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Advertisement for Scholarships for Master of Sustainable Management and Operations – 2026/27 Academic Year

Master of Sustainable Management and Operations (SuMO) is a new two-year masters level program that is being offered at the Department of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Nairobi, in collaboration with Kuehne Logistics University, Hamburg, Germany. The scholarships are offered through the Africa Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Operations for Resource Management and Food Supply (SCO) established with the financial support of DAAD. The Centre brings together University of Nairobi (UoN), the University of Dar es Salaam (UDBS), the Kuehne Logistics University (KLU), the University of Ghana (UoG) and LEARN Logistics by Kühne Foundation to jointly contribute to enhanced skills and knowledge in sustainable management and operations.

The SuMO Program will impart students with skills and knowledge required for sustainable business operations. Successful candidates will learn from highly interdisciplinary team drawn from professors and industry professionals in agribusiness, operations management, supply chains, agricultural economics, business science and sustainability. This will holistically equip them with requisite skills and knowledge on sustainable operations which have been missing in the conventional business management trainings, making the program unique.

Who can apply?

One can apply for the SuMO scholarship if they meet the following criteria:

- An earned BSc, BA or related degree in agribusiness, agricultural economics, operations management, business administration, management science, supply chains and related fields
- Outstanding academic performance with Second Class Upper Division or above for undergraduate or equivalent GPA score
- Those already admitted for MSc. SuMO in the 2025/2026 academic year
- Experience in undertaking basic research in agribusiness, business, supply chains, operations management or related fields will be an added advantage
- Basic analytical and research skills using relevant data analysis softwares
- Excellent written and spoken English

Application documents

Application documents to be submitted should include:

1. Hand signed motivation letter of not more than 1 page written in Times New Romans, font 12 and single spaced
2. Copies of academic degree certificates
3. Copies of academic transcripts, incl. grading-scale



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4. UoN Admission letter for Msc. SuMO for the 2025/2026 year
5. Letter of recommendation from the Chairman of the department hosting the programme, confirming your admission and attendance of coursework since Oct 2025 (must be on a letterhead, hand signed and officially stamped)
6. Copy of Curriculum Vitae

Programs overview

MSc. SuMO is two-year program on a full-time basis. The first year will be dedicated to course work and at the same time, the candidate will be expected to develop their proposal with support from the supervisors. The subsequent one year will be dedicated to research work including data collection, analysis, preparation of publication papers and final thesis report. The programs priority research areas are: Sustainability, Operations Management, Food/Agricultural Logistics and related subjects.

Supervision and support

The candidates will have a supervisor from UoN and if possible external supervisors from UDSM, UoG or an international professor from KLU or from the global LEARN Logistics by Kühne Foundation academic network. They will also have many great opportunities to enhance their scientific and professional skills from the pool of professors in the Africa Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Operations for Resource Management and Food Supply (SCO).

Publications

Although publications are not mandatory for this program, candidates are encouraged to publish at least one journal article before graduating.

Scholarship

There will be a scholarship to cover stipend from March 2026 up to September 2027 and tuition fee for the second year.

Application contacts and deadlines

Application documents should be sent to sco@uonbi.ac.ke with a copy to agecon@uonbi.ac.ke on or before 23rd December 2025 as **one pdf document in ONE email**. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for oral interviews.

