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**Bachelor of Medicine,
Bachelor of Surgery/ Master of
Science in Global Health Delivery
(MBBS/MGHD)**

Class of 2026

A Letter from the Dean



It is my pleasure to introduce you to the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery / Master of Science in Global Health Delivery (MBBS/ MGHD) class of 2026 integrated degree program. These students have successfully passed a rigorous and holistic admissions process and are now beginning the six and a half year dual degree program.

Learning will take place both inside and outside of the classroom, with a focus on real-world scenarios in the community. MBBS/MGHD students will be trained as leaders and advocates, not only as individuals but also for entire health systems. From their first day at UGHE, faculty and staff will provide them with support and mentorship as they progress through the engaging and rigorous curriculum.

The academic program at UGHE will transform students into changemakers. It will equip them with the skills to investigate complex problems with a fresh lens, one that is multidisciplinary, open-minded, and empathetic yet critical. This will be key to addressing global health issues and concerns in a productive, effective and sustainable manner. I would also like to reaffirm our commitment to equity in education and health care, which our students will exemplify throughout the program and take into their careers.

We are confident that this inaugural class of Lions will serve as global health leaders for Africa and beyond, and we are here to support and accompany them through this exciting journey.

Warm Regards,

Abebe Bekele, MD, FCS, FACS
Dean of the School of Medicine
Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic &
Research Affairs



QUICK STATS ABOUT **MBBS/MGHD '26**

- ▶ 705 Applicants
- ▶ 5.11 % Acceptance Rate
- ▶ 36 Students
- ▶ 24 Female
- ▶ 12 Male

Cyuzuzo Annie Prisca



Why do you want to become a doctor?

From witnessing my father's accident and experiencing the hope that medication can bring and the happiness from seeing loved ones cured, I wanted to bring that kind of hope and happiness to others by giving a hand and joining the world of doctors.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I'm excited about UGHE's smart and professional teachers who will turn me into the best I can be as a student and someone on the path of becoming a doctor. They will help me get closer to achieving my dream of being a doctor.



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City of kigali



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Kevin Shimwa Gakuba



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I grew up being told that my grandmother died in a hospital. I also remember how my aunt was hospitalized several times, but all in vain. These are some of many coincidences that have sparked inside me the desire to study medicine and be able to give my best to the community as a medical doctor.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I believe UGHE has all the necessary facilities to help me and my colleagues receive a high quality medical education so that we can become the doctors who will make a positive difference in the community.



Petit Seminaire Saint Kizito de Zaza, Ngoma District, Eastern Province



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Sabrina Gwiza



Why do you want to become a doctor?

Life is better when we have dreams especially if we are passionate about them and want to make them true. Ever since I was young I have always dreamt of becoming a doctor and as I grew up I became more passionate and determined to make my dream a reality due to different factors that enhanced my passion including my aunt's mental health illness.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited that I will be joining my dream university which will help me attain a dream I have had ever since I was young of saving lives and I am also excited about meeting my new schoolmates and the school staff as well as getting to know them.

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Ruhango District, Southern
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Aime Cesar Habonimana

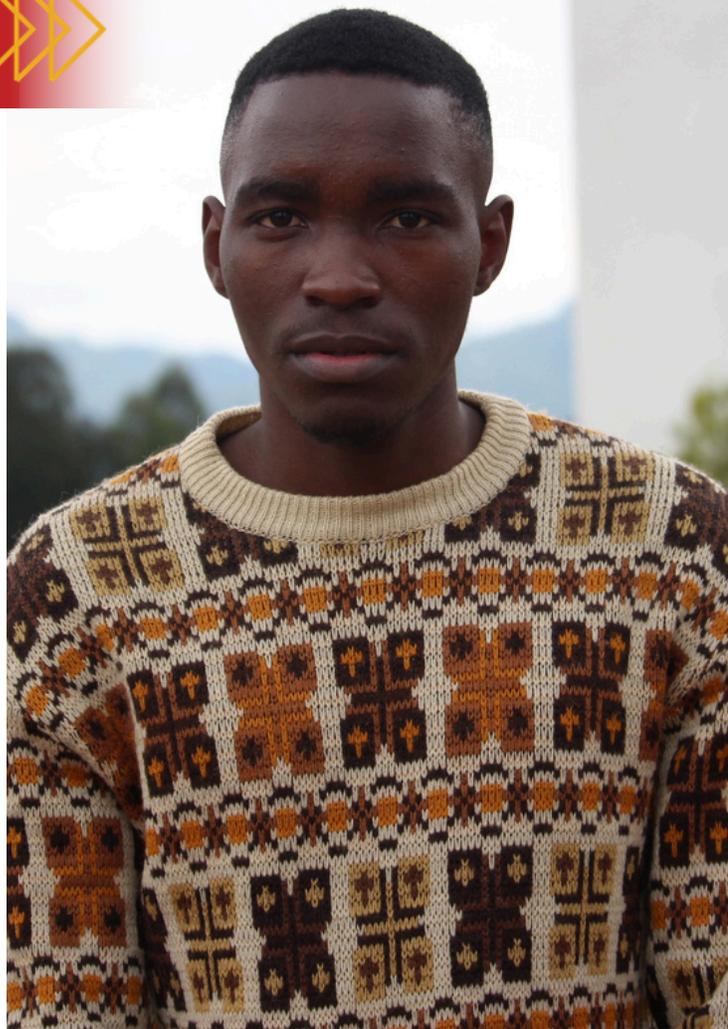


Why do you want to become a doctor?

When I was 9, I suffered from malaria. At the hospital there were so many patients suffering from different diseases with terrible pain much worse than me. They all had their trust in a doctor who was supposed to save their lives and heal their pain. This introduced me to how strong a doctor is and created a desire in me to become a doctor.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I can't wait to meet new students with different personalities, skills and talents to challenge my views and transform me into a skilled person. Furthermore, serving my country and saving the living of people is what excites me the most.



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Rusizi District,
Western Province



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Olivier Hagenimana

Why do you want to become a doctor?

I was inspired by my mother who is a healthcare professional. I was amazed by how she takes good care of patients equitably. This strongly pushed me closer to the activity itself as I found it rewarding to live seeing the results of your work in people by raising their health status and saving lives.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am very excited to join the MBBS/MGHD program at UGHE. I believe that it will be a wonderful experience to meet different global health heroes and earn a world class education from recognized world class educators.



Groupe Scolaire Officiel de
Butare, Huye District, Southern
Province



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Aime Pacifique Hakizimana

Why do you want to become a doctor?

I know some mothers who still give birth at homes. This shows that medical services are not fully available to our people. I want to become a doctor to provide medical services to people who can not access them easily. I can not wait to start contributing to providing medical services to everybody irrespective of any barriers.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited about getting involved in the amazing UGHE program and interacting with experienced professors and other professionals whom we will learn from together with other students.



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Benithe Himbazwa



Why do you want to become a doctor?

Becoming a doctor has been my dream from my childhood. Inspired by my dad who pursue the medical career, I became devoted and passionate to save people's lives. I was greatly touched by the patients' sufferings whenever I paid hospital visits . I aspire to become a doctor to relieve these sufferings and contribute to wellbeing globally.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

When I learnt about UGHE's mission and vision; I strongly wished to join. I am excited to join UGHE to learn from excellent professors alongside my colleagues, for the realization of our dreams.



Ecole Secondaire St. François
Shangi, Nyamasheke District,
Western Province



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Annie Christella Ihoza



Why do you want to become a doctor?

My interest in medicine began when my father's health started deteriorating due to a rare neuromuscular disorder. I started investing myself in reading online medical journals to educate myself about his disease. This became my entry into the world of healthcare and sparked in me an unquenchable interest in human biology.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited about being taught by UGHE's experienced and diverse teaching faculty. As an aspiring doctor, I am thrilled that I am going to study most of what I will ever know from a group of lecturers who are very qualified.

Gashora Girls' Academy of Science and Technology, Bugesera, Eastern Province



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Rosine Shabe Ikuzwe



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I am following my dreams of seeing an advanced health system in Rwanda where people will no longer need to take flights for some kinds of healthcare or line up for the whole day waiting for one doctor in the hospital. I want to use my skills, time, and passion to improve the Rwandan health system and Africa at large.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am very excited to join a friendly and supportive community at UGHE where I will be able to grow both socially and mentally as I will be learning from different people that I will meet.

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Odile Iragena



Why do you want to become a doctor?

My desire to pursue a career in medicine originated from the loss of my cousin in 2008. She suffered from severe headache and she did not find treatment in Rwanda. She was transferred to India, a long, expensive and complex process that caused her death on the way. Thus, I grew up with a zeal to become a neurosurgeon to save lives.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

Living in the UGHE community is tremendously exciting. I am excited about a solid far-reaching education that I will gain with brilliant professors from eminent universities around the world.



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Alliance Niyonkuru Iriza



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I was first inspired by a good doctor from a movie who was really exemplary and a painful story of a woman who carried a phone and gloves for 3 years after delivery due to a doctor's mistake and many other factors which made me vow to myself that I was going to be a good doctor. I am thankful that I am going to be in good hands at UGHE.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I'm excited about UGHE's excellency in training global health leaders and a perfect studying environment.



