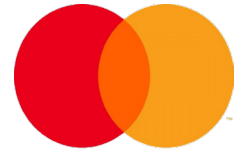




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Call for Scholarship Applications under the
TAGDev 2.0 Programme for the 2025/2026
Academic Year at Uganda Martyrs University

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Training the Next Generation of Scientists for Africa

1.0 Background

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) in partnership with Mastercard Foundation, Gulu University (Uganda), Egerton University (Kenya), Africa University (Zimbabwe), University of Free State (South Africa), Malawi University of Science and Technology (Malawi), University of Eldoret (Kenya), Uganda Martyrs University (Uganda), University of Port Harcourt (Nigeria), University of Cape Coast (Ghana), University of Bamenda (Cameroon), National University of Agriculture (Benin), and Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique (Morocco) are implementing a 10 year programme (2023-2033) called Transforming African Agricultural Universities to Meaningfully Contribute to Africa's Growth and Development (TAGDev 2.0). The programme seeks to strengthen universities and TVET institutions to better serve communities by skilling and empowering Africa's young people and their institutions to drive inclusive, equitable and climate resilient transformation of agriculture and agrifood systems. The TAGDev 2.0 programme will support young African students that are economically disadvantaged but academically competent to access university education. The scholarship is open to both female and male applicants. However, females, refugees, internally displaced persons, and persons with disabilities are highly encouraged to apply.

2.0 Eligible Programmes

This call for Scholarships for the 2025/2026 academic year is open to applicants interested in and eligible to study Bachelor of Business Administration and Management, Bachelor of Agriculture and Bachelor of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at Uganda Martyrs University, Uganda.

2.1. General Admission Requirements to Uganda Martyrs University

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Bachelor of Business Administration and Management	<p>Direct Entry Admission to the first year of the programme will require a candidate to have sat and obtained the;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) with at least five credits with one in English and Mathematics at the same sitting. Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) and obtained at least two principal passes and two (2) subsidiary passes at the same sitting or its equivalent. <p>Diploma</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Any relevant Diploma (at Credit/Distinction level) from a recognized Institution. <p>Mature Age Scheme Must pass the Mature Age Entry Examination. Higher Education Certificate.</p>															
Bachelor of Agriculture	<p>Direct Entry Admission to the first year of the programme will require a candidate to have sat and obtained the;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) with at least five credits at the same sitting. Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) with at least two principal passes either in two of the most relevant subjects obtained at the same sitting. These include Biology, Chemistry, Geography, and Agriculture. One of the following subjects shall also be considered; Entrepreneurship, and Food Science. For purposes of computing entry points, the advanced level subjects shall be grouped and weighted as follows: Grouping subjects and weights <table border="1" data-bbox="705 1877 1382 2089"> <thead> <tr> <th>Group</th> <th>Weight</th> <th>Subject</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Essential</td> <td>3</td> <td>Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Economics</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Relevant</td> <td>2</td> <td>Entrepreneurship, Food Science</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Desirable</td> <td>1</td> <td>General paper, ICT, and Sub-math</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Others</td> <td>1</td> <td>Any other relevant subject/course</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Group	Weight	Subject	Essential	3	Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Economics	Relevant	2	Entrepreneurship, Food Science	Desirable	1	General paper, ICT, and Sub-math	Others	1	Any other relevant subject/course
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	<p>Diploma Entry Scheme; Holders of a diploma in either general Agriculture, Agribusiness, Forestry, Environment Sciences, Food Science, Science Technology (in Physics, Biology or Chemistry) and Animal production or Crop production with at least a second class or its equivalent from a recognized institution shall be admitted to this programme.</p> <p>Other Entry Schemes include;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Education Certificate. Must pass the Mature Age Entry Examination. Transfer of Credits following the Credit Transfer Policy. 															
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<p>Bachelor of Science in Agriculture</p>	<p>The programme, as first priority, considers admission of those candidates with a Diploma in Agriculture or closely related fields from recognized institutions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A candidate must have obtained the Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) with five (5) credits one of which must be in English and Mathematics; and at least one principle pass in the relevant subjects at Uganda Advances Certificate of Education obtained at one sitting. A candidate must have obtained a Diploma or equivalent in any field, but with biological sciences at O'level or A'level can be considered. Additionally, all admitted students must be working in Agriculture, community development or related fields, and should be able to make annual study leaves of at least four (4) weeks. 															

2.2. Appeal to potential applicants

Interested applicants are requested to visit the university website to familiarize with admission requirements for each degree programme of their interest.

2.3. Contact Information

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3.0. Eligibility for Scholarship

3.1. Who is eligible to apply?

Scholarships are open to candidates in Uganda from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Candidates from conflict and post-conflict areas of Africa residing in Uganda are also encouraged to apply. The applicant has to be in position to qualify for admission into undergraduate and/or postgraduate programmes at UMU University. All applicants should read and thoroughly understand the admission criteria for the relevant programmes at UMU University. Students already having a scholarship of any kind are not eligible to benefit from this scholarship opportunity. Anyone with a double scholarship if found will automatically be discontinued. Beneficiaries of TAGDev scholarships are not eligible to apply.

3.2. Selection criteria

- i. Be a national of Uganda and East African countries implementing the common East Africa Higher Education Protocol (Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan).
- ii. Be economically disadvantaged, from marginalized communities, and/or coming from conflict and post conflict areas in Uganda.
- iii. Be less than 30 years for undergraduate and less than 35 years for masters studies at the time of this call.
- iv. Should have completed secondary school and/or diploma for a Bachelors degree application not more than four years (2021-2024) from the time of this call.

- v. The applicant should meet admission criteria to be eligible programmes in UMU University.
- vi. For admission into UMU University for an undergraduate degree programme one must have attained the High School Certificate (HSC) also known as Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) or its equivalent.
- vii. For admission to undergraduate programmes candidates are required to have
 - a. Senior four (4) and Senior six (6) passlips/testimonials, and
 - b. One passport photograph.
- viii. Demonstrate interest in agriculture, agribusiness and entrepreneurship.
 - i. Demonstrate leadership qualities.
 - ii. Have commitment to working in agriculture and agricultural value chains.
 - iii. Have a strong commitment to community transformation.
 - iv. Female candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

3.3. What the scholarship covers

This is a full board comprehensive scholarship that covers: tuition fees, research costs, workshop and conference costs, living expenses including stipend and hostel, laptop, internship attachment, community engagement and field attachment, and entrepreneurship training. Consequently, considering the level of investment, successful applicants will be required to become high achievers, highly engaging and focused students/ graduates and change makers contributing to outreach services in the communities, capable of creating enterprises that create jobs for themselves and others and have personal satisfaction and dynamism.

3.4. Support to Refugees, Displaced Persons (RDPs) and Persons With Disabilities (PWDs).

In addition to other scholars benefits, RDPs and PWDs will receive the following support:

1. RDPs will be supported with travel documents
2. PWDs will receive assistive devices to support learning and movement during the course of studies.

3.5. Nature of the scholarship

This is a comprehensive scholarship with direct and indirect costs that will be covered by the TAGDev 2.0 programme through the implementing university where the student will be studying. Indirect costs such as participation in the international conference will be directly covered by the RUFORUM Secretariat. The following further apply:

- i. Direct costs for student training will be transferred to the university as a grant payable to the university. The students will receive their respective services and entitlements from the university as the implementer and where necessary from RUFORUM.
- ii. All scholarships will be on a rolling basis implying that, the scholarship will be renewed on annual basis subject to satisfactory academic performance at grade B level of UMU university.
- iii. Retaking more than four courses will lead to the withdrawal of the scholarship awarded to the candidate.
- iv. Applicants who may be discovered to have falsified information in order to gain advantage of the scholarship shall be disqualified on confirmation of the falsification and/or forgery.
- v. Any misconduct (breaching university rules especially examination malpractice, violence towards others) on the part of the successful applicant shall lead to automatic disqualification and loss of the scholarship.
- vi. Successful applicants will be expected to become champions and transformative leaders, entrepreneurs and change makers at various levels and shall remain communicating with RUFORUM and the Universities as part of the Programme Alumni.

4.0. Application process and procedure

4.1. Application for university admission at UMU

The application process will be in two stages. The first stage is application for admission to the programme of choice at UMU University submitted to UMU University. The second stage is application for the TAGDev scholarship submitted to RUFORUM. Both stages have to be done concurrently.

All applications for admission must be made online to the link below:

admissions@umu.ac.ug

OR

registrar@umu.ac.ug

For inquiries: Tel: +256772 513 715

OR

pro@umu.ac.ug

To apply to UMU University, applicants are required to have the following:

- Results for O' Level and A' Level

- Proof of payment for the application

The above must be uploaded during the application process.

For additional information about the scholarship at UMU University Please contact:

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4.2. Application for the Scholarship

The procedure for submitting the TAGDev 2.0 scholarship application through the RUFORUM Information Management System (RIMS) is as follows:

- i. Access the RIMS Web Portal through; <https://rims2.ruforum.org/>
- ii. Create your account by clicking on Register Here
- iii. An email will be sent to your valid email address to activate your account. Please check in the Spam or Junk for message incase activation mail is not reflected in your inbox.
- iv. Login using your email and password you used for creating.
- v. After successful login, the Applicant Dashboard will appear with different options.
- vi. Go to Calls –> Scholarship Calls
- vii. Select the Call ID: RU/2025UMU/TAGDev 2.0
- viii. Click Apply to start filling the Application Form.
- ix. Remember to save while filling the form by “Clicking Save Draft”
- x. Download, print and submit it with your application form for admission to the University.
- xi. Submit the document in hard copy or simply attach it on the university online portal.

For any assistance, kindly contact the administrator at mcf@ruforum.org

Submission Deadline: 1st April 2025

Dates for key Virtual Information Session Days shall be communicated in due course.