

## **INTRODUCTION**

Mountains of the Moon is a community based University licensed by the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE). It officially started its operations in March 2005 with only 16 students and since then the University has grown from strength to strength. Population of students is now in hundreds, the university now partly operates in its own structures at Saaka main campus, it is linked not only to universities here in Uganda but even abroad. These overseas connections and those within the Rwenzori region really define us, as a community University that is bent to serving the educational needs not only of this region but the entire globe.

A big number of our students hail from poverty stricken homes and this is evidenced by high rates of students who drop out every semester due to failure to pay university dues. The bursaries therefore, will enable eligible students realize their educational dreams, the scheme will enable students who for financial and other reasons may not otherwise have considered university as an option.

## **VISION OF THE UNIVERSITY**

The VISION of the University is to be a Leading Centre of Excellence in teaching, research, and service to the Community.

## **MISSION**

The MISSION is to produce graduates well trained, educated, innovative, Practical, morally and spiritually balanced, socially responsible and problem solvers with competence, confidence, commitment, enthusiasm, team spirit, respect, integrity and honesty.

## COURSES AVAILABLE FOR BURSARY

NO.	COURSE	AWARD	DURATION	PROGRAMME
1.	Bachelor of Science in Public Health	Degree	3 years	Evening/ Long Distance
2.	Bachelor of Science in Horticulture with Management & Entrepreneurship	Degree	3 years	Day
3.	Bachelor of Science in Agriculture	Degree	3 years	Day
4.	Bachelor of Social & Community Development	Degree	3 years	Day/Weekend
5.	Bachelor of Business Management	Degree	3 years	Day/Weekend
6.	Bachelor of Public Administration	Degree	3 years	Day/Weekend
7.	Bachelor of Science with Education	Degree	3 years	Day
8.	Bachelor of Community Education	Degree	3 years	Day
9.	Bachelor of Arts with Education	Degree	3 years	Day
10.	Bachelor of Education (Primary/ Secondary)	Degree	3 years	Holiday
11.	Bachelor of Banking & Development Finance	Degree	3 years	Day
12.	Bachelor of Computer Science	Degree	3 years	Day
13.	Bachelor of Information Technology	Degree	3 years	Day
14.	Bachelor of Business Computing	Degree	3 years	Day
15.	Diploma in Floriculture	Diploma	2 years	Day

## APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

An applicant intending to join MMU on a bursary scheme must apply for admission by filling two application forms: one for the courses and the other for the bursary. These forms are supplied by the University at the main campus or at any of its centers at only UGX 15,000. The applicant should indicate the:

- ❖ Status Requested: whether one is registering as a day (full-time), evening, weekend, Distance or holiday student.
  - ❖ Course Option: one must indicate four course options chronologically in the application form. The Admissions Committee will consider the applications in the order in which they are received and applicants will be informed of its decision.
  - ❖ Other requirements such as their profile, academic qualifications, working experience and two referees.
- Official transcripts of senior four and six as applicable.
  - Those with certificate, diploma and/or degree qualifications should send along certified transcripts of the above qualifications.
  - Two recommendations from referees

### **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

The bursary will only be awarded to national students who will be selected and recommended by the University bursary committee.

Applicants for the bursary must already have been accepted into a degree course of their choice.

Everything else being equal, selection should favour candidates from proven poor backgrounds and those with capable academic ability.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

An application form can be obtained from the office of the Registrar Academic or any of our centres at 15,000/= (fifteen thousand shillings only)

Fill the form and attach certified photocopies of your academic papers and one colored passport size photograph.

The filled form should be returned either to the office of the Registrar Academic or to the center where the application form was picked.

Upon admission, the applicant will be provided with a bursary application form which must be filled and returned to the office of the Registrar academic or any of the centres.

Successful applicants will be informed in writing by the Registrar academic within two weeks from the start of the semester.

## **DURATION OF THE BURSARY**

The bursary is awarded for three academic years only on proof of academic success.

A student who fails to complete within the prescribed time will pay full tuition for the remaining time.

