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Scholars Program

Call for Applications: Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Global Health Equity – Master of Science in Global Health Delivery Program, Academic Year 2026/2027.

The Mastercard Foundation is partnering with the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) to implement the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program. This global initiative is designed to develop the next generation of transformative leaders by enabling highly talented, service-oriented young people, primarily young Africans, to pursue their higher education and cultivate their leadership potential.

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program is specifically designed to address the challenges faced by young individuals who lack access to higher education due to economic and social barriers. The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program places a special emphasis on reaching young women, refugees, forcibly displaced young people, and individuals with disabilities, encouraging them to apply.

Call for Applications

UGHE invites applications for the Master of Science degree scholarship from qualified candidates from **African countries** who are prepared to register for full-time study in Global Health Delivery for the **2026-2027 academic year**.

Program

The [Master of Science in Global Health Delivery](#) (MGHD) is an 18-month program designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to serve in healthcare delivery settings worldwide. By prioritizing hands-on and practical field experience, the program prepares students for real-world challenges. The Practicum, a key component of the program, provides students with hands-on experience in evidence-based management and delivery. This fosters professional development, career networking, and equips students with effective problem-solving skills. The MGHD program follows a **blended model** that combines **online learning** during the first semester (August 2026 – December 2026) with intensive **in-person** sessions during the second and third semesters (January 2027 – December 2027), allowing students to gain hands-on practice, mentorship, and networking opportunities.

Program Options:

Master of Science in Global Health Delivery (MGHD) Program under the following options:

1. [One Health](#)
2. [Global Surgery](#)
3. [Health Management](#)
4. [Community and Social Medicine](#)

Eligibility criteria:

At the time of application, an applicant must satisfy the following [eligibility criteria](#):

- Applicants must be no older than 35 years at the time of application (*exceptions apply to applicants with disabilities*).
- Applicants must be residents and citizens or hold refugee status in an African country.
- Applicants should have matriculated and successfully graduated with a Bachelor's degree from any diverse academic and professional background. Official academic transcript/s and degree certificate should be attached as proof of completion.
- Applicants who are passionate about improving health outcomes, addressing inequities, and contributing to sustainable global health solutions.
- Applicants must be prepared to register for a full-time master's degree program.

A candidate who already holds a master's degree is not eligible to apply for the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program.

How to Apply

- Fill in the [online application](#), which includes an application for the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program, entering the required demographic, academic information, and the required information for the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program.
- Upload all supporting documents (Identification, academic transcript/s, degree certificate, recommendation letters, and proof of internship completion **if applicable*).
- Applicants should submit a single, fully completed application. **Incomplete** submissions or **multiple applications** will not be considered.
- Applicants are required to **choose only one MGH option** when applying. Submitting more than one application for different options will lead to automatic disqualification.

Application Timeline

Steps	Timeline
Application Opens	14 November 2025
Application Closes	18 January 2026 @5:00 PM (CAT)
Admissions Exam	February 2026
Admissions Interviews	March 2026
Final Decision	May 2026

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. In addition to full tuition fees support, selected Mastercard Foundation Scholars at UGHE will receive:
 - Return tickets for international Mastercard Foundation Scholars
 - Medical Health Insurance
 - A monthly stipend
 - Laptop
 - Holistic wrap-around support programs, including transitions support in the form of mentorship, entrepreneurship, leadership, and innovation training
 - Fellowship opportunities
 - Pre-arrival support and an official onboarding program
 - Housing on UGHE campus during in-person classes
 - Personalized academic support throughout their studies
2. All selected Mastercard Foundation Scholars will be required to sign a scholarship agreement once they are accepted and enrolled in the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program.
3. All selected Mastercard Foundation Scholars are expected to meet the required academic standards of UGHE to retain their scholarships.
4. All selected Mastercard Foundation Scholars are expected to comply with the rules and regulations of UGHE as stipulated in the University's policies.
5. The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at UGHE will only fund Mastercard Foundation Scholars committed for full-time study at UGHE for 18 months.
6. All selected Mastercard Foundation Scholars take part in comprehensive support programs focused on personal, academic, and professional development. These include community-engaged learning, leadership development, and entrepreneurship training to prepare Mastercard Foundation Scholars for the workforce. Participation is mandatory.

Please note:

- The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at UGHE will communicate with applicants primarily via email and, when necessary, by phone. Applicants must ensure that the contact information they provide, including phone number and email address, is accurate and active to receive important updates and feedback.
- Applicants who are found to have provided false information during any stage of the application and selection process will be disqualified. Any attempt to influence the selection process will also lead to automatic disqualification.

Who We Are Looking For

We seek talented and committed **young Africans** who are eager to make a lasting impact, particularly:

- Young women
- Refugees and displaced persons
- Persons with disabilities

For any application process-related challenges, please send your inquiries to mfsp@ughe.org and admissions@ughe.org. To learn more about the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program, visit this [link](#).

Disclaimer

The University of Global Health Equity and the Mastercard Foundation do not charge application fees for the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program. The public is cautioned to remain vigilant and to report suspicious activities to local law enforcement. Please notify the University of Global Health Equity of fraudulent activity by contacting us at mfsp@ughe.org.