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Advertisement for Three (3) Scholarships for Master of Sustainable Management and Operations

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

The funding for the newly established Center, its activities and the advertised scholarships is provided by German Foreign Office, and the DAAD's "Center of Excellence of Africa"-Program.

The SuMO will impart students with skills and knowledge required for sustainable business operations. Successful candidates will learn from highly interdisciplinary teams drawn from professors and industry professionals in agribusiness, operations management, supply chain management, agricultural economics, business science and sustainability. This approach will holistically equip the students with requisite skills and knowledge on sustainable operations that have been missing the conventional degree programs.

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 chain management and any other related fields
- The earned academic degree shall not be older than six years from the time of application
- Outstanding academic performance with Second Class Upper Division Degree and above for undergraduate or equivalent GPA score
- Experience in undertaking basic research in agribusiness, business management, supply chain management, operations management or related fields will be an added advantage
- Basic analytical and research skills using any data analysis software
- Excellent written and spoken English



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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
4. Copies of school final national exam certificates
5. One letter of recommendation from a senior academic person conversant with your academic background (must be on a letterhead, hand signed and officially stamped and of recent date)
6. Copy of Curriculum Vitae

Programs overview

The program will take two years on full-time basis starting from April 2023. The first year will be dedicated to course work and at the same time, the candidates will be expected to develop their proposal with support from the supervisors. The second year will be dedicated to research work including data collection, analysis, preparation of publication papers, and final thesis report. The program`s key research areas are: Sustainability, Operations Management, Food/Agricultural Logistics, and Supply Chain Management.

Supervision and support

The candidates will have a supervisor from UoN and if possible external supervisors from UDSM or an international professor from KLU or from its affiliated global 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

Scholarships include university tuition fee, and study research allowances.

Application contacts and deadlines

Application documents should be sent to agecon@uonbi.ac.ke with a copy to mercyn@uonbi.ac.ke on or before 10th February 2023 in one email. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for oral interviews.