

# TAGDev 2.0

Transforming African Agricultural Universities to meaningfully contribute to Africa's Growth and Development



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## Call for Scholarship Applications under the TAGDev 2.0 Programme for the 2026/2027 Academic Year at Egerton University

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## 1.0 Background

Egerton University, one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in Kenya, has a rich history of driving innovation in agricultural education and research. As a key partner in the TAGDev 2.0 program, the university is committed to equipping young women and men with skills that align with industry needs and fostering entrepreneurship to address unemployment. Through its interdisciplinary programmes, experiential learning approaches, and strategic collaborations with stakeholders, Egerton University will play a key role in achieving TAGDev 2.0's objectives through skilling of at least 10,500 young women and men, expanding work opportunity to impact 25,000 young women and men, supporting establishment of 75 startups, validating and scaling at least 15 Climate adaptive Technologies, innovations and management practices to at least 68,500 smallholder farmers in Kenya, plant at least 950,000 trees among others. The university is keen on promoting inclusivity for marginalized groups such as persons with disabilities, refugees, and out-of-school youth in its efforts to contribute to improving livelihoods and driving inclusive development in Kenya.

## 2.0 Eligible Programmes

This call for Scholarships for the 2026/2027 academic year is open to applicants interested in and eligible to study Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Management, Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, Master of Science in Horticulture, Master of Science in Agribusiness Management, and Master of Science in Food Science at Egerton University, Kenya.

### 2.1. General Admission Requirements to Egerton University

Undergraduate Programmes	Minimum Requirements for admission
Undergraduate Programmes	Candidates must meet the requirements provided in the Egerton University Statutes 37 (2) c of 2023
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture	<p><b>Minimum Requirements for admission</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Applicants must at least have obtained a C+ grade aggregate in the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) or its equivalent.</li> <li>ii. Applicants must have passed KCSE with the following minimum grades in the following subjects: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. C+ in Mathematics</li> <li>b. C+ in English</li> <li>c. C+ in Biology or B in Biological Sciences</li> <li>d. C+ in Chemistry or B in Physical Sciences</li> </ol> </li> <li>ii. Alternatively, admission may be granted to Diploma holders who have passed with at least a CREDIT or its equivalent from recognized colleges or universities.</li> </ol>
Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Management	<p><b>Minimum Requirements for Admission</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Candidates must have achieved the minimum entry requirements for the university, at least a mean grade of C+ in KCSE or equivalent examination.</li> <li>ii. The subject clusters/scores are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C+ in Biology or Biological sciences</li> <li>• C in Agriculture or Commerce/Business Studies, or C+ in Geography</li> <li>• C in Chemistry or C in Physical Science and</li> <li>• C in Mathematics</li> </ul> </li> <li>iii. Admission will be granted to outstanding Diploma holders in Range Management, Animal Husbandry, Animal Health, Forestry, Wildlife and other related fields from other Universities or Colleges/TVETs recognized by Egerton University as per university admission statute of 2023 articles 37(1) and (2).</li> </ol>

Bachelor of Science in Animal Science	<p><b>Minimum Requirements for admission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. KCSE with a mean grade of C+ (C plus). In addition, at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C+ in English/Kiswahili</li> <li>• C in Mathematics,</li> <li>• C in Biology or Agriculture</li> <li>• C in Chemistry.</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. Diploma certificate with at least a credit in Animal Science, Animal Health, Agriculture, Range Management, Wildlife Management and related disciplines from institutions recognized by Egerton University Senate.</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. Diploma with Pass certificate and at least two years working experience in a related area.</li> </ul>
Postgraduate programmes	Admission Requirements
Postgraduate Programmes	The common University Rules and Regulations for the Master's Degree programmes specified in the Egerton University Statute 40 (2) of 2023 shall apply
Master of Science in Horticulture	<p><b>Minimum Requirements for admission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Admission shall be offered to holders of a Bachelor's degree in Horticulture or related fields with an Upper Second Class Honours or above, or equivalent qualification from recognized institutions.</li> <li>ii. Holders of bachelor's degree in Horticulture or related fields with Lower Second Class Honours with at least two years of relevant work experience.</li> <li>iii. In exceptional cases, admission may be offered to non-holders of Upper Second-Class Honours degree provided that such candidates can, on the basis of the research and other scholarly work done, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Senate, qualification to undertake postgraduate studies.</li> </ul>
Master of Science in Agribusiness Management	<p><b>Minimum Requirements for admission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Admission shall be offered to holders of a Bachelor's Upper Second-Class Honors degree or above qualification from Egerton University or an institution recognised by Egerton University in Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics, Bachelor of Commerce, and other-related Agricultural disciplines.</li> <li>ii. Persons with a lower second-class honour may also be admitted if they have two years of relevant work experience.</li> </ul>
Master of Science in Food Science	<p><b>Minimum Requirements for admission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Admission shall be offered to holders of a Bachelor's Degree in Food Science and Technology or related fields with an Upper Second-Class Honors or above, or equivalent qualification from recognized institutions.</li> <li>ii. Holders of Bachelor's Degree in Food Science or related fields with Lower Second-Class Honors with at least two years of relevant work experience.</li> <li>iii. In exceptional cases, admission may be offered to non-holders of Upper Second-Class Honors degree provided that such candidates can, on the basis of the research and other scholarly work done, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Senate, qualification to undertake postgraduate studies.</li> </ul>

