



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS

EXTERNAL ADVERT

CALL FOR STUDENTS' LOAN APPLICATIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Higher Education Students Financing Scheme is established by the Higher Education Students' Financing Amendment Act 2024 to administer the Students' Loan Scheme. The Law mandates the Ministry of Education and Sports to provide Loans and Scholarships to Students who wish to pursue Higher Education in Uganda.

The **objectives** of the Higher Education Students' Financing Scheme are: -

- to increase equitable access to Higher Education in Uganda;
- to support highly qualified students who may not afford Higher Education;
- to support critical programmes for national development;
- to ensure regional balance in Higher Education services in Uganda with emphasis to the District Quota distribution of loans;
- to create a revolving fund.

2.0 THE STUDENTS' LOAN APPLICATIONS DEADLINE

The Ministry of Education and Sports therefore invites applications for study loans under the Students' Loan Scheme from eligible Ugandan students who have been admitted in their first year under the listed Undergraduate Diploma and Degree programmes for the Academic Year 2025/26 in the Public Universities, Private Chartered Universities and the listed Other Tertiary Institutions (OTIs). The ONLINE Application will commence on **Wednesday 25th June 2025 at 00:00 hours local time** and the deadline for receiving applications is **Thursday, 31st July, 2025 at 23:59 hours local time**. NB: Incomplete and late submitted applications shall not be processed.

3.0 STUDENTS' LOAN COVERAGE

- The **Students' Loan shall cover tuition fees and functional fees**. The loan shall also cover **Aids and Appliances** for persons with disabilities, while research funds may be covered as and when budget allows.
- Student loans shall strictly be awarded to students joining Higher Education Institutions in **First Year**.
- The Loans will be awarded to applicants pursuing **Undergraduate Diploma and Undergraduate Degree programmes** only.

4.0 APPROVED PROGRAMMES FOR SUPPORT IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26

The Ministry will support applicants to pursue approved **undergraduate degree and diploma programmes on the Scheme** in the listed **14 key academic disciplines**;

These are: -

- Agriculture & Conservation Sciences
- Engineering
- Laboratory Science Programmes
- Human Medicine and Health Care Management Sciences
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Animal Sciences
- Oil and Gas Engineering
- Science Education
- Special Needs Education
- Statistics
- Computer Science and Information Technology
- Pure Sciences
- Tourism and Hospitality Programmes

Persons with Disabilities are eligible to apply to pursue any accredited Programme of their choice including Humanities.

5.0 THE APPROVED PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES IN THE STUDENTS' LOAN SCHEME FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26

S/No.	Public Universities	S/No	Private Chartered Universities
1	Busitema University	1	African Bible University
2	Gulu University	2	Africa Renewal University
3	Kabale University	3	Bishop Stuart University
4	Kyambogo University	4	Bugema University
5	Lira University	5	International University of East Africa
6	Makerere University	6	ISBAT University
7	Mbarara University of Science & Technology	7	Islamic University in Uganda
8	Mountains of the Moon University - Fort portal	8	Kampala International University
9	Muni University	9	Kampala University
10	Soroti University	10	Muteesa I Royal University
11	Makerere University Business School (an affiliate of Makerere University)	11	Ndejje University
		12	Nkumba University
		13	Uganda Christian University
		14	Uganda Martyrs University
		15	University of Kisubi
		16	Victoria University

6.0 THE APPROVED OTHER TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME

No.	Uganda Health Professions Assessment Board (UHPAB)
1	Uganda Institute of Allied Health & Mgt Sciences (Mulago Paramedical School)
2	Health Tutors' College - Mulago
3	Fort Portal College of Health Sciences
4	Gulu College of Health Sciences
5	Mbale College of Health Sciences
6	Butabika School of Psychiatry Clinical Medicine
7	Jinja School of Ophthalmic Clinical Medicine
8	Mbale School of Hygiene / Environmental Health Science
9	Jinja Medical Laboratory Training School

