

CALL FOR STUDENTS' LOAN APPLICATIONS TO THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

1.0 Background

The Higher Education Students Financing Board (HESFB) was established by the Higher Education Students Financing Act, No. 2 of 2014 as a body corporate to provide Loans and Scholarships to students intending to pursue Higher Education in Uganda.

Under the Student Loan Scheme, HESFB awards study loans to Ugandan students seeking to pursue Higher Education but are financially constrained.

The **objectives** of the Students' Financing Scheme are: - (1) to increase equitable access to Higher Education in Uganda; (2) to support highly qualified students who may not afford Higher Education; (3) to support critical programmes for national development; (4) to ensure regional balance in Higher Education services in Uganda; (5) to create a revolving fund.

2.0 THE CALL FOR STUDENTS' LOAN APPLICATIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

The Board 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 2023/24 in the Public Universities, Private Chartered Universities and the listed Other Tertiary Institutions.

The Applications will commence on **Monday 4th March, 2024** and the deadline for application is **Friday, 15th March, 2024**.

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 HOW TO APPLY

- The Loan Application process is solely online and is available through our website <http://www.hesfb.go.ug>. Visit website and Click **APPLY NOW**. Note that no hard copy application forms shall be allowed.
- Applicants shall be required to pay a non-refundable Loan Processing Fee of UGX 53,000 to the **HESFB LOAN APPLICATION FEE**, Account No. **3740300006 Centenary Bank** or **01363669053643 DFCU Bank**. The Payment Receipts shall be scanned and attached during the Loan Application process.
- Applicant who may encounter challenges in the application process can seek help by calling **0392174999** or **0414255300** or through our Social Media pages

5.0 REQUIREMENTS

- A copy of the Admission Letter from the participating Higher Education Institutions
- A copy of an Applicant's the 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
- 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)
- More requirements can be found on www.hesfb.go.ug/eligibility

6.0 APPROVED PROGRAMMES FOR SUPPORT IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

The Board will support applicants to pursue **ALL** accredited **undergraduate degree and diploma programmes** in the listed **16 key academic disciplines**:

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| 1. Agriculture | 9. Science Education |
| 2. Engineering | 10. Special Needs Education |
| 3. Laboratory Science Programmes | 11. Statistics |
| 4. Human Medicine | 12. Computer Science and Information Technology |
| 5. Nursing and Midwifery | 13. Health Care Management Sciences |
| 6. Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences | 14. Conservation Sciences |
| 7. Animal Sciences | 15. Pure Sciences |
| 8. Petroleum and GeoScience Engineering | 16. Tourism and Hospitality Programmes |

Please Note: Persons with Disabilities can apply to pursue any accredited Programme of their choice (including Humanities) from any of the listed Higher Learning Institutions.

7.0 THE APPROVED PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES IN THE STUDENTS' LOAN SCHEME IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

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

8.0 OTHER TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDENTS' LOAN SCHEME IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

S/No.	OTHER TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS OFFERING DIPLOMAS
ALLIED HEALTH INSTITUTIONS (Examined by UAHEB)	
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
NURSING & MIDWIFERY INSTITUTIONS (Examined by UNIMEB)	
1	Arua School of Comprehensive Nursing
2	Butabika Psychiatric Nursing School
3	Jinja School of Nursing & Midwifery
4	Kabale School of Comprehensive Nursing
5	Soroti School of Comprehensive Nursing
6	Mulago School of Nursing & Midwifery
7	Public Health Nurses College
8	Lira School of Comprehensive Nursing
9	Masaka School of Comprehensive Nursing
TECHNICAL COLLEGES, METEOROLOGICAL & SURVEY INSTITUTIONS (Examined by UBTEB)	
1	Institute of Survey and Land Management
2	National Meteorological Training School
3	Uganda Institute of Information and Communications Technology
4	Uganda Petroleum Institute Kigumba
5	Uganda Technical College, Bushenyi
6	Uganda Technical College, Elgon
7	Uganda Technical College, Kicwamba
8	Uganda Technical College, Kyema
9	Uganda Technical College, Lira
10	Nakawa Vocational Training College
AGRICULTURAL & CONSERVATION COLLEGES	
1	Bukalasa Agricultural College
2	Uganda Wildlife Research & Training Institute - Kasese
3	Fisheries Training Institute - Entebbe
4	Nyabyeya Forestry College
TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY COLLEGES	
1	Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute - Jinja

PLEASE NOTE:

- Applicants are strongly warned against falsifying information or presenting forged documents to support their application process. This attracts dire consequences.
- 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 or on the online platform.
- Names of the successful applicants will be published in the Print media, HESFB website, and personal communication via SMS.
- The Board retains the right to evaluate all loan applications and determine the number of beneficiaries.
- Deadline for application is **Friday, 15th March, 2024**.
- Be aware of FRAUDSTERS! No payment should be made to any individual for purposes of securing the student loan.**

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR