



EAC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

TWO-YEAR FUNDED MASTERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR (COHORT 4).

IUCEA hereby invites suitably qualified nationals of the East African Community (EAC) to apply for cohort 4 of the KfW- funded Scholarships to pursue Master's studies in the EAC Partner State other than their own.

Opening date:	20 th August 2026
Closing date	10 th September 2026, not later than 17:00 hours, East African Time
Thematic areas	1) Mathematics 3) Informatics 5) Technology 2) Engineering 4) Science 6) Business Science
Eligible applicants	EAC Nationals (aged below 35 years) of the EAC Partner states (Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda).
Duration of the Scholarship:	2 years

Applications must be submitted in English

The students are required to apply to study in another EAC country (not their country of citizenship).

1 BACKGROUND

The EAC Scholarship Programme (EACSP) is a regional initiative of the East African Community (EAC) and the Federal Republic of Germany. Implemented by the Inter-University Council for East Africa, the Programme seeks to develop future leaders who will contribute to regional integration and sustainable development by supporting students to pursue Master's studies in an EAC Partner State other than their country of citizenship. The Programme was launched in 2018 and has already supported 180 Master's students from across the East African Community through its first Phase. Building on the success of Phase I, Phase II commenced in October 2025 and is expected to support at least 280 students across three cohorts from all current EAC partner states: *Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda*. The Programme provides scholarships to academically talented but financially disadvantaged students pursuing eligible Master's programmes in *Mathematics, Engineering, Informatics, Science, Technology and Business-related* disciplines. In addition to financial support, scholarship recipients benefit from leadership development, mentoring, networking opportunities and regional integration activities designed to strengthen cooperation among future leaders in East Africa. The vision of the Programme is: **"Leadership to Foster Regional Integration."**

Female applicants, persons with disabilities and applicants from other disadvantaged backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. The Programme aims to achieve at least 50% female participation among scholarship beneficiaries.

2 SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

Up to **120 scholarships** are available under this cohort.

The scholarship package includes:

- One return economy-class **air ticket** between the scholar's home country and the host country upon commencement and completion of studies.
- Full **tuition fees** payable directly to the host university.
- Arrival allowance **EUR 200** upon arrival in the study country and opening a bank account in that country (Where feasible, scholars are encouraged to open a EUR-denominated bank account to facilitate the receipt of the allowance and reduce potential losses arising from currency exchange fluctuations and conversion charges).
- A monthly **stipend of EUR 380** to cover accommodation, meals, local transport and other living expenses.
- A lump-sum allowance of **EUR 650 for study materials**
- A one-time **EUR 1,500 study and research allowance**.
- Medical insurance** coverage for the duration of the scholarship.
- Visa/ Entry fee:** Where payment of entry pass into the host country or student pass is required.
- Participation in at least one **extracurricular event**

3 ELIGIBLE PROGRAMMES

Applicants must apply for admission to one of the approved Master's programmes offered by participating universities in an EAC Partner State other than their country of citizenship.

Applicants may apply for more than one eligible Master's programme and/or university. However, each programme application shall be treated as a separate application and must be accompanied by: A separately filled-in online scholarship application form; A separate email submission clearly indicating the programme and university applied for, with supporting documents attached

Applications that do not include a complete online application form and the required supporting documents for each programme applied for **will not** be considered during the evaluation process.

Students can apply to any of the programmes offered by the partner universities/ institutions as indicated in the table below;

#	Country	Institution/University	Master's Programme	Thematic Area
1	Kenya	Chuka University	Master of Science in Applied Mathematics	Mathematics
2			Master of Science in Biochemistry	Science
3			Master of Science in Botany - Microbiology and Biotechnology	Science
4			Master of Science in Botany - Plant Pathology	Technology
5		Daystar University	Master of Science in Economics	Science
6		Dedan Kimathi University of Technology	Master of Science in Food Science and Technology	Technology
7			Master of Science in Civil Engineering	Engineering
8		Egerton University	Master of Science in Animal Nutrition	Science
9			Master of Science in Food Science	Science
10		Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science & Technology	Master of Science in Agricultural Extension	Science
11			Master of Science in Chemistry	Science
12			Master of Science in Microbiology	Science
13			Master of Science in Pure Mathematics	Science
14		Kabarak University	Master of Science in Human Nutrition and Dietetics	Science
15			Master of Science in Physics	Science
16		KCA University	Master of Science in Data Science	Technology
17			Master of Science in Development Finance	Science
18		Kibabii University	Master of Business Administration	Business

