



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PhD BY RESEARCH AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF RWANDA
ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022**

The University of Rwanda through its College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS), School of Law is pleased to invite interested and qualified candidates to submit their applications for PhD programmes by research in following fields:

- *Business Law*
- *Public International Law*
- *Human Rights*

The duration of the programme shall be for a maximum period of consecutive **Forty-Eight (48) Months**.

Current PhD programmes at the School of Law are by research, not by coursework. Thus, candidate(s) will not be required to study courses. However, upon the assessment of the School of Law or upon the recommendation of the student's supervisory committee, the candidate(s) may be requested to undertake some prerequisites courses in his/her area of research and/or the course of research methodology. In such a case, the continuation of the PhD research by the candidate would be subjected to the fact that the candidate passed successfully those courses. A candidate on his/her own initiative may also undertake to study any course deemed necessary for his/her research.

I. Entry requirements

In order to enrol for the programme, the interested candidates should:

1. Possess a Master's Degree in Law from a recognized university;
2. Show strong knowledge in his/her area of research as well as a strong proficiency in legal research;
3. Present a quality-standard research project

II. Key date for this call

Closing of applications process: 30th September 2021



III. Required documents for application

1. A motivation letter addressed to the Director for Postgraduate studies indicating why the candidate wishes to undertake a PhD at UR, his/her interest and his/her capacity to successfully complete the programme;
2. A standard and detailed PhD research project proposal;
3. A detailed curriculum vitae (CV);
4. A notarized LL.M degree or its equivalent approved by the Rwanda Higher Education Council (HEC) for foreigners;
5. Notarized academic transcripts;
6. Two recommendation letters from renown academic referees who are knowledgeable about the candidate;
7. A copy of the National Identity card or Passport of the candidate;
8. A trustworthy English proficiency certificate for applicant(s) from countries where English is not the language of instruction in higher education.

IV. Selection criteria

The selection of candidates will be in two phases: The 1st phase will consist in the assessment of the documents submitted by the applicant(s). The 2nd phase will be about assessing the academic proficiency of the applicant(s). For the purpose of this latter phase, the applicants who will have submitted all the required documents and whose research project(s) will have been found relevant by the PhD Committee will be invited to have an interview with the latter. Candidate(s) who will have passed successfully the interview at the satisfaction of the PhD Committee will be recommended for admission.

V. Funding

There are no scholarships for admitted candidates. Candidates may therefore be self-sponsored or be encouraged to apply for scholarships elsewhere.



VI. 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. 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)

VII. Further information

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

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