Groupe scolaire Notre Dame du bon conseil Byumba, Gicumbi District, Northern province



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Bertine Ishimwe



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I was born in a community where health services were an issue. It was very hard for someone to find good medical care as there were not enough health centers and qualified medical professionals. Struggles that I and my neighbors met pushed me to choose becoming a doctor as my future career.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited to join UGHE because I believe that it's education system is excellent. I want to become a future health professional and this field requires quality education. Building on that, I really know that I will acquire that education from UGHE.



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Nadine Iris Ishimwe



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I want to contribute to the well being of my community. I witnessed health problems in my community mostly on poor people and I want to contribute to the improvement of my community's health conditions. I strongly desire to become a doctor for the most vulnerable people as I will be helping them equitably.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited about everything at UGHE but especially learning as a future global health doctor and also the day to day living conditions are exciting.



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Nyanza District,
Southern Province



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Pacifique Ishimwe



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I want to become a doctor because I'm passionate about it. I want to live my life helping to save people's lives, treat diseases, fight against pandemics and make people's lives better. It's really a great satisfaction to pursue my career doing my best to make sure that life and health of people is at optimum level.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited to join UGHE because it's a great medical school. This means that I will get all the required skills and knowledge, education, and expertise which will help me to make my dream of becoming a medical doctor come true.



Petit Séminaire Saint Kizito de Zaza in Ngoma District, Eastern Province



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Soleil Ishimwe

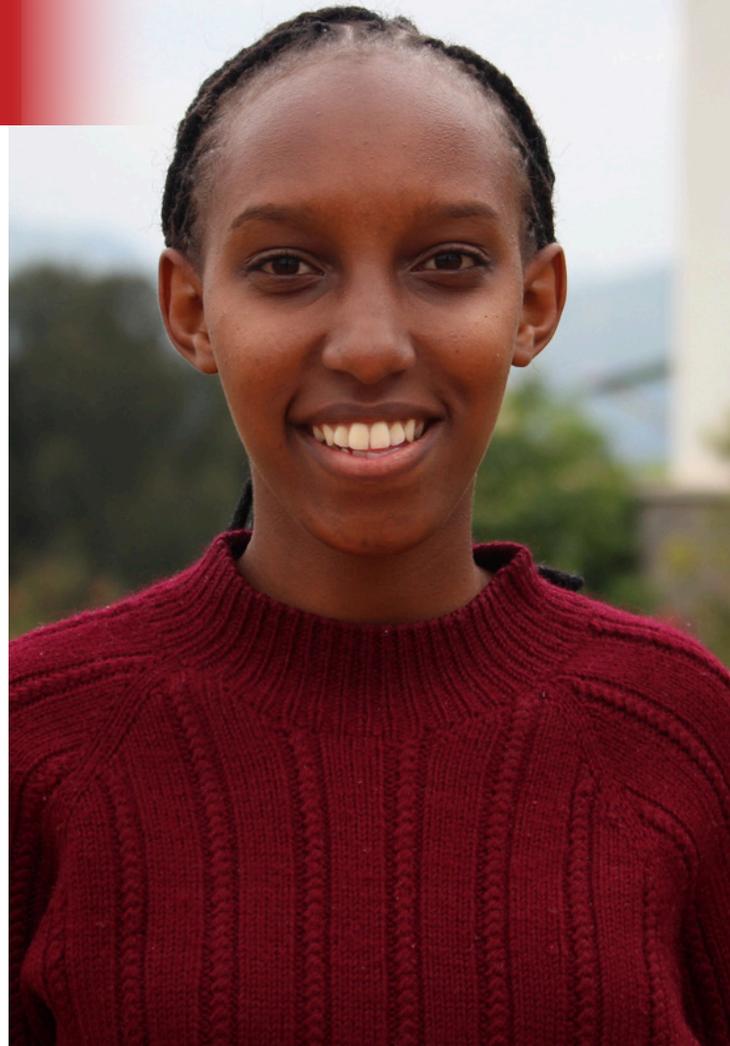


Why do you want to become a doctor?

By becoming a doctor I can save lives building those ever happiest memories although it seems hard it is a go for goals. Growing up with my twin brother and always having silly fights but ending up with regrets later, I realized that life has to be cherished, enjoyed by filling all the dark lives with happiness full of those dream-smiles.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am super excited to join the MBBS/MGHD program as my views will be challenged. I look forward to knowing more about medicine and learning from anyone at UGHE on this journey to becoming a doctor.



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Didier Isingizwe



Why do you want to become a doctor?

