EAC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

FROM NATIONALS OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY PARTNER STATES
TO PURSUE KFW- FUNDED MASTER'S STUDIES
(COHORT 2)
IN AN EAC PARTNER STATE OTHER THAN THEIR OWN

Opening date: 2nd October 2020
Closing date: 22nd October 2020, 17:00 hours, East African Time
Thematic areas: 1) Mathematics, 2) Engineering, 3) Informatics, 4) Science,
        5) Technology and 6) Business Science
Eligible applicants: Nationals of the East African Community (EAC) Partner states.
Duration of the Scholarship: 2 years

1. BACKGROUND

The EAC Scholarship Programme is an initiative of the East African Community (EAC), the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) and German Development Bank-KfW. The project begun in 2018 when the EAC and IUCEA entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with KfW geared towards the training of students within the EAC Region. This Project aims at creating future change agents, who identify themselves with the integration agenda of the EAC and are willing to share economic and development-oriented expert knowledge. The goal of this initiative is to contribute towards training leaders that will foster the EAC Regional integration. This goal will be partly achieved through the establishment of academic collaboration and an exchange programme between universities/institutions within the EAC Region, by encouraging students to study in countries other than their own. In order to achieve these impacts, the project offers a comprehensive package including scholarships for Master's programmes, internships, mentoring, networking events and further leadership training activities. The scholarship will support Master's students in i) Mathematics, ii) Engineering, iii) Informatics, iv) Science, v) Technology and vi) Business Science programmes.

The programme will include a minimum of 30 percent female students with a special consideration for South Sudan female applicants in order to support women's participation and enhance gender equality.

IUCEA hereby invites applications from students who are citizens of the East African Community (EAC) Partner States (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda) to apply for cohort 2 of the KfW- funded Master's Scholarships.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the programme is to train Master's scholars who will serve as *change agents* for regional economic development and integration in the EAC.

3. SCHOLARSHIP DESIGN

The project offers financial support to academically skilled and disadvantaged Master's students with the main focus on priority areas. Women and persons with disabilities are encouraged to join the programme. Up to 60 scholarships are available this year.

The scholarship covers:
   a) **University tuition fees**: payable directly to the university according to an official
                              invoice;
   b) **Stipend:** EUR380 per month to support living expenses including housing, food,
                utilities, local transportation and settlement expenses;
   c) **Allowances for study materials and research**: EUR 1,500 one- off allowance;
   d) **Medical insurance**; and
   e) **Extracurricular events**: at least one event per year.

The students shall be required to apply to study in another EAC country (not their country of origin).

At the Universities/Institutions, mentors will be selected in order to support the students during the time of study and research. With the help of integrated internships, and extra-curricular activities, practical learning will be ensured through the universities and public-private partnerships undertakings. IUCEA will support the Universities/Institutions in the selection of the mentors and facilitation of the internships during the implementation of the Master's programmes.

The financial cooperation arrangement shall finance the first three cohorts of approximately 157 Master's students over their full study time of 2 years. After the first cohort has completed the studies, an independent evaluation of the level of attainment of the objectives of the project will be carried out, with the desirable impact being assessed.

The students will take part in extracurricular events at minimum of one event-visit per year per student. These could be networking events with representatives from political

and socio-economic spheres, whereby training on regional integration topics and other subjects based seminars are organized.

4. ELIGIBLE PROGRAMMES

Students will apply for the following programmes. Please ensure that you have applied for a programme in a university outside your country of origin.

#	Programmes	Thematic Area	University/ Institution	Country
1	Master of Science in Advanced Manufacturing and Automation Engineering	Engineering	Dedan Kimathi University of Technology	Kenya
2	Master of Science in Leather Technology	Technology		
3	Master of Science in Food Science & Technology	Technology		
4	Master of Science in Geothermal Energy Technology	Technology		
5	Master of Science in Physics	Science	Kenyatta University	
6	Master of Science in Biotechnology	Science		
7	Master of Science in Crop Protection (Plant Pathology)	Science		
8	Master of Science in Integrated Soil Fertility Management	Science		
9	Master of Science in Applied Mathematics	Mathematics		
10	Master of Science in Entrepreneurship	Business Science		
11	Master of Business Administration with I.T	Business Science	Kibabii University	
12	Master of Science in Human Resource Management	Business Science		
13	Master of Business Administration	Business Science		
14	Master of Science in ICT	Informatics		
15	Master of Science in Meteorology	Science	University of Nairobi	
16	Master of Art in Microfinance	Business Science	INES- Ruhengeri	Rwanda
17	Master of science in Taxation	Business Science		
18	Master of Science in Conservation and Natural Resources Management	Science	Kyambogo University	Uganda
19	Master of Science in Physics	Science		
20	Master of Public Infrastructures Management	Business Science	Makerere University	
21	Master of Science in Zoology, Entomology and Fisheries Science	Science		
22	Master of Science in Statistics	Business Science		
23	Master of Science in Technology, Innovation and Industrial Development	Technology		

