

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ERASMUS+ KA107/ERASMUS+ PARTNER COUNTRIES

UNIVERSITY OF MARBURG/ PHILIPPS-UNIVERSITÄT MARBURG, GERMANY

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024, SUMMER TERM (MAY/AUGUST 2024)

ERASMUS+ STUDENT EXCHANGE

Rongo University in collaboration with the University of Marburg would like to invite interested applicants to submit their applications for an exchange semester within the Erasmus+ Program at the University of Marburg, Germany.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Erasmus+ is a European Union program that has supported millions of young people around the world since its creation in 1987. The program has enabled staff and students to study, gain work experience or volunteer abroad. Erasmus+ is designed to modernize education, training, youth work and sport across Europe and beyond, through strategic partnerships and through opportunities for staff and professionals to train or exchange experience.

The Objective of Erasmus+ is to:

- support learners in the acquisition of learning outcomes (knowledge, skills and competencies) with a view to improving their personal development, their involvement as considerate and active citizens in society and their employability in the European labour market and beyond;
- support the professional development of those who work in education, training and youth with a view to innovating and improving the quality of teaching, training and youth work across Europe;
- enhance the participants' foreign language competence;
- raise participants' awareness and understanding of other cultures and countries, offering them the opportunity to build networks of international contacts, to actively participate in society and develop a sense of citizenship and identity;
- increase the capacities, attractiveness and international dimension of organizations active in education, training and youth fields so that they are able to offer activities and programs that better respond to the needs of individuals;
- reinforce synergies and transitions between formal, and non-formal education, vocational training, employment and entrepreneurship;
- ensure better recognition of competencies gained through the learning periods abroad.

By studying abroad with Erasmus+, you can improve your communication, language and intercultural skills and gain soft skills highly valued by future employers.

EXCHANGE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

This program involves the exchange of 2 students between Rongo University and the University of Marburg. The exchange will be funded by Erasmus+ which provides a fixed allowance for travel and living expenses for a maximum of 5 months at the University of Marburg, Germany.

During their stay, students must engage in research or study activities that will count towards their progress in the graduate studies/thesis.

During the mobility, selected students will receive:

- a) monthly stipend of 850 Euros for a maximum of 5 months. The stipend will be paid out in Euro upon arrival in Marburg.
- b) contribution to travel costs: 275-1500 Euros, depending on the flight cost from Nairobi to Marburg

Supplementary financial support is available for beneficiaries with physical disabilities, and mental or other health-related situations (special needs).

DURATION

Summer Semester 2023/24 (including Intensive German language Course): March/April-July 2024

Lecture period: April -July 2024

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINES

The application process consists of two phases.

Phase 1: Application at Rongo University

Rongo University will competitively select and nominate students and send the list of nominees to the University of Marburg by 30th November 2023. Please note that a nomination from Rongo University is unfortunately **NOT** a guarantee for a place at the University of Marburg.

Phase 2: Application at Philipps-Universität Marburg

The University of Marburg will receive and assess the list of nominees before communicating their decision on which students have been accepted. The University of Marburg will inform the accepted students directly via email and ask them to **apply directly** to the University of Marburg.

REQUIREMENT FOR PARTICIPATION

- a) Students enrolled for Masters or PhD degree at Rongo University
- b) Must have completed at least one semester.
- c) Fulfil the language requirements of the respective study field as provided in the **Key Information Sheet 2022 / 2023 (Attached)**

Note: Students interested in undertaking research during the mobility, **MUST** search for and directly engage a supervisor or professor whom they will work with during the mobility.

APPLICATION

Required Documents:

- a) CV/resume (3 pages maximum)
- b) Short research proposal/concept note*
- c) Study plan
- d) Confirmation of enrolment –Admission letter
- e) Letter of motivation (500 words)
- f) Transcript of Records
- g) Recommendation letter from the head of department or supervisor.

Important: *Interest in sustainable development as well as projects aimed at promoting sustainability of higher education institutions and/or social innovations for sustainability will be an added advantage.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- a) Fulfilment of formal requirements (e.g., submission of all required documents, language level/mastery)
- b) Academic performance
- c) Motivation
- d) Relevance of the mobility proposal
- e) Priority will be given to those who haven't been abroad within the Erasmus+ program
- f) Contribution of the research project to sustainable development

Note: Applicants with special needs (physical, mental or health-related) are encouraged to apply.

CONTACT

If you are interested in applying for an Erasmus+ Semester and require more information about the program please contact Erasmus+ Coordination Office, via email Erasmus@rongovarsity.ac.ke.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION via email to vc@rongovarsity.ac.ke and a copy to Erasmus@rongovarsity.ac.ke latest by 10th November 2023 @ 1700 hours EAT.