In 2014, my aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer and then she died contributing to the 8.5% of deaths due to breast cancer in Rwanda as per the WHO report. Her death left me with the burden to do whatever I could do to pay her tribute to her life. This is why I want to become a doctor and so that I can help address and treat diseases like cancer and others.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

The fact that I will be trained not only in the practice of medical profession but also on how to deliver health care in an equitable way, really excited me.



Petit Seminaire Saint Aloys,
Rusizi District,
Western Province



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Clarisse Alice Kabarisa



Why do you want to become a doctor?

Since I was young, I use to visit different hospitals to look for treatment and realised that there are not enough doctors to treat patients. I therefore decided to learn sciences so that I will contribute to bridge that gap through medical studies.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am very excited about seeing myself walking in a way of achieving my dreams of becoming a doctor and collaborating with others in order to achieve our goals.



Lycee Notre Dame De Citeaux
in Nyarugenge District, City of
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Principiana Teddy Kayumba



Why do you want to become a doctor?

As I grew up, my family was always my support system and I used to tell them that I would become a doctor in the future. I'm very close to my mom who is a midwife and she has always supported and encouraged me to pursue my dream not just for me but for her too who wanted to study further in the medical field and for the vulnerable people.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I can't wait to join UGHE because of the new people I'll meet. I love interactions and meeting new people and now it's a whole campus full of people I don't know, from different places and that's exciting.



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Lilian Uwase Keza

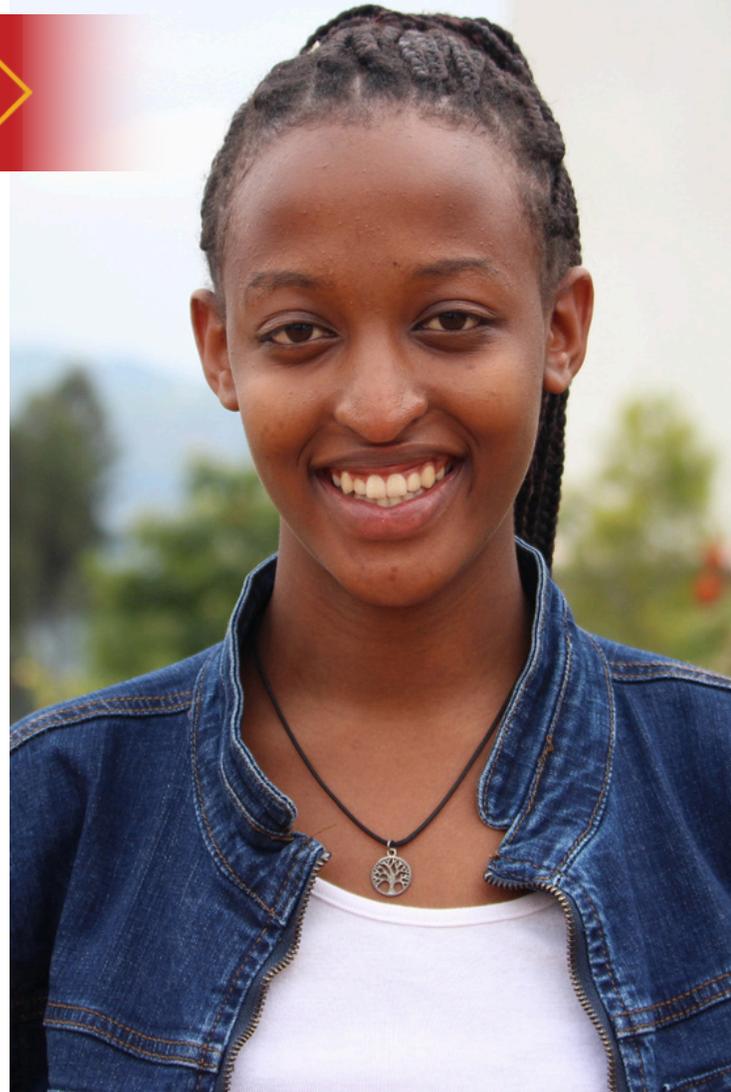


Why do you want to become a doctor?

At a young age, I was diagnosed with pneumonia. Fortunately, the doctors performed their magic and I was cured. I was free. My freedom made me think about the other young kids out there going through what I had been through. I knew I had to do something to save those kids from such a dark chapter.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am so excited to join UGHE because through joining it, I will be able to interact with different people either in the campus and also the outside community.



Gashora Girls' Academy of Science and Technology, Bugesera, Eastern Province



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Patrick Mugisha



Why do you want to become a doctor?

Growing in a rural setting in Rwanda, I have witnessed different problems in healthcare delivery. There are not enough healthcare professionals in some hospitals and health centres particularly in rural areas. I want to give back to my community, helping to address health related challenges

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited to join UGHE because UGHE is an international university that provides knowledge and skills needed to address health inequities and it treats all students equitably.

