



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **A CALL FOR 2024 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS FOR BACHELORS OF SCIENCE IN CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE IN RWANDA**

The Ministry is in receipt of communication from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda through the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs transmitting a call for 2024 International Application for the Bachelors of Science in Conservation Agriculture at the Rwanda Institute for Conservation Agriculture (RICA). RICA's mission is to educate and inspire a new generation of innovators Agriculture, its purpose-built campus is dedicated to equipping future innovators through hands-on, experiential learning.

RICA's fosters strategic thinking, problem solving abilities, communication, leadership and entrepreneurship skills essential for career success.

Students can specialize in one of the following options.

- Animal production systems
- Crop production systems
- Irrigation and Mechanical systems
- Food processing systems

Since its inception, RICA has continued to be an institution of choice, in recent years, RICA has witnessed a remarkable admission acceptance rate, which has decreased from 6% in 2022 to an even more competitive 4% in 2023. this remarkable increase in interest underscores the growing recognition of RICA's distinctive experiential approach.

### **Scholarship Details**

- Scholarship Type: partial
- Degree program: Bachelor of Science in Conservation Agriculture
- Funding: Admitted international student will be eligible for a 50% RICA partial scholarship. the remaining 50% of the program equivalent to \$16,000 will be paid by the student respective Government
- Duration: 3 years
- Number: 10 slots for nationals from eligible countries
- Fields of Study: Conservation Agriculture with specialization options in Animal Production systems, Crop Production, Irrigation and mechanization systems, or Food Processing Systems.

## **Eligibility criteria:**

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- Be a national of any EAC member state or the Republic of the Congo
- Posses a minimum national examination score of 42/60 or 70% average score with two principal passes in science subjects, applicant are advised to apply for an equivalence certificate issued by the Rwanda National Examination and Inspection Authority
- Demonstrate leadership qualities and entrepreneurship potential.
- Have English Language proficiency.
- Be not older than 25 years of age at the time of application.
- Contribute to gender balance among students (50% representation from each gender)
- Shortlisted applicants are required to take a final admission interview organized by RICA.

## **Why study at RICA?**

- **Experimental learning:** At RICA, we believe in learning by doing. our campus is designing to offer hands-on, practical experiences that go beyond traditional classroom learning.
- **Specialization option:** Tailor your education by choosing from our specialized tracks in Animal Production Systems, Crop Production Systems, Irrigation and Mechanization System, or Food Processing Systems.
- **International recognition:** RICA's Bachelor of Science in Conservation Agriculture is internationally recognized, setting you up a global career.
- **Leadership and entrepreneurship:** in addition to technical expertise, we equip our students with essential skills in leadership, entrepreneurship, and communication to excel in the world of Agriculture.
- **Conservation focus:** learn the practical of Conservation Agriculture and One Health, essential for sustainable agriculture in Africa.

## **Scholarship Benefits:**

Selected scholars will be granted a 50% RICA partial scholarship. The remaining 50% of the cost of the program equivalent to \$16,000 will be paid by the students respective Government. Program payment of \$16,000 includes tuition, room and meals while on campus. In addition, students are responsible for all costs involving travel expenses, stipends and visa application fees.

## **Important Dates:**

- Opening applications: February 2024
- Closing applications: April 2024
- Final admission interviews: May 2024
- Admission notification: June 2024
- Arrival of international students in Rwanda: August 2024

## **Application procedure:**

Interested candidates should visit the official website of the RICA at <https://www.rica.rw/about/> for more information.

- Obtain Standard Application forms from the Ministry of Education offices at Telposta Towers, 27th floor room 2702.

The standard Application Forms can also be downloaded from the Ministry's website: [www.education.go.ke](http://www.education.go.ke)

- Completed application forms with attached certified photocopies of ID/passport, academic/professional certificates, transcripts, Birth certificate, and any other testimonials should be sent to:

**Director- Higher Education,  
Ministry of Education,  
P.O Box 9583- 00200  
NAIROBI**

**OR** delivered to Telposta Towers, **27th floor Room No. 2702**

- The application forms should reach the Ministry not later than **12<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.**