Scholarship

Master in Human Rights, Peace and Development at Africa University  (Mode of study: Blended Learning)

The Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) is an independent academic institution established in Lund, Sweden, in 1984. The mission of the Institute is to contribute to a wider understanding of and respect for human rights and international humanitarian law. The vision of the Institute is to promote just and inclusive societies with effective realisation of human rights for all. In light of this, the Institute contributes to strengthening structures, systems and mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights at all levels in society through:-

- human rights research to support relevant policy processes, education and the practical application of human rights law;
- implementation of and support to human rights education, primarily in cooperation with academic institutions around the world;
- institutional capacity development programmes, in the form of cooperation across sectors to improve the practical application of human rights, through advice, professional training, curricula development, establishment of resource centres, exchange programmes, etc;
- being a human rights forum, bringing together key stakeholders to roundtables, conferences and expert meetings to engage in solution-oriented dialogue to advance human rights.

Background

University students of today are the leaders of tomorrow. In light of this, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute believes that the next generation of Zimbabwean human rights professionals have an important role to play in contributing to the promotion and protection of human rights in Zimbabwe. RWI thus focuses in its Zimbabwe Human Rights Capacity Development Programme on, inter alia, improving the quality of human rights education at academic institutions in Zimbabwe, as well as increasing opportunities for Zimbabweans to study human rights. In this vein, RWI, in partnership with Africa University (AU), hereby announces five (5) full scholarships for Zimbabwean students, who have already completed a bachelor’s degree in a relevant major, to study towards the Master’s Degree in Human Rights, Peace and Development, at the Institute of Peace, Leadership and Governance (IPLG), at AU. The duration of the Programme is three semesters, with scholarship recipients commencing their studies in August 2021. Funding for the scholarships is made available by the Swedish Development Cooperation Agency. The deadline for scholarship applications is 20 June 2021.

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered, applicants should:

- be in possession of Zimbabwean citizenship and a current resident of Zimbabwe;
- be in possession of a Bachelor’s degree (2.2 or better);
- hold at least two (2) GCE Advanced Level passes or a relevant Diploma from a recognised Institution;
- hold five (5) Ordinary Level passes including English language with a grade C or better;
- have a strong commitment to human rights and is interested in pursuing a human rights career for the promotion and protection of human rights in Zimbabwe (as demonstrated in an autobiographical statement).

NB: Priority will be given to applicants from disadvantaged backgrounds, and efforts will be made to ensure that there is a gender balance amongst the scholarship recipients.

Costs Covered

The scholarship will cover the following costs: application, registration, tuition and graduation fees, accommodation and meals, a living allowance, health insurance, book allowance, among other budgeted costs.
Application Procedure

Interested candidates fulfilling the above mentioned requirements are invited to:

1. **Download application forms**
   Application forms can be downloaded from www.africaau.edu or write to studentrecruitment@africaau.edu

2. **Submit application forms**
   Completed application forms, a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) with at least two references, copies of academic qualifications including certificates and transcripts, birth certificate / National ID and a marriage certificate (where applicable) must be sent to: studentrecruitment@africaau.edu

3. **Attach a motivational statement (not more than 1500 words)**
   Interested candidates are required to attach a motivational letter explaining why they are interested in studying Master in Human Rights, Peace and Development with Africa University and how their profile matches the programme. Also include in the statement how this qualification will help you transform your community or communities.

4. **Application fees**
   The sponsor will pay the application fees for students awarded scholarships in the programme. Self-sponsoring students will have to pay application fees.

To be considered for scholarship, interested candidates should submit their applications by the 20th of June 2021. Applications for self-sponsoring candidates will continue to be considered for admission after the 20th of June 2021.

An email confirmation that your application has been received will be sent to all applicants. If you have not received said confirmation within one or two business days, please kindly contact us on +263 712 609 487.

Evaluation of Applications

All scholarship applications will be evaluated by a Selection Committee comprised of RWI and AU staff having relevant academic, human rights and contextual expertise. The following factors, among others, will be taken into consideration when evaluating the scholarship applications: eligibility of the applicant; the applicant’s prior educational and professional qualifications, including results obtained; quality of the autobiographical statement; consolidated opinion of the Selection Committee that the applicant has significant potential to promote and protect human rights in Zimbabwe upon completion of her/his studies. Priority in the selection process will be given to applicants from disadvantaged backgrounds, and efforts will be made to ensure that there is a gender balance amongst the scholarship recipients. The information which you will submit will be verified. All decisions of the Selection Committee are final.

Timeline

1. **Deadline for scholarship applications:** 20 June 2021.
2. **Successful candidates will be notified by email.**
3. **Programme to commence in August 2021.**

For more information or assistance, please contact in order of priority:
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