## 2.2 Appeal to potential applicants

Interested applicants are requested to visit the university website: [www.egerton.ac.ke](http://www.egerton.ac.ke) or <https://tagdev.egerton.ac.ke/> to familiarize with admission requirements for each degree programme of their interest.

## 2.3 Contact Information

TAGDev 2.0 Programme Coordinator,  
Egerton University  
TAGDev Centre  
P.O Box 536-20115, Egerton Njoro, Kenya  
Tel: +254794062325  
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## 3.0 Eligibility for Scholarships

Scholarships are open to candidates in Kenya and other East Africa Countries implementing the common East Africa Higher Education protocol (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Birundi and South Sudan) from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Refugees, Displaced Person (RDPs) and Persons With Disability (PWDs) are encouraged to apply. The applicant has to be in position to qualify for admission into undergraduate and/or postgraduate programmes at Egerton University. All applicants should read and thoroughly understand the admission criteria for the relevant programmes at Egerton 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 Kenya and East African countries implementing the common East Africa Higher Education Protocol (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Birundi and South Sudan).
- ii. Be from economically disadvantaged, marginalized communities, Refugee, Displaced persons and Persons with disabilities.
- iii. Be less than 30 years for undergraduate and less than 35 years for masters studies at the time of application.
- 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 Egerton University.
- vi. For admission into Egerton University for an undergraduate degree programme one must have attained the requirements provided in

the Egerton University Statutes 37 (2) c of 2023 or its equivalent. The common University Rules and Regulations for the Master's Degree programmes specified in the Egerton University Statute 40 (2) of 2023 shall apply.

- vii. Demonstrate interest in agriculture, agribusiness and entrepreneurship.
- viii. Demonstrate leadership qualities.
- ix. Have commitment to working in agriculture and agricultural value chains.
- x. Have a strong commitment to community transformation.
- xi. 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, entrepreneurship training and transportation. 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 Egerton 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 Egerton University

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

All applications for admission must be submitted to the university address below:

Admission application forms and support documents should be sent via email to [mcf.chs@egerton.ac.ke](mailto:mcf.chs@egerton.ac.ke) as 1 pdf file or Hard copies delivered to:

TAGDev Centre, Egerton University or sent via postal to the address below:  
TAGDev 2.0 Programme Coordinator  
Egerton University  
TAGDev Centre  
P.O Box 536-20115, Egerton Njoro, Kenya

To apply to Egerton University, applicants are required to submit the following:

- i. Duly filled university admission application form. The forms are accessible through: <https://www.egerton.ac.ke/undergraduate-forms> or <https://www.egerton.ac.ke/postgraduate-forms>.
- ii. Certified copies of academic certificates, transcripts and high school result slips. Academic certificates, and transcripts should be certified by the institution that issued them.
- iii. A recently taken passport size photo is required along with a copy of the National ID or Passport (for cases of refugees). NB: Applicants yet to acquire their National IDs are advised to attach copies of their birth certificates.
- iv. A CV for those applying for Masters Programmes.

##### 4.2 Application for 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/2026Egerton Univ/ 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](mailto:mcf@ruforum.org)

##### **Submission Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

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