



**Call for Scholarship Applications under the  
TAGDev 2.0 Programme for the 2025/2026  
Academic Year at University of Eldoret**

**Call ID: RU/2025Uni Eldoret/TAGDev 2.0**

## 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 2025/2026 academic year is opened to applicants interested in and eligible to study Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management, Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Management, Master of Science in Community Nutrition, Master of Science in Seed Science and Technology, Master of Science in Food Security, Master of Science in Animal Production at University of Eldoret, Kenya.

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

Undergraduate Programmes	Admission Requirements
i. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture	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 OR
ii. Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management	
iii. Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Management	
	A diploma or higher diploma in a relevant discipline from a recognized institution will be placed appropriately
Postgraduate Programmes	Admission Requirements
i. MSc Community Nutrition	Applicants should have a minimum of Second-Class Honours (Upper Division) OR its equivalent disciplines from a recognized institution of higher learning OR
ii. MSc Seed Science and Technology	
iii. MSc Food Security	
iv. Master of Science in Animal Production	
	Holders of Second Class Honours (Lower Division) with 2 years' relevant work experience

#### Bachelor of Science in Degrees

- i) All applicants for the degree Programme of Bachelor of Science in the above programmes must satisfy the minimum entrance requirements stipulated in the common University entrance regulations as Applicants with a mean aggregate of C+ in the KCSE and have fulfilled the following subject clusters.

Maths or Physics or Geography	C (plain
English or Kiswahili	C
Biology	C (plain)
OR	C+
Agriculture	
Chemistry	C (plain)

- ii) Holders of recognized Diploma in Agriculture, Animal Production, or related disciplines from recognized institutions are eligible for admission into the Programme by credit transfer as follows: Higher National Diploma, (3rd year); Distinction and Credit in Diploma (2nd year), Pass in Diploma (1st year).

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- iii) Candidates registered for Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree Programme in institutions recognized by University of Eldoret and Commissioner for University Education may be admitted with credit transfer upon recommendation by the SAGR and approval by Senate in line with CUE guidelines specified by Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS).

## **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, Burundi 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.

### **3.5. 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/](http://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](mailto:registraracademics@uoeld.ac.ke)

For additional information about the scholarship at University of Eldoret Please contact:

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#### **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/2025Uni Eldoret/ 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> April 2025**

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