



**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE AND AGRIBUSINESS
MANAGEMENT (CESAAM)**



**GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND
FELLOWSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA**

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I. Introduction

Food insecurity and poverty remain the major challenges to Africa's development, affecting about 33% of its population. Among the key contributing factors to food insecurity are occurrence of frequent droughts, rampant crop and livestock diseases, poor infrastructure, poor policies, poor market access, high input costs, inadequate technical capacity and limited technologies and innovations.

One key approach in addressing Africa's food insecurity is to build capacity along the agricultural value chains through strengthening of agricultural training, promotion and upscaling of promising technologies. The Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture and Agribusiness Management (CESAAM) at Egerton University (Kenya), funded by World Bank is modeled to address the above issues. The broad objective of CESAAM is to contribute to sustainable agricultural and agribusiness management through capacity development, research and technology transfer for enhanced food security. Key focus areas are:

Agribusiness Management

Agricultural Economics

Animal Sciences

Agricultural Biotechnology

Crop and Soil Sciences

Dairy and Food Sciences

Other related disciplines will also be considered

The Center will offer limited competitive Masters and PhD scholarships and postgraduate research fellowships to Kenyans and citizens of other countries within the Eastern and Southern Africa region. Female applicants and those from countries emerging from conflict will be given special consideration.

The scholarship selection process will be implemented in collaboration with partner institutions.

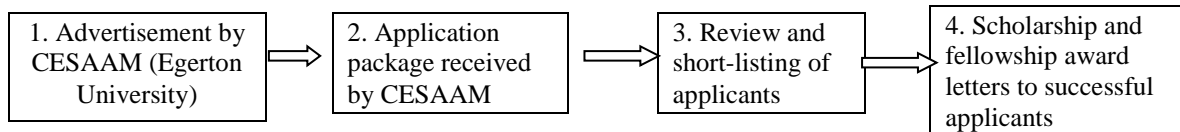
II. Application Procedure and Requirements

To ensure transparency and due diligence in selection of students benefitting from the fellowships, selection will be guided by a scholarship framework as detailed below.

- a) CESAAM will place an advertisement for the scholarships and fellowships at the Egerton website, UNDB online and websites of partner universities and Institutions.
- b) Candidates should seek admission to any of the Masters and PhD CESAAM approved programs at Egerton University before applying for Scholarship

- c) Candidates should download scholarship application forms from the CESAAM-Egerton website and submit their applications online or by mail to the CESAAM secretariat using address provided at the end of this information.
- d) The language of instruction is English and applicants must be proficient in English.
- e) One page description of applicant's motivation.
- f) Masters applicants:
 - i. Must have attained at least a second class honors degree (upper division) or equivalent in a relevant discipline as specified above.
 - ii. Must be eligible to be admitted to graduate school at Egerton University
 - iii. Should provide a recommendation letter from a partner university or institution.
- g) PhD applicants
 - i. Must possess a Masters Degree in Agricultural Sciences or related disciplines.
 - ii. Must be eligible to be admitted to graduate school at Egerton University
 - iii. Should provide a recommendation letter from a partner university or institution.
 - iv. Should be preferably under staff development in partner universities or institutions.
 - v. . Must submit a research concept note and a curriculum vitae for review

III. Selection Process





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Scoring Sheet for Masters Applicants

NAME _____ Programme _____

Total Score _____

Ranking of relevance of applicants degree

Category	Max Points	Student Score
Core Discipline	30	
Related Discipline within Agricultural Sciences	20	
Related Discipline outside Agricultural Sciences	10	
Unrelated discipline	0	

Grade Attained in Undergraduate

Cumulative Average Marks	Max Points	Student Score
First class honors	40	
Second class honors (upper division)	30	
Second class honors (lower division) and below	0	

Gender

Gender of Applicant	Max Points	Student Score
Female	10	
Male	5	

Regional Background

Region/Country of the applicant	Max Points	Student Score
Regional fragile and post conflict countries (South Sudan, Burundi, Somalia, Rwanda, DRC Congo)	10	
Other regional countries	5	
Kenyan nationals	3	

Recommendations and motivation

	Max Points	Student Score
Applicant's statement of motivation	5	
Applicant recommendation letter	5	



Scoring Sheet for PhD Applicants

NAME _____ **Programme** _____

Total Score _____

Degree Ranking

Category	Points	Student Score
Core Discipline	30	
Related Discipline within Agricultural Sciences	20	
Related Discipline outside Agricultural Sciences	10	
Unrelated discipline	0	

Publications

Number of publications in refereed journals	Points	Student Score
4 and above	40	
3	30	
2	20	
1	10	
Conference papers only	5	

Gender

Gender of Applicant	Points	Student Score
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Male	5	

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Concept Note

Category	Points	Student Score
Excellence	5	
Very Good	4	
Good	3	
Fairly Good	2	
Poor	1	