

**THE KAMPALA
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
IN TANZANIA
BURSARY SCHEME POLICY**



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In the bid to support and enable Tanzanians to greater levels of education, particularly the less financially privileged, KIUT has established a bursary scheme called Kampala International University Bursary Scheme. Through this scheme, the University will be offering bursaries in form of tuition fee concession of up to 50% for undergraduate programmes (Except Health Sciences) of 1-3 years.

CHALLENGES FACING THE HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR IN TANZANIA

While there has been some success in the educational sector, the following challenges remain.

- a) Low enrolment in humanity programmes like Education, Social Sciences, Business administration, among others.

- b) Inadequate Funding: There is inadequate Government funding to students pursuing humanities programmes. HESLEB is majorly funding the health sciences programmes.

- c) Affordability: Lack of access to financial assistance from financial institutions by many the students since these institutions do not offer education loan facilities.

2.0 GENERAL STATEMENT

Kampala International University in Tanzania recognizes the need to increase access to higher education since many students fail to access higher education because of financial problems. This policy will ensure increased access to funding/scholarship through the introduction of a students' scholarship scheme and in turn it is anticipated that this will spur economic development as critical courses geared towards the economic development of the nation will be targeted for scholarship. It will also enable the student to share the financial burden for tuitions and other educational costs with the university through payment of 50% of tuition fees.

2.1 POLICY VISION / MISSION

Providing student financing to needy and eligible Tanzanians for the equitable access to higher education.

2.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY BURSARY SCHEME

The objective of this policy is to among others achieve the following;

- a) To give back a hand to the local community in Tanzania as a form of corporate social responsibility in supporting higher education learning.
- b) Support numerous efforts of the Government in funding higher education through Humanities Course bursary scheme.
- c) To increase the participation of students in Humanity courses.
- d) Increase access of students who are disfavored by economic conditions to higher education in Tanzania.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the university scholarship scheme, applicants shall fulfill the following eligibility criteria.

- a) Be a citizen of the republic of Tanzania and a resident of the recommending district or region.
- b) Have attended a secondary education in Tanzania and obtained an A and O level certificates from NECTA.

should have passed in the appropriate subject combination. c) Be admitted on a full-time undergraduate programme (Except Health Sciences) in any Faculty/School/ at KIUT.

3.1 APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

a) The bursary Committee shall write to the responsible offices at the district /constituency level to recommend the given number of students' slots. The district council/area of constituent member of parliament shall use their criteria for even distribution across the district/state. This process will go throughout September- October for all the programmes (except health sciences).

b) Applicants must submit an application for the KIUTBS through the office of the MP's/District Administrative Secretary (RAS) who shall along with shortlist the applicants and recommend to Kampala International University in Tanzania accordingly.

c) The names of the successful applicants together with the minutes of the council meeting should be submitted to the deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics – Kampala International University in Tanzania.

d) In assessing the eligible applicant for the receipt of KIUBS, the MP or district should take into consideration the following:

- i. Financial need of the student
- ii. Academic merit based on previous qualifications, especially O and A level results.
- iii. Ambition and the potential to make a significant contribution to society after graduation.
- iv. Demonstrable qualities, which show the desire and potential to become a successful ambassador for the district and the country during and after their studies.

e) Additional criteria may be established from time to time.

3.2 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

a) Be admitted to a programme of study (Except Health Science Programmes) at Kampala International University in Tanzania

b) The bursary is ONLY for Tanzanian students, unless otherwise authorized by the BOT for other nationalities. These Tanzanians must be First-Year-First-Semester students. No continuing student shall be awarded

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- c) Meet any conditions attached to the academic offer such as the ability to pay 50% of the total tuition fee on registration.
- d) Student must be admitted on Certificate, Diploma or Bachelor Programme.
- e) Register as a full-time student for the undergraduate programme (Except Health Sciences) at KIUT by the given start date.
- f) Scholarships cannot be differed to the following academic year.
- g) Seek permission and obtain consent from the university and Bursary office before making any changes to their programme of study. This includes changing programme, programme transfer, suspending studies, etc. Where changes are made without prior approval, the scholarship will be withdrawn, and students shall be required to pay the programme amount in full. Where changes are made without prior approval, a charge Penalty of 20% of the student's part shall be levied on the student.
- h) Seek permission from the university before extending a period of registered study. Scholarships are not automatically extendable.
- i) The scholarship is not available as cash alternative.
- j) Scholarship recipients must maintain a normal progress grades for the duration of the programme admitted for and a good behavioral record.
- k) If a student fails to meet satisfactory academic progress standards and consequently loses eligibility for the scholarship, the student shall submit a written appeal with supporting documentation for reinstatement of financial aid eligibility if the student had mitigating circumstances.

l) Suspension due to misconduct will lead to immediate withdrawal of the Bursary.

m) Mitigating circumstances include:

- i. Serious injury of the student and/or the student's immediate family member
- ii. Serious extended illness or impairment of the student and/or the student's immediate family.
- iii. Death of the student's relative

n) Scholarship recipients must complete the degree or diploma or certificate programme within the minimum time frame.

o) Any form of impersonation, falsification or forgery discovered either on application or later, will lead to immediate disqualification of the Bursary.

p) The university reserves the right to withdraw the offer of the scholarship if there is a breach of the conditions attached to the scholarship. If this award letter is lost, a charge Penalty of 20% shall be levied on the student in the following semester.

4.0 DEADLINES

a) Students may start applying for September-October intake bursaries in August of the respective year. Therefore, the opening date for receiving recommendations for bursaries shall be 25thJuly and the deadline for awarding September-October intake bursaries shall be 25thOctober.

5.0 ADMINISTRATION OF THE BURSARY PROGRAM

For a more effective and efficient administration of the scholarship scheme, the University implements the scholarship scheme through an autonomous Scholarship Board, which consists of five members drawn from Board of Trustee (BOT), University Council, University Senate and Management.

6.0 CONCLUSION

The Kampala International University in Tanzania Scholarship Scheme Policy has been developed to address the problem of unfair access to higher education given the large number of dropouts due to inability to meet the costs of funding education by many of Tanzanian citizens.

The Board of Trustees KIUT has entrusted a Scholarship Committee for the process of implementing students' higher education scholarship scheme. This policy will be used as a guiding tool for all stakeholders with a view of effective management of the scheme and eventual attainment of the objectives of the policy.

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