#	Country	Institution/University	Master's Programme	Thematic Area
	Kenya			Science
19			Master of Science in Human Resource Management	Business Science
20			Master of Science in Logistics and Supply Chain Management	Business Science
21			Master of Science in Physics	Science
22		Murang'a University of Technology	Master of Science in Chemistry	Science
23			Master of Science in Information Technology	Informatics
24			Master of Science in Statistics	Mathematics
25			Master of Technology in Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Engineering
26		Strathmore University	Master of Science in Computing and Information Systems	Technology
27			Master of Science in Information Technology	Informatics
28			Master of Science in Sustainable Energy Transitions	Science
29			Master of Arts in Communication Studies	Informatics
30		United States International University -Africa	Master of Information Systems Technology	Informatics
31			Master of Science in Organisational Development & Management	Business Science
32	Rwanda	Institut d'Enseignement Supérieur de Ruhengeri		Business Science
			Master of Arts in Microfinance	
33			Master of Science in Biomedical Laboratory Sciences	Science
34			Master of Science in Software Engineering	Science
35		University of Rwanda	Master of Science in Taxation	Business Science
36			Master of Science in Electrical Power Systems	Engineering
37			Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Analysis and Quality Assurance	Science
38			Master of Science in Health Supply Chain Management	Science
39			Master of Science in IoT - Wireless Intelligence Sensor Networks	Technology
40			Busitema University	Master of Science in Industrial Mathematics
41	Master of Science in Materials Engineering	Engineering		
42	Mbarara University of Science & Technology	Master of Science in Biology (Microbiology and Parasitology)	Science	
43		Master of Science in Biology (Natural Resources Ecology, Management and Conservation)	Science	
44		Master of Science in Mathematics	Mathematics	
45		Nkumba University	Master of Information Systems and Technology	Technology
46	United Republic of Tanzania	Dar Es Salaam University College of Education	Master of Science in Environmental Biology	Science
47			Master of Science in Industrial Chemistry	Science
48			Master of Science with Education	Science
49		Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre	Master of Official Statistics	Mathematics
50		Sokoine University of Agriculture	Master of Science in Irrigation Engineering and Management	Engineering
51		The Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology	Master of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence	Informatics
52			Master of Science in Environmental Technology and Innovation	Technology
53			Master of Science in Innovation and Entrepreneurship Management	Business Science
54			Master of Science in Embedded and Mobile Systems (EMoS)	Science
55		University of Dar es Salaam	Master of Science in Chemistry	Science
56	Master of Science in Manufacturing Engineering		Engineering	

#	Country	Institution/University	Master's Programme	Thematic Area
57			Master of Science in Biodiversity Conservation and Management	Science
58			Master of Science in Digital Instructional Design	Informatics
59			Master of Science in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics	Informatics
60			Master of Science in Public Health	Science

4 ELIGIBILITY TO BENEFIT FROM THE EACSP

Applicants must satisfy all of the following requirements;

1. Be a citizen of any of the 8 EAC Partner States;
2. Be below 35 years of age at the time of application;
3. Apply to study in an EAC Partner State other than their country of citizenship;
4. Possess a Bachelor's Degree, with a minimum of Second Class Upper Division, Distinction or equivalent qualification;
5. Have applied for admission to an eligible Master's programme offered by partner university;
6. Submit a complete scholarship application within the stipulated application period.

Applicants must submit supporting documents to indicate their satisfaction of the eligibility criteria as indicated in the list of supporting documents in section 6.

5 APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process for Phase II of the EACSP shall be twofold,

Application Process	Steps
PART A Apply for admission to a partner university in an EAC Partner State other than their country of citizenship	Step 1: Review this call and select the programme and the University of choice from the Eligible Programmes list; Step 2: Visit the university's website and review its application process for the selected programme. This will be indicated along with the call for applications for the EACSP. Step 3: Apply for admission to the university of your choice, indicating your intention to apply for the EAC Scholarship Programme. Ensure the University application fee is paid (where applicable).
PART B Apply for the EAC Scholarship	Step 4: Complete and submit the online EAC Scholarship Application form via https://ee-eu.kobotoolbox.org/J4W9xHf7 (The link will be open on 20th August 2026) Step 5: Review the Supporting Documents Checklist to identify all required attachments for submission. Step 6: Compile all required supporting documents into a single folder and name files according to the prescribed document codes. Step 7: Compress all required supporting documents in PDF format into a single zipped folder and submit it by email to eacsp@iucea.org and scholarships@adroitconsultinternational.com

The email subject line shall follow the prescribed format: **[Applicant Name]** – Application for **[Master's Programme]** at **[University]** – Phase II EACSP e.g. Tsavo Simba – Application for MBA at Adroit University – Phase II EACSP

Applicants may apply to more than one eligible Master's programme and/or university. However, each programme application shall be treated as a separate application and must be accompanied by:

- A separately completed online scholarship application form;
- A separate email submission for each programme applied for, with A complete set of supporting documents.

Applicants are strongly advised to submit all required supporting documents for each programme in a single email. Where multiple submissions are made for the same programme, only the first submission shall be considered unless the applicant sends an email indicating that we disregard the previous submission before the application deadline.

