



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS

EXTERNAL ADVERT

CALL FOR STUDENTS' LOAN APPLICATIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27

1.0 BACKGROUND

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

The objectives of the Higher Education Students' Financing Scheme (HESFS) are: -

- to increase equitable access to Higher Education in Uganda;
- to support highly qualified students who may not afford Higher Education;
- to support programmes critical 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 hereby invites applications for study loans under the Students' Loan Scheme from eligible Ugandan students admitted to the first year of approved Undergraduate Diploma and Degree programmes for the Academic Year 2026/27 in Public Universities, approved Private Chartered Universities, and designated Other Tertiary Institutions (OTIs).

The online application portal will open on Monday, 25th May 2026 at 00:00 hours (local time), and the deadline for submission of applications is Friday, 17th July 2026 at 23:59 hours (local time).

Note: Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the stated deadline shall not be considered for processing.

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 shall be awarded to applicants pursuing approved Undergraduate Diploma and Undergraduate Degree programmes only.

4.0 APPROVED PROGRAMMES FOR SUPPORT IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27

The Ministry will support applicants to pursue accredited 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 PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDENTS' LOAN SCHEME FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27

SN	Public Universities
1	Busitema University
2	Gulu University
3	Kabale University
4	Kyambogo University
5	Lira University
6	Makerere University
7	Mbarara University of Science & Technology
8	Mountains of the Moon University

SN	Public Universities
9	Muni University
10	Soroti University
11	Makerere University Business School (an affiliate of Makerere University)
12	Uganda National Institute of Teacher Education (UNITE)

6.0 PRIVATE CHARTERED UNIVERSITIES APPROVED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDENTS' LOAN SCHEME FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27

SN	Private Chartered Universities
1	African Bible University
2	Africa Renewal University
3	Bishop Stuart University
4	Bugema University
5	International University of East Africa
6	ISBAT University
7	Islamic University in Uganda
8	Kampala International University
9	Kampala University
10	Muteesa I Royal University
11	Ndejje University
12	Nkumba University
13	Uganda Christian University
14	Uganda Martyrs University
15	University of Kisubi
16	Victoria University
17	Clarke International University
18	Fins Medical University
19	Valley University of Science and Technology
20	King Ceasor University
21	Metropolitan International University

7.0 APPROVED OTHER TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME

SN	Institutions under Uganda Health Professions Assessment Board (UHPAB)	SN	Institutions under Uganda Vocational & Technical Assessment Board (UVTAB)
1	Arua School of Comprehensive Nursing	1	Bukalasa Agricultural College
2	Butabika Psychiatric Nursing School	2	Institute of Survey and Land Management
3	Butabika School of Psychiatry Clinical Medicine	3	Fisheries Training Institute
4	Fort Portal College of Health Sciences	4	Nakawa Vocational Training College
5	Gulu College of Health Sciences	5	National Meteorological Training School
6	Health Tutors' College – Mulago	6	Nyabeyeya Forestry College
7	Jinja School of Ophthalmic Clinical Medicine	7	Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute
8	Jinja School of Nursing & Midwifery	8	Uganda Institute of Information and Communications Technology
9	Jinja Medical Laboratory Training School	9	Uganda Petroleum Institute Kigumba
10	Kabale School of Comprehensive Nursing	10	Uganda Technical College, Bushenyi
11	Lira School of Comprehensive Nursing	11	Uganda Technical College, Elgon
12	Masaka School of Comprehensive Nursing	12	Uganda Technical College, Kicwamba
13	Mbale College of Health Sciences	13	Uganda Technical College, Kyema
14	Mbale School of Hygiene / Environmental Health Science	14	Uganda Technical College, Lira
15	Mulago School of Nursing & Midwifery	15	Uganda Wildlife Research & Training Institute – Kasese
16	Public Health Nurses College		
17	Soroti School of Comprehensive Nursing		
18	Uganda Institute of Allied Health & Management Sciences (Mulago Paramedical School)		

9.0 HOW TO APPLY

The Loan Application process is exclusively **ONLINE** and can be accessed through the Ministry website <https://www.education.go.ug/higher-education-students-financing-scheme/> by clicking on 'Apply Now'.

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Create an Account by registering with the System on URL <https://ilmis.go.ug> to access the online Loan Application. Complete all the sections of the application and attach all the required documents, each not more than 1MB.

Note:

- No hard copy applications shall be received.
- Applicants shall be required to pay a non-refundable Loan Processing Fee of **UShs. 53,000** inclusive of Bank charges to the HESFB LOAN APPLICATION FEE, Account No. 3740300006 in Centenary Bank or 01363669053643 in DFCU Bank. The Payment Receipts must be scanned and attached during the Loan Application process.
- The Maximum Loan Limit per annum is capped at **Ushs. 7,600,000. ANY ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COSTED ABOVE THIS LIMIT SHALL NOT BE FUNDED** by the Ministry.
- 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 or contact the Commissioner – Department of Higher Education Students' Financing Scheme (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; @HESFSUG, [instagram.com: educsportsug/](https://www.instagram.com/educsportsug/)

10.0 LOAN APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A copy of the Admission Letter for an approved course from the participating Higher Education Institution.
- A copy of any one of the following identification documents: National ID, Ugandan passport, Ugandan driving permit, or NIN confirmation letter from NIRA
- 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
- In case of disability of the applicant or a parent, attach full picture, Doctors Report, and Letter from your NUDIPIU (National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda) District Union
- Evidence of school fees paid in A' level or O' level (for certificate applicants)
- Evidence of Scholarship or Bursary in former school (Where applicable)
- 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)
- A completed recommendation form (to be downloaded during application) endorsed by the Local Council I (LC1), Head Teacher of previous Secondary School, and Sub-county Chief / Town Clerk

PLEASE NOTE:

- Applicants who provide false or misleading information shall be disqualified, as all submitted information will be verified for accuracy and authenticity.
- Applicants MUST NOT be beneficiaries of any other scholarship or funding programme at the time of application for the Students' Loan Scheme.
- Applicants should be aged 35 years and below.
- The Loan Processing Fee is strictly paid in the Bank on the provided account numbers.
- Names of the successful applicants shall be published in the Print media, the Ministry website, and personal communication via SMS.
- The deadline for submission of applications is **Friday, 17 July 2026 at 23:59 hours (local time)**. Late applications shall not be considered.
- The Ministry reserves the right to verify the authenticity and accuracy of all information and documents submitted during the application process, and to select successful applicants based on the approved eligibility and award criteria. The Ministry further reserves the right to reject, disqualify, withdraw, or terminate any application or awarded loan where false, forged, misleading, or incomplete information is detected.

APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO BEWARE OF FRAUDSTERS AND AVOID USING ANY THIRD PARTY FOR PURPOSES OF SECURING THE STUDENT LOAN OR MAKING ANY PAYMENTS TO ANY INDIVIDUAL IN THE LOAN APPLICATION PROCESS.


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