
Invitation for Applications for **Admission** to the **LLM and PhD Programmes** at the Tanzanian-German Centre for Eastern African Legal Studies (TGCL) starting on 1 October 2016

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Invitation for Applications for **Scholarships** to pursue the aforementioned LLM and PhD Programmes

Applications are invited, especially from candidates in the East African Community Partner States (i.e. Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda) and beyond (e.g. South Sudan), for entry into a postgraduate study programme in law (LLM or PhD) offered by the Tanzanian-German Centre for Eastern African Legal Studies (TGCL) **starting on 1 October 2016**.

The deadline for applications is 15 January 2016.

The TGCL has been established at the University of Dar es Salaam School of Law in cooperation with the University of Bayreuth, Germany. Its programmes are funded by the German Foreign Office through the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

1. Curriculum

The TGCL postgraduate study programmes are conducted at the University of Dar es Salaam School of Law.

The LLM candidates will pursue a programme consisting of coursework and a dissertation with an East African regional and comparative law perspective. Students will be admitted to the LLM programme in Regional Integration and East African Community Law.

PhD students are required to write a comprehensive PhD thesis.

Seminars and workshops on research methodology and professional leadership skills will be offered, accompanied by an introduction to German Law and the Law of the European Union. A German language course will also be offered.

The LLM programme requires one year of full-time attendance while the PhD programme takes three years of full time attendance.

At the end of these programmes, students will be equipped with advanced knowledge in the emerging field of Regional Integration and East African Community Law, as well as European Union Law. The TGCL mode of instruction, and the seminars and workshops conducted during the study programmes, will not only make our graduates distinct in the market, but will also prepare them as potential leaders within their respective East African countries. Additionally, TGCL students will have the benefit of learning the German language.

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

2. Research Agenda of the TGCL

Any LLM dissertation and PhD thesis should focus on the law of the East African Community (EAC), if possible in relation to the student's own national law. PhD candidates are encouraged to compare two or more national laws of EAC Partner States in the light of regional integration.

Proposals that clearly fall outside this research agenda will not be considered.

Please observe the "Guide for TGCL Research Proposals", which is attached to this Call for Applications.

3. Admission Requirements

The requirements for admission to the LLM and PhD programmes are: for the LLM programme, a Bachelor's degree in law (LLB) with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or its equivalent from a recognised institution of higher legal education; for the PhD programme, an excellent LLM degree from a recognised institution.

The language of instruction at the TGCL is English. Those who are not conversant with it should not apply.

4. Fees

The University of Dar es Salaam fees for Postgraduate Studies apply. For the LLM, the fee payable is 6,375,000 TZS while for the PhD it is 4,250,000 TZS per year. Students who are not citizens of an EAC Partner State are subject to a different fee structure. It is available at <http://postgraduate.udsm.ac.tz>.

The fees may be revised by the University at the beginning of any academic year. Kindly check the aforementioned website for details on the exact amount to be paid including direct costs payable to the University. Please do not make any payment until the TGCL requests you to do so. Applicants will also be responsible for their own cost of living, health insurance, cost of research, and all other relevant costs.

5. Scholarships

Scholarships, restricted to applicants from EAC countries and from South Sudan only, are available for a limited number of LLM and PhD students admitted to the programmes. A scholarship will cover the University fee and a health insurance. An annual amount of 2,400 EUR for Tanzanians and of 3,000 EUR for Non-Tanzanians will be paid to cover the cost of living. An additional lump sum of 30 EUR per month will be paid if you are not residing on campus. A once-off lump sum of 460 EUR for LLM and 920 EUR for PhD will be paid for the cost of research. The LLM scholarship covers a period of one year, and the PhD scholarship a period of three years.

To apply for a TGCL scholarship, kindly complete the TGCL scholarship application form. Together with this form, attach a one page explanation on why you should be covered with a TGCL scholarship.

Please file your scholarship application with your application for admission.

5. Mode of Application

Please send your application for admission both as hard copy **and** as electronic copy as follows: Hard copies should be sent to the following address:

The Coordinator, TGCL, Dr Benedict T. Mapunda, University of Dar es Salaam School of Law, P.O. Box 35093, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; fax: +255 22 2410 103

Electronic copies should be sent to the following email address: TGCLapplications@yahoo.com and copied to mapundabt@yahoo.com.

Your application must contain the following documents:

- a completed University of Dar es Salaam application form (available at www.tgcl.uni-bayreuth.de)
- a signed curriculum vitae with clear evidence of periods of legal and other relevant education, training and practical experience; please use the Europass CV template (<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>)
- 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 in English an official translation should be attached
- three letters of recommendation (signed and sealed)
- three passport-size photographs
- a release letter from your employer (if you are employed)

- a proposal of the intended research (for LLM candidates: 1,500 words; for PhD candidates: 3,000 words)
- for PhD candidates: an electronic copy of your LLM dissertation

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

6. Contacts

In case of any questions, please check the TGCL website (www.tgcl.uni-bayreuth.de) or contact the Coordinator, TGCL, Dr Benedict T. Mapunda, University of Dar es Salaam School of Law, P.O. Box 35093, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; phone: +255 22 2410 102; fax: +255 22 2410 103; email: mapundabt@yahoo.com.

Annex: Guide for TGCL Research Proposals

1. General Remarks

The following general points should be considered when drafting the research proposal:

- A comprehensive and thorough reading of relevant materials is required as part of the preparation for an acceptable research proposal.
- The topic and the research proposal should be on a very specific legal problem in a specific area of law. It is therefore advisable 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 wide and unspecific.
- The proposal should contain a detailed outline which reveals the intended structure of the dissertation or thesis.
- The proposal should be accompanied by a bibliography containing the most significant primary sources and secondary literature in the field with precise references.
- Your **proposal will be tested in a plagiarism-finding software**. Any proposal that has been plagiarised, be it fully or partly, will not be considered.

2. Possible Topics of LLM and PhD Research Proposals

This overview provides some examples of topics that would fall under the general research topic of the TGCL (see point 2. of the Call for Applications). By its nature, it cannot be comprehensive, as there is a virtually unlimited number of conceivable topics. Therefore, the list aims at not more than providing food for thought. Research topics that are not listed here, but lie within the research agenda of the TGCL are highly welcome.

- Analysis of the powers and the way of functioning of an organ of the EAC, namely
 - The Summit
 - The Council
 - The Coordination Committee
 - The Sectoral Committees
 - The Assembly
 - The Secretariat
- The East African Court of Justice and its jurisprudence against the background of different legal tradition in the Partner States (PhD topic)
- The jurisdiction of the EACJ: Is it too wide?
- The EACJ as a Court of Appeal for East Africa? – History and current endeavours
- Land issues before the East African Court of Justice
- The law-making process within the EAC: Status quo and challenges
- Co-operation within the EAC in the field of ... (see Chapters 11 to 27 of the EAC Treaty to identify the areas of co-operation)
- The relationship of the East African Legislative Assembly and the national parliaments of the Partner States
- The implementation of East African Community law on the national level: An example of ... (any Partner State and any area of co-operation)
- The free movement of goods under the Common Market Protocol
- The free movement of capital under the Common Market Protocol
- The free movement of persons under the Common Market Protocol
- The free movement of services under the Common Market Protocol
- The relationship between East African Community law and the laws of the Partner States: Theoretical and practical aspects (PhD topic)
- The financing of the East African Community and its budget law
- The language problem within the EAC: Legal aspects