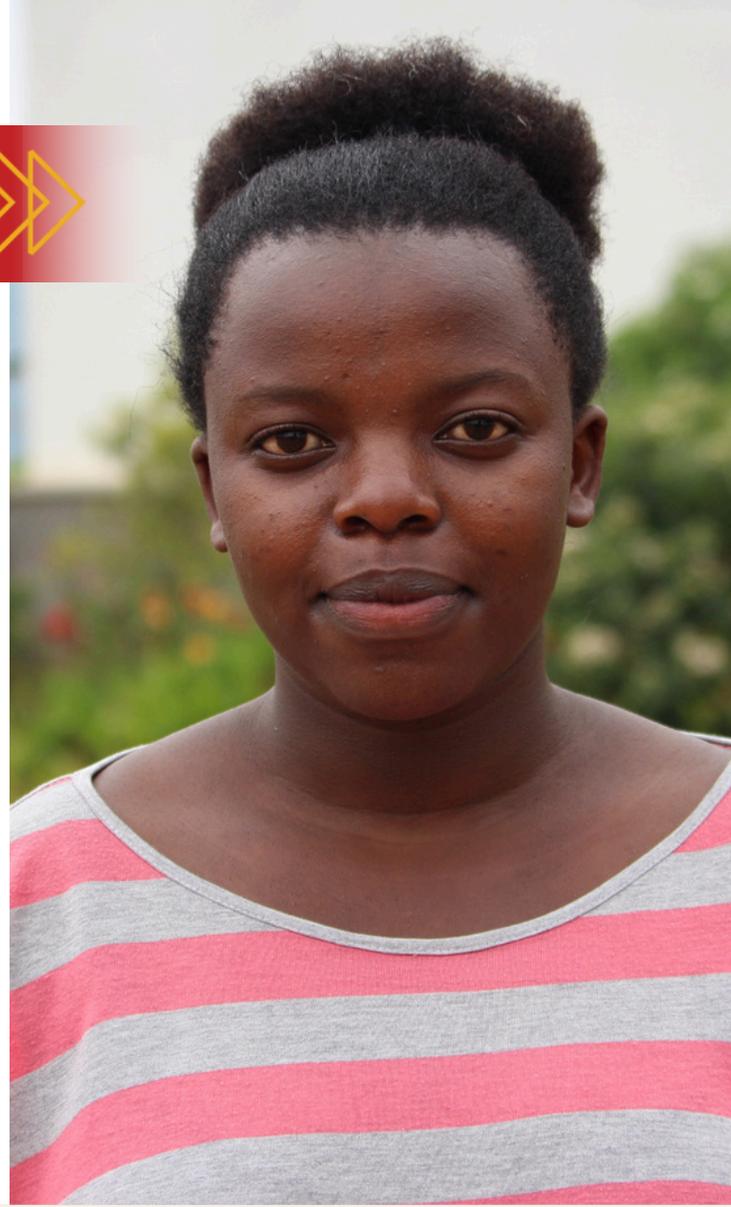


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Burera District, Northern
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Marie Charite Musoni



Why do you want to become a doctor?

Growing up in the village there were many deaths. You would hear that someone who was giving birth has bled to death or that someone has passed away due to witchcraft as there were no hospitals nearby for treatment. So, I have wanted to become a doctor so that no one else dies due to lack of medical care.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I believe that UGHE will equip with the most crucial knowledge and skills that will be needed not only to realize my dream of becoming a neurosurgeon but also to reduce the death rates by providing equitable health care to the community.

Groupe Scolaire Notre Dame de Lourdes Byimana, Ruhango District, Southern Province