10	Arua School of Comprehensive Nursing
11	Butabika Psychiatric Nursing School
12	Jinja School of Nursing & Midwifery
13	Kabale School of Comprehensive Nursing
14	Soroti School of Comprehensive Nursing
15	Mulago School of Nursing & Midwifery
16	Public Health Nurses College
17	Lira School of Comprehensive Nursing
18	Masaka School of Comprehensive Nursing

No.	Uganda Vocational & Technical Assessment Board (UVTAB)
1	Institute of Survey and Land Management
2	National Meteorological Training School
3	Nakawa Vocational Training College
4	Uganda Institute of Information and Communications Technology
5	Uganda Petroleum Institute Kigumba
6	Uganda Technical College, Bushenyi
7	Uganda Technical College, Elgon
8	Uganda Technical College, Kiwamba
9	Uganda Technical College, Kyema
10	Uganda Technical College, Lira
11	Bukalasa Agricultural College
12	Uganda Wildlife Research & Training Institute - Kasese
13	Fisheries Training Institute
14	Nyabyeya Forestry College
15	Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute
No.	Teacher Education
1	Uganda National Institute of Education - UNITE

7.0 HOW TO APPLY

The Loan Application process is solely **ONLINE** and can be accessed through the Ministry of Education and Sports website <https://www.education.go.ug/higher-education-students-financing-scheme/> then Click On **ApplyNow**.

Create an Account by registering with the System on URL <https://ilms.go.ug> to access the online Loan Application.

Complete all the sections of the application and attach all the required documents with their sizes not more than 1MB.

Note:

- No hard copy application forms shall be received.
- Applicants shall be required to pay a non-refundable Loan Processing Fee of US\$ 53,000 inclusive of Bank charges to the **HESFB LOAN APPLICATION FEE**, Account No. **3740300006** in **Centenary Bank** or **01363669053643** at DFCU Bank. The Payment Receipts must be scanned and attached during the Loan Application process.
- The Maximum Loan Limit per annum is capped at US\$ 7,600,000, ANY ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COSTED ABOVE THIS LIMIT SHALL NOT BE FUNDED by the Ministry of Education and Sports.
- Applicants who may encounter challenges in the application process can seek help by calling **0392174999** or **0414255300** or through the Social Media pages of the Ministry of Education and Sports or contact the Head - Higher Education Students' Financing Secretariat (HESFS) 7th Floor, Lourdel Towers, Plot 1 - Lourdel Road Nakasero, P. O. Box 16810, Wandegeya- Kampala, Uganda URL: www.education.go.ug, E-mail: hessfs@education.go.ug; X - handles - [@Educ_SportsUg](https://twitter.com/Educ_SportsUg); [@HESFSUG](https://www.instagram.com/educsportsug/), instagram.com: [educsportsug/](https://www.instagram.com/educsportsug/)

8.0 LOAN APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A copy of the Admission Letter from the participating Higher Education Institution
- A copy of the Applicant's National ID
- Copies of Parents' National IDs
- Copies of Death Certificate (In case parents are deceased)
- Copies of an Applicant's Academic certificates or result slips and transcripts
- A copy of the Birth Certificate
- A copy of the recent Passport Photo
- Proof of payment of the non-refundable Loan Processing fee of UGX 53,000 inclusive of Bank charges
- A sketch map to the applicant's current address/residence
- A sketch map to the applicant's home of origin (If different from current address)

PLEASE NOTE:

- An Applicant who makes a false statement to the Ministry of Education and Sports and is discovered loses the opportunity of being funded. All submitted information shall be verified for its accuracy.
- An applicant **MUST NOT** be a beneficiary of any other Scholarship or funding opportunity.
- The Loan Processing Fee is strictly paid in the Bank on the provided account numbers.
- Names of the successful applicants will be published in the Print media, the Ministry website, and personal communication via SMS.
- Deadline for application is **Thursday, 31st July 2025 at 23:59 hours local time**.
- No payment should be made to any individual for purposes of securing the student loan.**
- PLEASE BE AWARE OF FRAUDSTERS. PLEASE AVOID USING ANY THIRD PARTY FOR PURPOSES OF SECURING THE STUDENT LOAN.**

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