#	Programmes	Thematic Area	University/ Institution	Country
24	Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering	Engineering		
25	Master of Science in Quantitative Economics	Business Science		
26	Master of Science in Biology	Science	Mbarara University of Science & Technology	
27	Master of Science in Chemistry	Science		
28	Master of Science in Medical Lab science	Science		
29	Master of Business Management	Business Science	Moshi Co-operative University	Tanzania
30	Master of Arts in Cooperative and Community Development	Business Science		
31	Master of Arts in Procurement and Supply Management	Business Science		
32	Master of Science in Irrigation Engineering and Management	Engineering	Sokoine University of Agriculture	
33	Master of Science in Information Technology	Informatics	University of Dodoma	
34	Master of Science in Mathematics	Mathematics		
35	Master of Science in Chemistry	Science		
36	Master of Science in Petroleum Geo- Sciences	Science		

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The minimum requirements for qualification into the programme are:

a) Be a citizen of a partner state of the East African Community;

b) Possess the required academic qualifications for admission to the programme (at least at the level of Upper Second Class Honours or "Distinction" as applicable;

c) Submit a motivation letter in English (with not more than 500 words) as follows:
   - ✓ *well written (grammatically and professionally)*
   - ✓ *Demonstrates a convincing motivation for wanting to pursue the Master's Programme chosen*
   - ✓ *Adequately demonstrates the applicant's foreseen professional engagement in EAC Integration agenda after completing the Master's Programme*
   - ✓ *Demonstrates how they expect to apply the acquired skills and knowledge from the Master's Programme to contribute to the EAC Integration Agenda*
   - ✓ *Demonstrates where they anticipate to see themselves professionally and academically in 5 and 10 years.*

   Note: This has to be one letter

d) Be **below 35** years of age; and

e) Have obtained admission from a university in another country in the EAC Region other than their own.

6. APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for this Scholarship, interested candidates are advised to proceed as follows:

Application for admission to the university;
> **Step 1**: Identify the programme and University of their choice from section 4 above that contains Eligible Programmes;
> **Step 2**: Fill the application form for admission to your university of choice (this can be found on the university website);
> **Step 3**: Submit the completed university application form and its supporting documents to the university indicating that you intend to apply for the EAC Scholarship Programme.

Application for the EAC Scholarship Programme
> **Step 4**: Register online to express your interest in the EAC scholarship (find the link on the IUCEA website: www.iucea.org).
> **Step 5**: Download the scholarship application form from the IUCEA website and fill it.
> **Step 6**: Submit both 1) the scholarship application form and its supporting documentation (see section 7 below) and 2) the university application form and its attachments **electronically** to;
>   ✓ scholarships@iucea.org and
>   ✓ projects@adroitconsultinternational.com
>   indicating the subject line as; YOUR NAME, PROGRAMME APPLIED FOR AND UNIVERSITY e.g. *Tsavo Simba, MBA at Adroit University*

Notes: (1) Where universities have an online application system, please complete this online application form then send the scholarship application form and attachments to the specified email addresses. Please ensure that you submit both application forms as described in step 6 above.
(2) Candidates may apply to more than one University.
(3) Candidates may apply for more than one programme; however each programme should have its own application form and attachments.

7. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Please ensure that you have attached the following documents

a) Signed *curriculum vitae*
b) Certified copies of all university degree certificates and transcripts. *Please combine into* **one file**. *If necessary, you may zip the file to make it smaller for uploading.*
c) Applicants with academic qualifications obtained from foreign institutions must be equated by the National Council/ Commission for Higher Education in their respective Partner State.
d) Applicants with supporting documents (transcripts, certificates among others) in languages other than English are required to submit both the originals and

copies translated to English language by an accredited language translations provider.

e) Recent passport photograph in **<u>colour</u>** of your full head and upper shoulders.
f) Evidence of Nationality of a Partner State in the East African Community such as copy of national identity card/ passport/birth certificate.
g) Any other form of evidence required in the application form e.g. medical reports, photos and letters of reference.
h) A motivation letter.

The deadline for receiving applications is **22nd October 2020, not later than 17:00 hours East African Time**. Only successful candidates will be contacted after the selection process is complete.