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Justine Mutoniwase

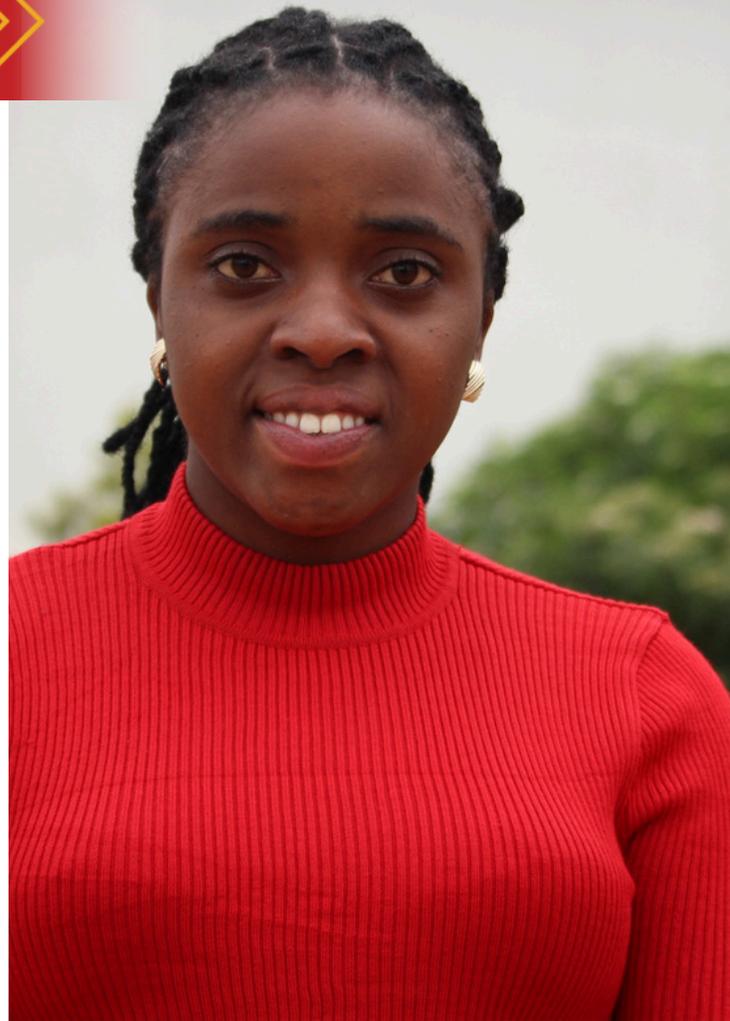


Why do you want to become a doctor?

My interest to pursue a career in the medical field was widely contributed to by health inequities that I witnessed in rural and remote settings. Since I was young, I could see many people battling incurable diseases, patients fainting in front of doctors' doors and pitying the hospital's low number of doctors, facilities and expertise. I want to be a healing hand for many especially the poor and vulnerable who are in need.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

Opening the door for me at UGHE will undeniably boost my courage to design a disease free Rwanda since my ambition aligns with the vision of UGHE this provision of health services equitably



Ecole des Sciences de Musanze,
Musanze District, Northern
Province



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Laura Ndanga



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I want to become a doctor because I want to be able to give my contribution into making the world better than I found it. I want to be a doctor because I feel capable of helping others who need me and because I am willing to do it completely. I think doctors are like soldiers that help to fight against diseases.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited about starting college in my dream school. I can not wait to continue my studies with new students, faculty and staff from different places.



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Gasabo District,
City of Kigali



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Eric Nindorera



Why do you want to become a doctor?

Since my childhood, I felt the urge to become a doctor. Experiencing the lack of enough doctors at different health centers and its associated problems has pushed me to pursue medical school so that I can become someone who helps bridge that gap in my community.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

UGHE is the best school of medicine and I am impressed with their principles of studying, especially community based learning. Their vision focuses on applying the skills and knowledge acquired in the class to help vulnerable communities.



Rusumo Secondary School in Kirehe District, Eastern Province



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Anaise Bienvenue Nisingizwe



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I want to be a doctor so that I can contribute to the wellbeing of the community. I got an internship opportunity at Kacyiru District hospital and I started observing the work of doctors, different hospital departments and that experience deepened my passion to become a healthcare professional that would contribute to healthcare delivery.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited to be part of a diverse community where I am looking forward to learning from others and exchanging either knowledge or culture. Above all, I am very excited about everything, the people, the campus, and the studies.

Gashora Girls' Academy of Science and Technology, Bugesera, Eastern Province



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Hoziana Niyotwiringiye



Why do you want to become a doctor?

In search for a purpose driven life, I think that being a doctor is a good way of living my life. By doing what I love and at the same time contributing to the well-being of my society. I also want to know what goes on in our bodies and how we can fix things when they go wrong.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I'm excited to start my studies and gain access to the variety of skills and knowledge that I'll gain from UGHE's environment. I'm also excited about getting to know and maybe join other different activities that I'll find at the campus.



Groupe Scolaire Officiel de Butare, Huye District, Southern Province



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Cara Eduige Nkurunziza



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I grew up convinced that I would be a doctor. As a kid, I enjoyed going to visit my grandmother who cured people using traditional medicines. I was always intrigued by how she milled wild plants and mixed them to make medicines that cured relatively ample people. It is only by becoming a doctor that I can help address health problems.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I'm excited to be at my dream school; UGHE. I am very excited to meet young people like me at UGHE, with whom we share the same passion of becoming doctors.



