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**Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program
at the University of Rwanda**

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Message from the Program Director of the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Rwanda



This is a historic moment as we celebrate the graduation of the first cohort of Mastercard Foundation Scholars at the University of Rwanda. This is not only your milestone. It is a milestone for the program, the institution, and the broader vision of expanding opportunities for young Africans to learn, lead, and transform their communities.

From your first days on campus, you took advantage of learning opportunities, embraced mentorship and served communities through various give back activities that you conducted at your campuses. Most importantly, you proved that when young people are given access, support, and a chance to grow, they rise to the occasion with remarkable potential.

As the pioneering cohort, you have set the tone, defined the culture, and shown future Scholars what it means to be a Mastercard Foundation Scholar at the University of Rwanda.

I also thank the faculty, administrators, staff members, and partners who dedicated their time and effort to guide and support each one of you throughout your journey.

May your achievements continue to open doors not only for yourselves, but for others who will benefit from the inspiration and change you create.

Congratulations!

Assoc.Prof. Anne Marie Kagwesage

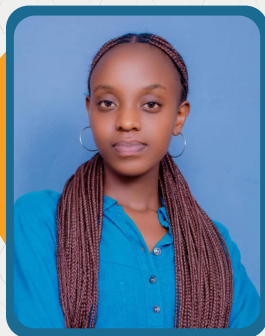
Program Director

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List of Graduates

BACHELOR LEVEL



Adeline URUKUNDO

College of Business and
Economics (CBE)

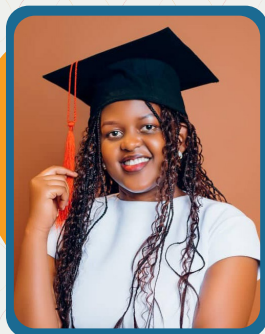
*Bachelor in Business
Information Technology*



Aliane KARERANGABO

College of Business and
Economics (CBE)

*Bachelor in Business Information
Technology*



Aline UMUHOZA

College of Business and
Economics (CBE)

*Bachelor in Business Information
Technology*



Amedee AHISHAKIYE

College of Science and
Technology (CST)

*Bachelor of Geography: Urban
Planning*



Anaella GIRIHIRWE

College of Business and
Economics (CBE)

*Bachelor in Business Information
Technology*



Belise KANZIGA

College of Science and
Technology (CST)

*Bachelor in Mathematics
Statistics*



Blandine IRADUKUNDA

College of Business and
Economics (CBE)

*Bachelor in Business Information
Technology*



Daniel NIYOMURINZI

College of Business and
Economics (CBE)

*Bachelor of Business
Administration in Finance*



Dieudonne DUSHIMIRIMANA

College of Business and Economics (CBE)

Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance



Emmanuel TUYISHIME

College of Business and Economics (CBE)

Bachelor in Accounting



Evariste NKURANYABAHIZI

College of Education (CE)

BEd with Hons-Special Needs & Maths- Primary Teacher Education



Fortune BIZWINAYO

College of Education (CE)

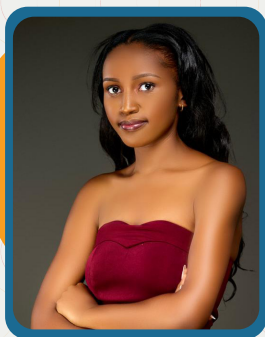
BEd with Hons-Special Needs and Maths- Primary Teacher Education



Madeleine UWAYISENGA

College of Education (CE)

*Bed with Hons-Special Needs
and Maths - Primary Teacher
Education*



Martine ABAYEZU MUTUYIMANA

College of Business and Economics
(CBE)

*Bachelor with Honors in Monetary
Economics*



Merveille UMUTONIWASE

College of Science and
Technology (CST)

*Bsc (Hons) in Chemistry-Bio-
Organic*



Peninah IRAFASHA

College of Business and
Economics (CBE)

*Bachelor with Honors in
Monetary Economics*



Ruth MWIRINZI

College of Business and
Economics (CBE)

BSc in Accounting



Yokebedi UWIDUHAYE

College of Business and
Economics (CBE)

BSc in Accounting



POSTGRADUATE – MASTER'S LEVEL



Etienne DUFITUMUKIZA

College of Science and
Technology (CST)

*Master of Science in Electrical
Power Systems*



Jean d'Amour IRADUKUNDA

College of Education

*Master of Education in Physics
Education*



Denyse KANZAYIRE

College of Arts and Social
Sciences (CASS)

*Master in Gender and
Development*



Angelique MUKANEZA

College of Science and
Technology (CST)

*Master of Science in IoT-wireless
intelligent sensor Networking
(MSC.IoT-WISeNet)*



Jane MUKAYIRANGA

College of Business and
Economics (CBE)

Master of Science in Economics



Esperance MUKESHIMANA

College of Business and
Economics (CBE)

