



UGHE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME AND AWARDS POLICY

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PURPOSE

Scholarships at UGHE (University of Global Health Equity) intend to facilitate access to quality education for deserving individuals committed to advancing global health equity. This policy aims to create a transparent and equitable framework for the administration of scholarships at UGHE.

DEFINITIONS

Scholarship: financial support granted to students based on merit, financial need, or specific pre-defined criteria.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at UGHE. It covers scholarships and awards provided by UGHE and those established through external partnerships.

PROCEDURE

Undergraduate Scholarships

All students admitted onto UGHE's Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Master of Global Health Delivery dual program receive free tuition and boarding for the duration of their program under UGHE's Umusanzu agreement. The Umusanzu agreement allows qualified applicants to be admitted into UGHE's MBBS/MGHD program irrespective of their ability to pay tuition, and they will not be required to pay tuition or boarding fees. In return, they are required to commit to a specified number of years of professional service to vulnerable populations under the employment of the Rwanda Ministry of Health (MoH).

Detailed information about the Umusanzu agreement can be found in the Umusanzu Policy (AP-REG 2).

Graduate Scholarships

Applicants for a degree-granting graduate program are entitled to the following two scholarship schemes:

1. Named scholarships

Named scholarships for specific academic programs and options will be communicated to applicants in any given admissions cycle by the Office of the Registrar. The award of any



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named scholarship for an academic program is based on admissions performance. Availability of named scholarships are dependent on donor availability in any given admissions cycle.

2. Needs based scholarships

UGHE is committed to alleviating the burden of tuition for students through need-based scholarship opportunities. All graduate candidates shortlisted for admissions interviews are invited to submit a scholarship application to determine financial need. This application will include:

- 3 months of pay slips (if the student is employed)
- Employment contract (if the student is employed)
- Bank statement detailing the last 3 months prior to the application
- Evidence or proof of any personal assets, current financial obligations, or loans

If students are unable to provide any of the above documents, they should speak with the program admissions team (via shared admissions emails).

Assessment and selection

- For both named scholarships and needs-based scholarships, a Scholarship Committee formed by UGHE Leadership convenes to evaluate applications and select recipients based on established criteria.
- Scholarships recipients will be selected according to the scholarship criteria, including an assessment of need, demonstrated excellence, leadership, and previous positive contributions that align to the UGHE mission, vision and values, among others.

Scholarship notification

- Scholarships are granted according to the established schedule and criteria.
- Financial need will be determined on an individual basis and only after a full assessment of a student's financial capacity.
- Successful candidates receive a formal notification outlining the scholarship details, terms and conditions.

Upon admission, successful candidates pay a mandatory enrollment and digital and E-Learning resources fee. The amount is communicated every admission year.



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Flexible Payment Plans

UGHE provides the opportunity for students to divide their tuition into smaller, more manageable payments. Students can be invoiced once per semester or once per month. The University also provides students with the option to extend monthly payments a year beyond their studies. Academic transcripts and diplomas will be withheld until all tuition payments are fulfilled.

RESPONSIBILITY

Scholarship Committee:

The Scholarship Committee is responsible for reviewing applications, conducting interviews, selecting recipients, and ensuring transparency and fairness in the awarding process.

Finance Office:

The Finance Office grants scholarships, ensuring that funds are allocated efficiently and in accordance with the policy.

REVISION/REPLACING

This policy shall be subject to review in **five** years (01/11/2029).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY

This policy shall come into effect on the date of its approval by the Academic Commission of the University of Global Health Equity.

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