

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

for Admission and Scholarships

LLM Programme

on East African Community Law and Regional Integration Law
at the Tanzanian-German Centre for Eastern African Legal Studies (TGCL)

University of Dar es Salaam School of Law

1 November 2020 – 31 October 2021

Application Deadline: 31 January 2020

The Tanzanian-German Centre for Eastern African Legal Studies (TGCL) is a cooperation project of the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and the University of Bayreuth, Germany. It is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office through the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

The TGCL offers a structured LLM study programme at the University of Dar es Salaam School of Law and trains aspiring young East African lawyers, qualifying them for leading positions in the region and beyond.

1. Application Requirements

TGCL invites applications from candidates from the East African Community Partner States (i.e. Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda) for LLM studies **starting on 1 November 2020**.

The minimum requirement for admission to the LLM programme is a **Bachelor's degree in law (LLB) with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or its equivalent** from a recognised higher learning institution.

The language of instruction at the University of Dar es Salaam School of Law is **English**. Those who are not conversant with it should not apply.

Candidates who have received their last University degree **more than six years ago** at the time of the application can be admitted as self-paying students but do not qualify for scholarships.

2. Content of the Programme

The candidates will pursue an LLM programme on East African Community Law and Regional Integration Law. The programme takes **one year** of **full-time** attendance.

On successful completion of the programme, a student will obtain a Master of Laws degree from the University of Dar es Salaam and an additional TGCL Certificate.

3. Research Agenda of the TGCL

There is a significant research component to the LLM programme in the form of a dissertation. All LLM dissertations must focus on selected aspects of **East African Community law** (EAC law), if possible in relation to the student's national law.

4. Scholarships

The TGCL will award scholarships **to applicants from EAC Partner States** only, which will cover:

- the tuition fees for the LLM programme at the TGCL
- a cost of living stipend of 2,880 EUR for one year
- an accommodation subsidy of 360 EUR for one year
- a reasonable health insurance for one year
- a research allowance lump-sum of 460 EUR

5. Mode of Application

The applicant must **register online** through the **TGCL website**, using the online application form provided, and submit the following documents **electronically**:

- a **signed curriculum vitae** (please use the Europass CV template, <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>)
- a one-page **letter of motivation**
- all relevant **certificates** (birth certificate, secondary education academic certificates, academic transcripts, certificates of legal or other professional education (or provisional results for applicants who are in the final year of their LLB studies); in the case of documents not written in English, an official translation should be attached.
- a recent passport size **photo**
- the data page of the **passport** or any other proof of identity
- a **letter of recommendation** by a University teacher

- a **release letter** from your employer (if you are employed)
- a **proposal of the intended research** (please see the annexed guidelines).

6. Deadline for Applications

The application deadline is **Friday 31 January 2020**.

Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

7. Application for Admission to the University of Dar es Salaam

This Call for Applications is for admission to, and scholarships offered by, the TGCL. **Admissions** to the University of Dar es Salaam are made by the University administration **separately** and independently. TGCL admissions and scholarships can be granted only to candidates admitted for studies at the University of Dar es Salaam. TGCL will inform successful applicants early enough to allow them to apply for admission to the University of Dar es Salaam. They will have to follow up postgraduate admission advertisements at the University of Dar es Salaam website and **apply for admission** as soon as the same is posted.

8. Selection Procedure

An independent panel of experts will review all applications thoroughly. The final selection of candidates will be made only on merit.

The TGCL will invite for interview only those candidates it has shortlisted. Consequently, we advise all applicants to indicate their up-to-date contact details. In case of change of contact details (email or mobile number), kindly notify the TGCL office.

9. Contact

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Annex: Guide for TGCL Research Proposals

An applicant must consider the following general points when drafting the research proposal:

- A comprehensive and thorough **reading of relevant materials** is necessary as part of the preparation for an acceptable research proposal.
- The topic and the research proposal should be on a **very specific legal problem** within a particular area of law. It is therefore advised to avoid general topics such as “A comparison of trade law in Tanzania and Kenya in the light of EAC law” or “The relevance of the rule of law in East Africa” as they are too broad and unspecific.
- The proposal should contain a **detailed outline** which reveals the intended structure of the dissertation.
- The proposal should be accompanied by a **bibliography** containing the most significant primary sources and secondary literature in the field with precise references.
- The **proposal shall not exceed 1,500 words** (excluding the bibliography).
- Please use the template provided, with the compulsory indication of your surname, first name, country of origin, and title of the research proposal.

Your proposal will be tested in a plagiarism-finding software. Any proposal that has been plagiarised, be it wholly or partly, will be rejected outright, academic performances or other achievements notwithstanding.

Kindly note, plagiarism is:

- to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own
- to use (another's production) without crediting the source
- to commit literary theft
- to present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source.

For purposes of checking proposals against plagiarism, we will consider all of the following to constitute plagiarism:

- turning in someone else's work as your own
- copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit
- failing to put quotation marks where someone's work is quoted
- giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation
- changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit
- copying so many words or ideas from a source that it forms the bigger part of your work, whether you give credit or not.