Ecole des Sciences de Musanze,
Musanze District, Northern
Province



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Nelly Numumaro



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I realized that I have a genuine interest in biology, chemistry, communication, leadership, and a burning commitment to save lives. Medicine combines them all. I learned that the Rwandan health sector needs more doctors and I want to be part of that change by offering my contribution to strengthen our own health system through equitable healthcare delivery.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am eager to experience a school environment where students receive what it takes to excel in their studies. UGHE emphasizes quality education with different learning approaches and that will ease my long journey to becoming a doctor.

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Ernestine Nyirakanyana



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I want to contribute a lot to the development of my universe by restoring people's lives. This is why I decided to invest my knowledge and my energy in the medicine sector. I want to perform miraculous surgeries and save patients.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

Small active and collaborative classes where students and lecturers have one aim of searching and investing their energy and potential with enthusiasm for the best of good serving doctors who are influential.



Maranyundo Girls's School in
Bugesera District,
Eastern Province



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Loic Gasana Sheja



Why do you want to become a doctor?

A human life is not only a pile of flesh and bones but also an embodiment of ideas, dreams, aspirations, and so much more. One human life means a lot to his/her family and the society at large. In a non ideal environment this life is exposed to numerous hazards. And a doctor has the responsibility to keep this life healthy.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

UGHE has a strategic location near medical facilities such as Butaro hospital that enables its students to apply their learnt knowledge and I believe in its mission to radically change the way healthcare is delivered around the globe.



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Musanze District, Northern
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Francis Taremwa



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I'm so passionate about serving people and more so through medicine. I believe that good life begins with good health. Therefore as a young person who aspires to be a game changer of communities, I decided to pursue medicine.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

Meeting new friends and seeing a landmark of my career.

Riviera High School,
Gasabo District,
City of Kigali



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Chanciella Teta

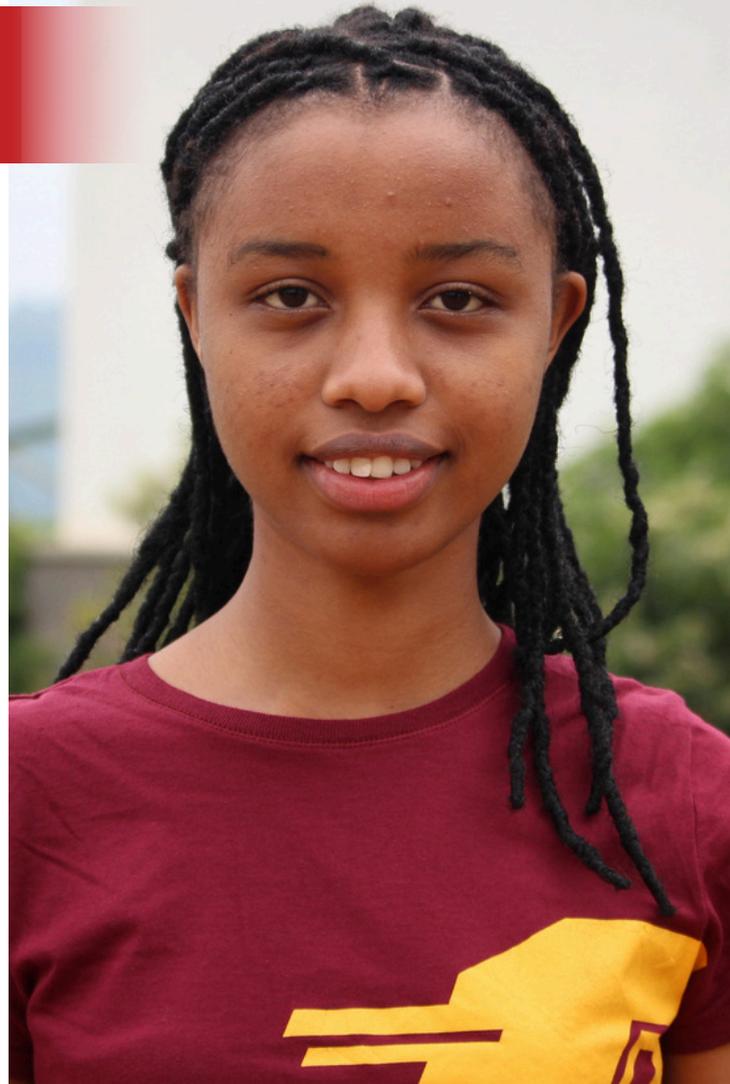


Why do you want to become a doctor?

I was always thrilled whenever I visited a hospital. Once my grandmother told me that one day I will save people's lives, I did not have a clue on what she was talking about but as time passed I found out that she saw the passion that I had for becoming a doctor. This has always encouraged me to go for what I want.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited to be joining a university that is building the next generation of global health professionals into leaders and changemakers who strive to deliver more equitable health services for all. Which makes UGHE unique.



