

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 University of Eldoret

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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 2026/2027 academic year is opened to applicants interested in and eligible to study Bachelor of Education in Home Science Technology, BSc. Entrepreneurship, BSc. Agribusiness Management, Bachelor of Science in Agroforestry and Rural Development, MSc Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, MSc. Computer Science, MSc. Agricultural Extension Education at University of Eldoret, Kenya.

2.1. Admission requirements to University of Eldoret and the specific academic programmes

Undergraduate Programmes	Admission Requirements
Bachelor of Education in Home Science Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Minimum mean grade of C+ at KCSE level or its equivalent or higher diploma in a relevant discipline from a recognized institution, ii. Minimum C+ in two teaching subjects iii. Minimum C (plain) in English iv. Minimum D+ (plus) in Mathematics
BSc Entrepreneurship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Mean grade of C+ plus at KCSE and a C plain in Mathematics and English Language in KCSE, or at least a D+ in Mathematics and a C plain in Commerce, Business Studies, Accounting, or Economics; OR II. Two Principals and one subsidiary pass in Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (KACE) plus at least pass in Maths and English at 'O' level; OR III. Holder of Two-year diploma in Business Management from University of Eldoret or (KNEC) with at least a credit to be admitted in 2nd year of study. OR IV. Be a holder of a one-year diploma from other institutions recognized by University of Eldoret Senate (e.g. KIM, ABE, CIM and CIPS) to be admitted in the first year of study; OR V. Be a holder of CPA/CPS (KASNEB) to be admitted to either 2nd or 3rd year of study; OR VI. A diploma or Higher diploma in a relevant discipline from a recognized institution to be admitted in 2nd or 3rd year of study.
BSc. Agribusiness Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Mean grade of C+ at KCSE with a C in Mathematics or Physics, C in Biology or Agriculture or Chemistry, Biological Sciences or Physical sciences ii. A diploma or higher diploma in a relevant discipline from a recognized institution

Postgraduate Programmes	Admission Requirements
MSc Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A minimum of second-class honours (upper division) degree or its equivalent from University of Eldoret or any other recognized University in a relevant area OR ii. A second-class honours (lower division) degree of University of Eldoret or any other recognized University in a relevant area with a 2 years working experience in the relevant field.
Master of Science in Agricultural Extension Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Applicants should have a Second Class Honours (Upper Division) OR its equivalent disciplines from a recognized institution of higher learning. ii. Holders of Second Class Honours Lower Division with 2 years' experience.

2.2 Appeal to potential applicants

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

2.3 Contact Information

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3.0 Eligibility for Scholarships

3.1. Who is eligible to apply?

Scholarships are open to candidates in Kenya from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Candidates from conflict and post-conflict areas of Africa residing in Kenya are also encouraged to apply. The applicant has to be in position to qualify for admission into undergraduate and/or postgraduate programmes at University of Eldoret. All applicants should read and thoroughly understand the admission criteria for the relevant programmes at University of Eldoret. 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 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 Bachelor's degree application not more than two years from the time of this call. For refugees and internally displaced persons, should have completed their studies at the previous level at most four years before.
- v. The applicant should meet admission criteria to be eligible for programmes at the University of Eldoret.
- vi. For admission into University of Eldoret for an undergraduate degree programme one must have attained the minimum grade of C+ at KCSE
- 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, 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.

3.4. Nature of the scholarship

This is a comprehensive scholarship with direct and indirect costs that will be covered by the programme through the implementing university where the student will be studying. Indirect costs such as participation in international conferences 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 University of Eldoret.
- 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 University of Eldoret

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

All applications can be downloaded from the university website www.uoeld.ac.ke/downloads/ apply and submitted to the university address below once fully filled together with the Certified copies of the academic documents:

University of Eldoret

P.O Box 1125-30100,
Eldoret, Kenya.

OR electronically sent to: registraracademics@uoeld.ac.ke

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/2026UniEldoret/ 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 May 2026

Key Virtual Information Session Days shall be communicated in due course.