

Scholarships for

LLM Programme

Focus on EAC Law and Regional Integration Law

Call for Applications for Scholarships for the 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 2019 – 31 October 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 School of Law, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 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 1 November 2019**.

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 **graduated** (their bachelor degree or equivalent) longer than **six years before** the application deadline are **not encouraged to apply**.

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 **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 university fees and TGCL fees for the LLM programme;
- a reasonable health insurance; and
- a cost of living stipend of **3,360 EUR** for one year

5. Mode of Application

The applicant must **register online through the TGCL website** and submit the following documents **electronically**:

- a signed **curriculum vitae** with clear evidence of periods of legal and other relevant education, training and practical experience. **It is compulsory to use the Europass CV template** (<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>).
- a one-page **letter of motivation**
- certified photocopies of all relevant **certificates** (birth certificate, school leaving certificates, academic transcripts, certificates of legal or other professional education, including 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 picture**
- a **release letter** from your employer (if you are employed)
- a **proposal of the intended research** (1,500 words) – see annexed guidelines. **It is important to include your name on the proposal.**

The deadline for applications is Monday, 15 January 2019.

Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

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

This advertisement is for scholarships offered by the TGCL. **Admissions** to the University of Dar es Salaam are made by the University administration **separately and independently**. TGCL scholarships can be granted only to candidates admitted for studies at the University of Dar es Salaam. TGCL will inform successful scholarship applicants early enough to allow them to apply for admission in 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**.

7. Selection Criteria and Interview

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.

8. 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** and **must include your name** at the top of the paper.

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.