

Building Competence and Effectiveness in the Development Processes

Master in Economics (Cooperation and Human Development) MECOHD

Call for Application for Scholarships

11th EDITION – SEPTEMBER 2023- JUNE 2025

THE AICS and CEI SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

FOREWORD

The **Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)**, in the framework of the project
“Cooperating in Human Development: a Research and Higher Education project in Kenya”

and

the **Italian Episcopal Conference – CEI**, in the framework of the project

“Nobody shall be left out: A project on training and research to improve the policies which should ensure equitable, sustainable and inclusive Human Development in Kenya”

support

the 11th edition of the Master of Economics (Cooperation and Human Development)-MECOHD Programme at Kenyatta University, with **scholarships for students from Kenya and other African countries**. The objective of the action is to train development professionals in the field of human development and increase their capacity to operate in an international dimension. The **selection criteria** of the beneficiaries will include the merit, motivations, and academic potential. Particular attention will be paid to gender balance and specific disadvantaged groups (based on income, ethnic minorities, refugee status, disabilities, etc).

BENEFICIARIES

Scholarships are addressed to officials of local, national and international agencies, NGOs and other institutional bodies, public or private, or young graduates willing to specialize in the field of Cooperation and Human Development

Requirements:

- Must be a national of Kenya or another African Country
- Must have been admitted into the MECOHD main Program or Bridging Course of Kenyatta University¹

¹ The call for application to the MECOHD Program, with the requirements for admission is attached to this call, and can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/master.mecohd>

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- Must be fluent in English
- Must possess standard computer literacy (knowledge of basic Microsoft Office package)

Experience in the field of cooperation and development, in NGOs, local, national and international agencies and institutions (public or private) is an added advantage.

WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIPS COVER?

- Partial or full Tuition fees

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be addressed to the MECOHD Scholarship Selection Committee and sent online through the following e-mail addresses:

To: marcella.ferracciolo@cisp-ngo.org Cc: kirimi.david@ku.ac.ke

All the applications must include the following documents in the order in which they appear below:

- a scanned (pdf) copy of the admission letter to the MECOHD from Kenyatta University
- motivation letter (maximum 300 words)
- curriculum vitae
- two reference letters preferably one from an academic institution and one from a work-related institution
- a scanned (pdf) copy of transcript of academic records
- a scanned (pdf) copy of certificate attesting English proficiency (it applies only for non-English mother tongue)
- a scanned (pdf) copy of passport (or identity card)
- a scanned (pdf) copy of income statement related to the current or previous year

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Early applicants will be given priority.

A pre-selection will be made based on academic career, international working and studying experiences, and knowledge of English language. Interviews for pre-selected candidates will be held via skype or zoom.

DEADLINES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS:

Main Program: August 31st 2023

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THE MECOHD PROGRAM

GOALS

The Master of Economics (Cooperation and Human Development)-MECOHD is a part-time programme. It is designed to provide professional training to individuals seeking to deepen their competence and effectiveness in the development processes.

PROGRAM

The Program has been developed and is delivered through collaborative efforts between **Kenyatta University, School of Economics** and the **University of Pavia** (Italy), together with their partners: **Cooperation and Development Network** (CDN) Italy, **International Committee for Development of Peoples** (CISP) Italy and **Tangaza University College** (TUC) Kenya and **UNDP Kenya**. Students are equipped with knowledge and skills for measurement and analysis of economic phenomena including human development, project design and management, resource mobilisation and cooperation for development in a dynamic world.

STRUCTURE

The programme's **core curriculum** integrates substantive knowledge spanning the disciplines of: Economics, Human Development, Project Design and Management. Delivery of the courses integrates presentations, seminars and conferences organized together with the partners. Field Training and Internships form an integral part of the programme. Students in the programme undertake research in relevant fields or areas leading to the writing of a thesis/project. Lecturers come from different Universities of the network and from different institutions. The Master Course may provide for students with a non-economic background **Bridging Courses** (Quantitative Methods, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics) lasting 13 weeks.

DURATION

The duration of the programme shall be a minimum of 18 months. Classes will be offered in the evening hours (5.30pm-8.30pm) and weekends. Successful students will be awarded a Master of Economics (Cooperation and Human Development) Degree.

INTERNSHIP AND JOB PLACEMENT

The Master provides a service of tutorship for the choice of the internship and a list of available options with NGOs. The Master also facilitates contacts with International organizations and the vocational guidance to the job searching orientation, through meetings with human resources experts.

LOCATION

Kenyatta University City Campus, Nairobi-Kenya

The MECOHD is part of the CDN, an International network of post-graduate educational programs active in Italy (Pavia), Colombia (Cartagena de Indias), Palestine (Bethlehem), Nepal (Kathmandu) and Kenya (Nairobi) www.cdnpavia.net