## **DISCONTINUATION FROM THE BURSARY SCHEME**

A student will be dismissed from the bursary scheme under the following circumstances:

- ❖ He/She fails more than three course units in a given semester

- ❖ He/She gets involved in indiscipline cases
- ❖ Falsification of information supplied in the bursary application form
- ❖ Receiving other bursaries, scholarships or grants for educational purposes alongside MMU bursary.
- ❖ Getting a cumulative Grade point average (CGPA) of less than 2.0 in a given semester

### **WHAT THE BURSARY COVERS**

The bursary will cover 50% of tuition per semester for the three academic years for degree courses and **100,000/= (One hundred thousand shillings only)** for Diploma in Floriculture. It excludes functional fees, accommodation, meals, books, learning materials and other living expenses.

### **DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED WHEN APPLYING FOR THIS BURSARY**

1. Certified photocopies of academic papers
2. LCI recommendation
3. A letter in your own hand writing to motivate your application
4. a copy of recent ID
5. photocopy of birth certificate

### **BENEFICIARIES OF THE BURSARIES**

The University being community based and with a mission to offer educational services to the community has put in place bursaries for poor students who belong to the under listed Kingdoms and religious communities.

1. Tooro Kingdom covering districts of Kabarole, Kyenjojo, Kyaka, Ntoroko and Kamwenge.
2. Obusinga bwa Rwenzururu Kingdom in Kasese and Bundibugyo
3. Bunyoro Kingdom
4. Bunyoro Kitara Diocese
5. Rwenzori Dioceses in Kabarole
6. Fort Portal Catholic Diocese in Kabarole
7. East Rwenzori Diocese in Kamwenge
8. Uganda Western Field covering districts of Kabarole, Kyenjojo, Kyaka, Ntoroko, Kasese, Bundibugyo and Kamwenge.
9. Christian Fellowship Church in Kabarole
10. Kabarole Petecostal Church in Kabarole.
11. The Moslem community in Kabarole district
12. Masindi Kitara Diocese

#### AMOUNT OF MONEY PER KINGDOM AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

No	Kingdom /Religious community	No. of bursaries	Amount in a semester	Amount in an Academic year	Amount in three academic years
1	Tooro Kingdom	100	43,000,000/=	86,000,000/=	258,000,000/=
2	Bunyoro Kingdom	100	43,000,000/=	86,000,000/=	258,000,000/=
3	Obusinga	100	43,000,000/=	86,000,000/=	258,000,000/=
4	Fort Portal Diocese	50	21,500,000/=	43,000,000/=	129,000,000/=
5.	Rwenzori Diocese	50	21,500,000/=	43,000,000/=	129,000,000/=
6	Kasese Catholic Diocese	50	21,500,000/=	43,000,000/=	129,000,000/=
7	East Rwenzori Diocese	50	21,500,000/=	43,000,000/=	129,000,000/=
8	Hoima Catholic Diocese	50	21,500,000/=	43,000,000/=	129,000,000/=
9.	Masindi Kitara Diocese	50	21,500,000/=	43,000,000/=	129,000,000/=
10	Christian Fellow ship	50	21,500,000/=	43,000,000/=	129,000,000/=
11.	Uganda Western Field	50	21,500,000/=	43,000,000/=	129,000,000/=

12	Islamic Community	50	21,500,000/=	43,000,000/=	129,000,000/=
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>322,500,000/=</b>	<b>645,000,000/=</b>	<b>1,935,000,000/=</b>

## SUMMARY

1. Total number of Bursaries given 750
2. Total amount put aside for 750 students in a semester is 322,500,000/= (**Three hundred twenty two million five hundred thousand shillings only**).
3. Total amount put aside for 750 students in an academic year is 645,000,000/= (**Six hundred and forty five million shillings only**).
4. Total amount put aside for 750 students in three academic years 1,935,000,000/= (**One billion nine hundred and thirty five million shillings only**).

## RESPONSIBILITY OF KINGDOMS AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

The Kingdoms and Religious communities in this bursary scheme will play the following roles:

- ❖ Mobilize academically gifted but poor students to apply for the bursaries
- ❖ Ensure that, applications are sent to the office of the Registrar Academic and applicants receive their admission letters in time.
- ❖ In collaboration with the Registrar Academic monitor academic progress of their students and give relevant advice where necessary.

## CONCLUSION

These bursaries if well utilized and given to the students really in need will enhance the educational standards not only in this Rwenzori region but the entire country.