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Modeste Shyaka Tuyisenge

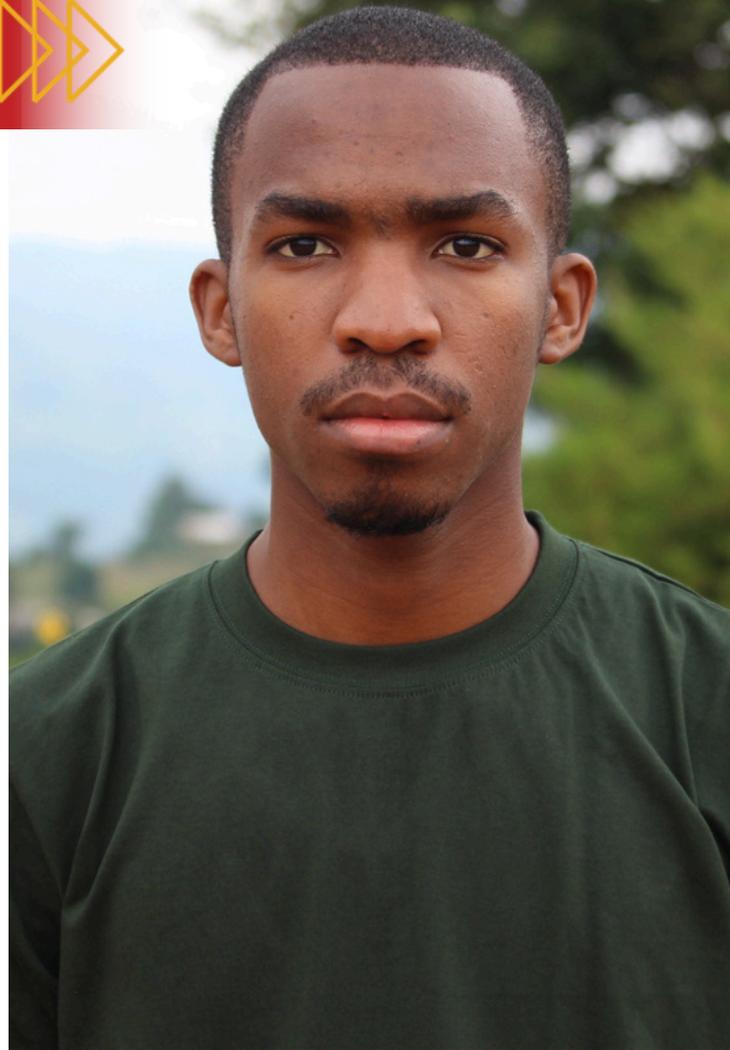


Why do you want to become a doctor?

I believe that becoming a doctor is a fantastic vocation that I would enjoy doing for the rest of my life. One of the things I love about medicine is its aspect of life-long learning. I've had a chance of working with professional healthcare providers and what I learned is that medicine is a field that is not fully explored. That's what attracts me to medicine.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

UGHE's organisation and focus on equity in health delivery and their passion to help the underserved communities aligns with my values which motivated me to pursue my medical training here.



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Herve Arnould Tuyizere



Why do you want to become a doctor?

For a seven-year-old suffering from rickets, I experienced excruciating pain but most painful of all was hearing that there were no available doctors to treat me. I was finally treated by a group of foreign doctors. Since then, I promised myself that when I grow up, I will become a doctor that help children from different communities.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

I am excited to join UGHE, a university that I believe will unlock my potential, help me achieve my goals and provide quality education to navigate the modern landscape.

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Ruhango District,
Southern Province.



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Deborah Umutoni



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I have a mother who is a nurse and seeing how she serves anyone who has health problems inspired me. Having met doctors when I was sick, I saw how they save lives and this changed my life for the better. That experience led to my great admiration for health care providers consequently I've always wanted to have the same impact.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

What excites me the most about joining UGHE is the critical learning atmosphere that I believe the school has, and also getting to share this journey with people from different backgrounds. I am sure that it will be a priceless experience.

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Merveille Uwihirwe



Why do you want to become a doctor?

I want to save people's lives wholeheartedly especially those who need it most. Medical doctors saved my sister's life when an accident almost took her life. In that manner, I need to bring smiles back on others' faces as they did to my sister.

What are you most excited about in joining UGHE?

UGHE is the best university that will help me accomplish my dreams of becoming a doctor. Moreover, I am excited to join a marvellous university that has a principle of equity and to meet doctors like Dr. Agnes Binagwaho and Dr. Paul Farmer who inspire me a lot.



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