



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO STUDY THE MASTER'S OF ARTS IN MEDIA AND
COMMUNICATION STUDIES
ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024
SEPTEMBER INTAKE**

The University of Rwanda, College of Arts and Social Sciences, School of Journalism and Communication invites qualified candidates to apply for the Master's of arts in Media and Communication Studies for 2023-2025 intake to start in September 2023.

The programme aims to prepare media and communication practitioners/specialists who understand the existing social, economic and political problems in the society in which they operate and have the ability to solve them. Through various modules covered over a period of two years, the programme enables students to get insights of how communication is changing in a globalised context by exploring key debates and current issues in media and communication studies.

I. Programme, entry requirements, duration and mode of attendance

This is a full-time programme offered in duration of two years (four semesters). Theoretical and practical classes are conducted face-to-face in the evening at UR-Gikondo Campus.

The entry requirements are:

1. Bachelor's degree with Honours or its equivalent in journalism, communication, mass communication, media studies, information studies, public relations, advertising and marketing.
2. Computer literacy
3. Good command of English language
4. Prior training in such fields as journalism and/or communication, mass communication, and media studies.
5. Satisfactory results obtained at the entrance test (both oral and written).

II. Key dates for this call

Application deadline: September 08, 2023

III. Required documents for application

Interested candidates are required to submit the following:

1. An application letter addressed to the Director of UR's Centre for Postgraduate Studies clearly indicating the contact details of the applicant
2. Motivation to join the programme
3. Updated Curriculum Vitae
4. Notarized photocopy of academic transcript(s)
5. Notarized photocopy of Bachelor's degree certificate or its equivalence
6. Two recommendation letters, that is, one from the current or former employer and another one from an academic referee



7. Copy of national identity card or passport.

IV. Selection criteria

The selection will be done by assessing the submitted documents. Only applicants who meet the indicated entry requirements and have submitted all required documents will take an entry test.

V. Funding

The University of Rwanda will not grant scholarships to admitted candidates. This implies that students are encouraged to secure their own funding.

VI. Application process

1. Go to UR Website (www.ur.ac.rw)
2. Go to Admission, Applicant Portal and click on ([New Application](#))
3. Fill in the **Biographical Form** and click (**Save**) at the end, you will get “**Your Student ID Reference Number**”. *Please keep this ID Number as it will be your ID identification for all transactions at UR.*
4. Create a PIN of 5 numeric digits, do not start with a 0 (this PIN will serve as your password to access your student account), leave the page and open the link below.
5. Candidates are requested to submit all required documents by using the link below:
<https://pgfile.ur.ac.rw/pgfile/findme.php>

N.B:

- All documents must be in PDF.
- If all required documents are not submitted, you cannot go to the next step.

VII. Further information

For any additional information, clarifications or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Done at Kigali, on August 7th, 2023

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