**The University of Eldoret in Kenya Announces First Cohort of TAGDev 2.0 Program Scholars for the 2025/26 Academic Year**



[The University of Eldoret i](#)s proud to announce the selection of its First cohort of scholars under the TAGDev 2.0 program – a transformative initiative in partnership with the Regional University Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) and [Mastercard Foundation](#).

Guided by its commitment to delivering exceptional education and training in Agriculture, Science, Entrepreneurship, the Arts, and Engineering, University of Eldoret provides a transformative learning experience that integrates research, innovation, and community engagement. The implementation of the TAGDev 2.0 program will empower students to emerge as principled leaders, problem-solvers, and catalysts for change, poised to revolutionize the agricultural industry and promote sustainable development in Africa.

From the selected students, ten are set to start their undergraduate programmes in Agribusiness Management, Animal Science and Agriculture while five will start Masters programmes in Community Nutrition, Food Security and Animal Production.

**Selection Process**

The TAGDev 2.0 attracted a total of 463 applications. After an extensive selection process coordinated by RUFORUM, 15 outstanding candidates were awarded scholarships to study at the University of Eldoret.

The selected scholars are

| No. | Applicant | Gender | Course |
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| 1. | Arop Thon | Male | B.Sc. in Agribusiness Management |
| 2. | Alier Bior | Male | B.Sc. in Agribusiness Management |
| 3. | Hassan Mohamed | Male | B.Sc. in Agribusiness Management |
| 4. | Muhumed Abdinajib | Male | B.Sc. in Agribusiness Management |
| 5. | Awino Beutrice | Female | B.Sc. in Agribusiness Management |
| 6. | Nakitare Wambani Mellap | Female | B.Sc. in Agribusiness Management |
| 7. | Muthoni Gladys | Female | B.Sc. in Animal Science and Management |
| 8. | Sukuku Chere Dorcus | Female | B.Sc. in Animal Science and Management |
| 9. | Kakuko Stellah | Female | B.Sc. in Agriculture |
| 10. | Chirchir Mercy Jeruto | Female | B.Sc. in Agriculture |
| 11. | Atieno Conslata | Female | M.Sc. in Community Nutrition |
| 12. | Osamai Carol | Female | M.Sc. in Community Nutrition |
| 13. | Wabukhonyi Lwiza | Female | M.Sc. in Community Nutrition |
| 14. | Nickson Merimug | Male | M.Sc. in Food Security |
| 15. | Nyakundi Dorine | Female | M.Sc. in Animal Production |

**About RUFORUM and TAGDev**

RUFORUM, established in 2004, is a network of 175 universities across 40 African countries which collaborates globally with other university networks,

development partners, policymakers, and leaders to leverage synergies and work towards shared objectives in delivering science solutions for development, human capital development, and institutional reform in the African Higher Agricultural Education (HAE) system. RUFORUM recognizes youth as the driving force behind change and are leading the charge for a better Africa. Launched in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation, the TAGDev 2.0 (Transforming African Agricultural Universities to meaningfully contribute to Africa's Growth and Development), a scale-up to TAGDev 1.0 is a 10-year (2023–2033) program being implemented in 12 African universities, namely.

African University (Zimbabwe)
Egerton University (Kenya)
Gulu University (Uganda)
Malawi University of Science and Technology (Malawi)
Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (Morocco)
National University of Agriculture Benin
Uganda Martyrs University (Uganda)
University of Bamenda (Cameroon)
University of Eldoret (Kenya)
University of Cape Coast (Ghana)
University of Port Harcourt (Nigeria)
University of Free State (South Africa)

TAGDev 2.0 is designed to

- Expand equal work opportunities for young women and men in the agricultural sector
- Improve climate adaptive agricultural production and productivity with a focus on value chains
- Strengthening the quality of higher agricultural education outcomes in training, research and innovation.

**Why it matters**
TAGDev 2.0 presents a transformative opportunity for the University of Eldoret to strengthen its role as a hub of excellence in agricultural education, research, and innovation. Through the program, the University is positioned to equip its students with practical skills, entrepreneurial mindsets, and climate-smart knowledge needed to address pressing challenges in Kenya's agricultural sector and beyond. It enhances the University's capacity to influence policy, improve community livelihoods, and foster inclusive development by bridging the gap between academia, industry, and local communities. Importantly, TAGDev 2.0 enables the University of Eldoret to contribute meaningfully to national and continental priorities by producing graduates who are not only employable but are also job creators, innovators, and changemakers driving sustainable and resilient agrifood systems.

To learn more about the TAGDev program at University of Eldoret, follow the social media handles below

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[TAGDev 2.0 Twitter page:](#)
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