (10,000 FRW for Rwandan and EAC candidates and 12,000 FRW for International Student non-refundable)
7. International applicants, upon admission will provide equivalence of their certificates from Rwanda High Education Council (HEC) after 6 months.

VII. College accounts to be used during payment

NAME OF ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NUMBER	BANK NAME
UR College of Arts and Social Sciences	00094-0651928-43	BANK OF KIGALI

SWIFT CODE: BKIGRWRW

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

For any additional information, clarifications or inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact: the coordinator on Tel.: 0788303500, email: jonmugume@ur.ac.rw or jonmugume@gmail.com

Done in Kigali on 29th January, 2020

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