

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 2025/2026
Academic Year at The University of Bamenda**

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Training the Next Generation of Scientists for Africa

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 open to applicants interested in and eligible to study Bachelor of Science in Crop Production Technology, Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Technology, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Environmental Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Forestry and Wild Life Technology, Bachelor of Science in Animal Production Technology, and Bachelor of Science in Agri-business Technology, Bachelor of Science in Computer networks and systems maintenance, Bachelor of Science in Renewable Energy Technology, Master of Science in Crop Production Technology, Master of Science in Nutrition, Food and Bioresource Food Science and Technology, Option Food and Bioresources Technology (FBT) or Nutritional Sciences at The University of Bamenda, Cameroon.

2.1. General Admission requirements to The University of Bamenda

Undergraduate Programmes	Admission Requirements
i. BSc. Crop Production Technology (CPT) ii. BSc. Food Science and Technology (FST) iii. BSc. Agriculture and Environmental Engineering (AEE) iv. BSc. Forestry and Wild Life Technology (FWT) v. BSc. Animal Production Technology (APT) vi. BSc. Agri-business Technology (ABT)	Admission on this scholarship scheme is by online application. Candidates must have; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 04 papers at GCE O/L AND at least 02 papers in one sitting at GCE A/L in the Sciences, or Economics/Geography and Mathematics OR; • "Probatoire" and "Baccalauréat" C, D or F4 OR; • A pass in GCE Technical / BAC Technique or "Probatoire" and "Baccalauréat de Brevet de Technicien" in a relevant option: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o ACC /CG, MKT /ACC, TIMS /FIG for ABT programme o MEME /MEM, MAME /F1 for AEE programme o Animal Production for APT o FMT /EF/Crop production for CPT and FWT programmes o FSN and HE / ESF for FST programme
vii. BSc. Computer networks and systems maintenance (CNSM) viii. BSc. Renewable Energy Technology (RET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 04 papers at GCE O/L which must include Mathematics and Physics AND at least 02 papers in one sitting at GCE A/L in the Sciences OR; • "Probatoire" and "Baccalauréat" C, D, F2, F3, MAV or other relevant subjects OR; • Pass in GCE Technical / BAC Technique or "Probatoire" and "Baccalauréat de Brevet de Technicien" in a relevant option: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELN /F2, EPS /F3, AM-LV /MAVT, AM-HD /MAPL, IMSE / MISE for EPE, TCE and REE programmes • ELN/F2, EPS/F3, AM-LV/MAVT; AM-HD/MAPL, IMSE/ MISE for CNSM, DAS, SEN programmes • Any other certificates recognized as equivalent by the Ministry of Higher Education.
Masters Programmes	Admission Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.Sc. Crop Production Technology (CPT) • M.Sc. Food Science and Technology/Nutrition, Food and Bioresource Technology, Option Food and Bioresources Technology (FBT) or Nutritional Sciences (NS) 	Admission is by online application. Candidates must have; B.Sc. in the relevant domain of studies with good grades.

2.2 Appeal to potential applicants

Interested applicants are requested to visit the university website at www.uniba.cm or <https://www.ubastudent.online/admission> to familiarize 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 Cameroon from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Candidates from conflict and post-conflict areas of Africa residing in Cameroon are also encouraged to apply. The applicant has to be in position to qualify for admission into undergraduate and/or postgraduate programmes at The University of Bamenda. All applicants should read and thoroughly understand the admission criteria for the relevant programmes at The University of Bamenda. 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 Cameroon or a refugee resident in Cameroon to benefit from the national respective scholarship quota.
- ii. Be economically disadvantaged, marginalized communities, and/or coming from conflict and post conflict areas in Cameroon.
- iii. Be less than 30 years for undergraduate and less than 35 years for masters studies at the time of application.
- iv. Should have completed secondary school and/or diploma for a Bachelors degree application not more than four years (2021-2024) from the time of this call.
- v. The applicant should meet admission criteria to be eligible programmes in The University of Bamenda.
- vi. For admission into University of Bamenda for an undergraduate degree programme applicants must have attained General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level (G.C.E. A/L) in at least two (2) subjects obtained in one sitting or its equivalent (e.g., WAEC, university

entry examinations/qualifications for East or Southern African countries, Baccalaureate) General Certificate of Education, Ordinary Level (GCE O/L) in at least four (4) subjects or its equivalence (e.g., Probatoire etc).

NB: Candidates without a pass in English Language at "Ordinary Level" and "Probatoire" are allowed to apply and take an English Language Proficiency Test organized by The University of Bamenda after the offer of provisional admission. Students without Ordinary Level Mathematics can still apply for admission in the various undergraduate programmes. They will be admitted in case they meet up with their choice programme's requirement but will be required to take a remedial Mathematics course.

For Masters Programmes, the candidate should have obtained- BSc in the relevant domain of studies with good grades

- 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 TAGDev 2.0 programme through the implementing university where the student will be studying. Indirect costs such as participation in the international conference 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 Bamenda.
- 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 The University of Bamenda

The application process is in two stages. The first stage is application for admission to the programme of choice at The University of Bamenda submitted to The University of Bamenda. The second stage is application for the TAGDev 2.0 scholarship submitted to RUFORUM. Both stages have to be done concurrently.

All applications for admission must be submitted to the university address below.

The procedure for submitting the application for admission in The University of Bamenda through the University of Bamenda admission portal is as

follows:

- Access the University of Bamenda admission Portal at <https://www.ubastudent.online/admission>
- Create your account by clicking on 'Create Account'
- Log into your account by clicking 'Log into Account'
- Pay a registration fees: The University of Bamenda waves payment of Application fees ONLY for candidates applying for admission into The University of Bamenda AND for the TAGDev 2.0 Scholarship.
- Fill the application form on-line and submit the form on-line.
All application forms MUST be filled and submitted online first
- Download, print and submit hard copies of your application form for admission into the University addressed to:

The Vice Chancellor of The University of Bamenda, P.O. Box 39 Bambili, NW Region – Cameroon and Deposit at Room 203, Central Administration Building.

To apply to The University of Bamenda, in addition to the programme requirements listed above, all applicants are required to have the following general university admission requirements:

For Bachelors Programmes;

- GCE A/L in at least two (2) subjects obtained in one sitting or Baccalaureate or its Equivalence.
- GCE O/L in at least four (4) subjects or its Equivalence

NB:

- Candidates without a pass in English Language at "Ordinary Level" and "Probatoire" are allowed to apply and take an English Language Proficiency Test organized by The University of Bamenda.

NB: Students without Ordinary Level Mathematics can still apply for admission in the various undergraduate programmes. They will be admitted in case they meet up with their choice programme's requirement but will be required to take a remedial Mathematics course.

For Masters Programmes

BSc in the relevant domain of studies with good grades

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4.2. Application for 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/2025UBa/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 April 2025

Key Virtual Information Session Days

Dates for key Virtual Information Session Days:

- i. 27 February 2025
- ii. 28 February 2025