



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO STUDY MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMICS ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

The University of Rwanda, College of Business and Economics (CBE)—School of Economics (SoE), together with the International Partner is offering a two-year Master of Science Degree in Economics Programme. The MSc programme is designed to meet national and international demand for quantitatively oriented economists who are well-equipped to undertake thorough quantitative analysis and research to support evidence-based economic policymaking. The MSc programme accepts qualified candidates from Rwanda, East Africa, and elsewhere; in particular, candidates from public economic policy making institutions are encouraged to apply.

The German development cooperation (GIZ) has since 2019 supported the International Academic Partnership between the University of Rwanda, the Kiel University and the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, for the implementation of the SoE MSc in Economics and research programme.

Building on a quantitatively oriented first year, the MSc programme has three specializations in the second year: (i) Applied Quantitative Economics; (ii) Monetary Economics; and (iii) Development Economics. Courses will be taught during weekdays by using in-class face-to-face teaching at the CBE Gikondo Campus, in combination with (i) remote teaching by using the UR Moodle Platform-Blue Button and various forms of e-learning; and (ii) tutorials (revision& exercises with lecturers) by using both in-class face-to-face and remote sessions.

### I. Entry requirements

To be admitted, interested candidates must have:

1. Bachelor's degree with Upper Second-Class Honors or above in the BSc Economics, Mathematics, Statistics, and related fields from recognized universities.
2. Bachelor's degree in the areas mentioned above with Lower Second Class Honors and a working experience of at least 2 years.
3. Selected applicants will have the opportunity to take a four-week pre-MSc-entry (non-credited) refresher courses in Mathematics, Statistics, Econometrics, and Economics during August-September 2021. A pass-mark in the mandatory entry tests in those fields is part of the admission requirements of all applicants.

### II. Key dates for this call

1. Opening of online application process: June 3, 2021
2. Closing of online application process: July, 4, 2021
3. Notification of preliminary selection and admission to pre-entry: July, 23, 2021
4. Refresher courses: between August, 2 and September, 11, 2021
5. Opening of registration process: September, 20, 2021
6. Closing of registration process: September, 30, 2021
7. Starting date of the Program: Early October 2021



### III. Required documents for application

1. A cover letter indicating for which specialization of study the application is being made and description of the motivation to join the programme
2. A detailed curriculum vitae
3. Notarized Bachelor's degree. Applicants with bachelors from abroad must submit equivalence certificate as well.
4. Notarized transcripts
5. Copy of the National Identity Card or Passport
6. Two recommendation letters at least one from academic referee who are knowledgeable about the applicant.
7. Writing sample based on bachelor's thesis.
8. Sponsorship letter from an organization or employer (if any)
9. Applicants from countries where English is not the language of instruction in higher education must provide an English proficiency certificate from a relevant body or institution.

### IV. Selection criteria

Completeness and accuracy of required documents (see previous section)

### V. Funding

Students will sponsor themselves however students who meet all the Msc. Economics program requirements and regularly achieve good results at tests and pass modules will be given a monthly living allowance.

### VI. Application process

1. Go to UR Website ([www.ur.ac.rw](http://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), leave the page and open the link below.
5. 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 cannot go to the next step.
- When your submission succeeds, a message will be sent to your e-mail box.



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## VII. Further Information

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

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