Submission of an application for admission to a university does not constitute an application for the EAC Scholarship Programme. Applicants must complete and submit the scholarship application separately, along with all required supporting documents.

A virtual pre-application information session will be held on 28 August 2026 at 11:00 AM East Africa Time (Nairobi time) to provide interested applicants with an opportunity to seek clarification on the Call for Applications and the application requirements. Please confirm your attendance by registering at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/xV6Th4PftJSUw3JFg0ioMQ>

6 LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Only applications with all mandatory documents submitted shall be considered.

Submit documents in PDF format and in a single zipped folder. Name each file using the format [Document Code] [Document Name], e.g., E01 National ID

Code	Evidence Required	Mandatory / Optional	Status (Submitted or not submitted)
E01	National ID or Passport	Mandatory and required to consider the application complete.	
E02	Passport Photograph <i>Note: Provide a recent passport photograph in colour of your full head and upper shoulders</i>		
E03	Proof of University admission Application (admission letter or acknowledgement email, receipt, portal screenshot etc.)		
E04	Bachelor's Degree Certificate and Transcript ✓ Applicants whose academic qualifications were obtained <i>outside the host country</i> must ensure that the qualifications are equated by the relevant National Council/ Commission for Higher Education or other competent authority in the host country before admission ✓ Applicants with supporting documents (transcripts, certificates, among others) in languages other than English are required to submit both the originals and copies translated into English by an accredited language		

	translation provider. <i>Note: All copies of the Bachelor's degree certificate and academic transcript must be certified true copies</i>		
E05	Curriculum Vitae (CV)		
E06	Bank Statements (last six months) <i>Note: Where applicable</i>		
E07	Academic Reference Letter		
E08	Professional Reference Letter		
E09	Recent Payslip	Optional (where applicable), but are required for evaluating information in these sections	
E10	Professional Membership Certificate		
E11	Payslips (last six months, where applicable)		
E12	Scholarship Award Letter (if undergraduate studies were funded through a scholarship)		
E13	Photograph of Primary Residence		
E14	Publication, Research Paper, Award, Fellowship, Certification or Other Achievement Evidence		
E15	Leadership Certificate		
E16	Volunteer Certificate		
E17	Evidence of dependents (Marriage or Birth Certificates, Guardianship Documents, School Fee Receipts, etc.)		
E18	Medical Report for Applicant with Disability or Chronic Illness		
E19	Refugee Identification or Registration Documents		
E20	Displacement, Disaster or Social Welfare Documentation		
E21	Evidence of Loss of Livelihood (termination letter, closure notice, etc.)		
E22	Tuition Arrears Statements, Fee Balance Statements or Financial Aid Applications		
E23	University Correspondence Demonstrating Financial Hardship		
E24	List any other relevant documents provided such as English Language Proficiency Certificate, e.g. IELTS, TOEFL (where applicable)		

7 IMPORTANT NOTES

- Only complete applications for eligible programmes, submitted before the deadline, in English and in accordance with the application guidelines, shall be considered.
- Applicants must complete both stages of the application process: Apply for admission to an eligible Master's programme at a participating university, and submit a separate application for the EAC Scholarship Programme.
- Applicants must submit all mandatory supporting documents as specified in the Supporting Documents Checklist. Failure to do so will result in the application being deemed incomplete and ineligible for further consideration.
- Applicants applying for more than one programme must submit a separate complete application for each programme applied for.
- Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.
- Providing false, misleading or incomplete information may result in automatic disqualification from the selection process or withdrawal of a scholarship award.
- IUCEA reserves the right to verify any information and supporting documentation submitted as part of the application process.
- Successful applicants may commence their studies at the earliest available intake, depending on the admission schedules and academic calendars of the respective host universities.
- Submission of an application does not guarantee the award of a scholarship.
- The scholarship opportunity cannot be deferred to a later time or transferred to another person. Failure to take up the opportunity at the time of the award will result in its termination.

8 CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATION

By applying, the applicant agrees to comply with all conditions for participating in this call. IUCEA and KFW reserve the right to reject applications that fail to meet the eligibility and selection requirements.

9 CONTACT & SUPPORT

For any assistance or clarification regarding this call, do not hesitate to contact;

IUCEA: eacsp@iucea.org ACI : scholarships@adroitconsultinternational.com

10 Important dates

Activity	Timeline
1. Launch of the Call for Student Applications	20 August 2026
2. Student application period	20 August – 10 September 2026
3. Receipt of clarifications	
4. Virtual pre-application information session	28 August 2026
5. Closing date for applications	10 September 2026
6. Communication of successful students and host universities	December 2026
7. Acceptance of scholarship offers and signing of scholarship agreements	December 2026
8. Pre-Travel and Pre-Award Orientation and Reporting to Universities	In accordance with university academic calendars
9. Reporting and registration of students at host universities	