

GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING BURSARY/LOAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION FOR RWANDAN STUDENTS WISHING TO STUDY ABROAD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/15

1. Introduction

The Government of Rwanda put in place a five year skills development programme to accelerate the implementation of the Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy (EDPRS II). The critical skills needs are in the sectors of agriculture, infrastructure, natural resources, trade and commerce, ICT, health, and education. Bursaries and/or students loans will be granted to students in the framework of the skills development programme.

2. Categories of scholarships

A. Presidential Scholarships: These are scholarships awarded to students who score the best grades in science courses at senior six. The preselected students sit for a selection test administered by the Universities from the USA, under the Presidential Scholarship Programme. These include Hendrix University Consortium, Oklahoma Christian University, California Baptist University, and William Penn University. The criteria and procedure used in the tests is validated by the Management of REB. For 2014/15 academic year, selection for Presidential Scholars has already been completed, and currently REB does not accept application for this category.

B. Scholarships based on existing memorandum of understanding between foreign universities and MINEDUC

The Ministry of Education signed a number of partnership agreements/memorandum of understanding with some of the best universities in the world whereby Rwandan students can study in those universities in specific disciplines agreed upon and in many cases tuition fees are fully or partially waived. A call for application


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