

CALL FOR APPLICATION

For Admission and Scholarships

LLM & PhD Programmes

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 2025

Application Deadline: 30th September 2025

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. TGCL offers a structured LLM study programme and a PhD 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 for TGCL Scholarships

TGCL invites applications from candidates from the East African Community Partner States (i.e. Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Somalia) for LLM & PhD studies **starting on 1 November 2025**.

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 and for PhD programme is a Master's degree in law (LL.M) with a dissertation from a recognized higher learning institution.

The language of instruction at the University of Dar es Salaam School of Law is **English**. Therefore, applicants must have a good command of the English language to be considered for the scholarship.

Candidates applying for **LL.M scholarships** who 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.

As we are committed to an inclusive society for all, female applicants, persons with disabilities and candidates from less privileged regions are particularly encouraged to apply.

2. Content of the Programme

The LLM candidates will pursue an LLM programme on East African Community 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.

The PhD candidates will pursue a PhD programme on East African Community and Regional Integration Law. The mode of delivery will be by way of thesis. The programme takes **36 months of full-time** attendance. On successful completion of the programme, a student will obtain a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Law degree from the University of Dar es Salaam.

3. Research Agenda of the TGCL

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

4. Scholarships

For the Academic Year 2025 – 2026, the TGCL will award partial LLM & PhD scholarships **to applicants from EAC Partner States** only. The TGCL will cover Tuition fees, Health Insurance and part of the accommodation expenses. It is important to note that regional TGCL scholarship holders who opt to be accommodated at the hostels owned by the University of Dar es Salaam, will pay accommodation fees equivalent to that payable by local students.

5. Mode of Application

All interested applicants must send their application through the following email address:

lillianmasalu@gmail.com and submit the following documents **electronically as one pdf**:

- 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 would have just completed their LLB/ LLM 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 **30th September 2025**. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

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

This Call for Applications is not for admission to the University but for scholarships offered by the TGCL. **Admissions** to the University of Dar es Salaam are made by the University administration **separately** and independently. Scholarships can be granted only to candidates admitted for studies at the University of Dar es Salaam. All applicants must **concurrently** apply for admission to the University of Dar es Salaam whose deadline for postgraduate admissions is **30th September 2025**.

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 **LL.M proposal shall not exceed 1,500 words** (excluding the bibliography).
- The **Ph.D proposal shall not exceed 2,500 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 plagiarism-finding software and Artificial Intelligence (AI) detecting tools. 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.