*Master of Science in Data
Science in Biostatistics*



Deogratias NDAGIJIMANA

College of Education

*Master of Education in Biology
Education*



Derrick NDAHIRO

College of Arts and Social
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*Master in Gender and
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Gaudence NDAYAMBAJE

College of Business and
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Delice NDIKUMUKIZA

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*Master of Business
Administration*



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College of Science and
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*Master of Science in IoT
Embedded Computing Systems
(ECS)*



**Steven NSANZABANDI
GASASIRA**

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Master of Science in Data Science in Demography



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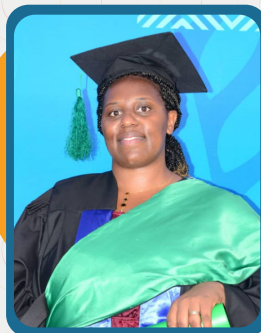
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Solange NYAMPINGA

College of Business and Economics (CBE)

Master of Business Administration



Valentine IMANISHIMWE

College of Business and Economics (CBE)

Master of Science in Data Science in Biostatistics



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College of Science and Technology (CST)

Master of Science in IoT-wireless intelligent sensor Networking (MSC.IoT-WISeNet)



Henry KAPALAMULA

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Master of Science in IoT Embedded Computing Systems (ECS)



About the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Rwanda



The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Rwanda is a 10-year partnership (2021-2031) between the University of Rwanda and the Mastercard Foundation that aims to develop the next generation of transformative leaders by enabling highly talented, service-oriented young people, primarily young Africans, to pursue higher education and cultivate their leadership potential.

Through the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program, Mastercard Foundation Scholars are provided with inclusive and relevant education, and support to transition smoothly into dignified and fulfilling work to lead transformative lives.

Along its implementation, the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Rwanda will admit 1,400 Scholars, including 200 Scholars to be admitted to the College of Medicine and Health Sciences (CMHS), as the program's contribution to supporting Rwanda's 4x4 Initiative, which aims to quadruple the number of healthcare workers in the country within the next four years.



Target categories



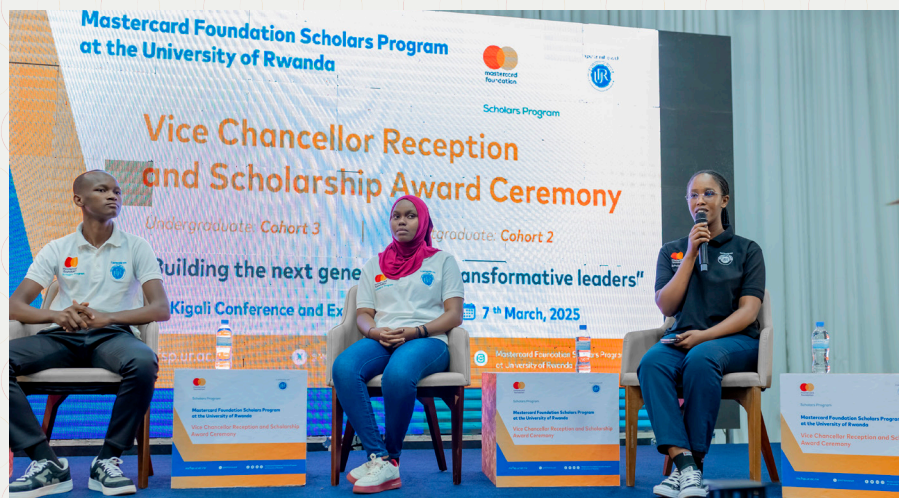
The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Rwanda enrolls young people, particularly women (70%), refugees (25%), youth with disabilities (10%), and international students (15%).

Ninety percent of Mastercard Foundation Scholars at the University of Rwanda are admitted to undergraduate programs, and 10% to master's programs.

Additionally, 80% pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs, while 20% follow non-STEM programs..



Scholars' Acceleration Cycle



Recruit

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program selects Mastercard Foundation Scholars from eligible applicants for first-year undergraduate programs and postgraduate programs who have been admitted to the University of Rwanda. Applicants showcase their interest by applying for the scholarship, and those who fulfill all criteria (including academic excellence, leadership potential, as well as socio-economic need) undergo selection assessment processes.

Educate

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program encourages the independence and confidence of Mastercard Foundation Scholars by offering physical and online classes, e-tutoring, community of practice, enhanced digital materials, English proficiency support, digital knowledge and mentorship.

Prepare

Mastercard Foundation Scholars are prepared for the university experience and career success through pre-university induction and mentorship in areas such as financial literacy, communication, digital skills, leadership, entrepreneurship, geo-political awareness, labour market skills, gender mainstreaming, and sexual and reproductive health rights.



Transition

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program supports the smooth transition of Mastercard Foundation Scholars into the workforce through internships, placements, career support, business competitions, and post-graduation assistance.

Post Graduation Support

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program provides assistance to Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program Alumni following their formal education to ensure their successful transition into the professional world of work.

Giving back

Through give-back activities, Mastercard Foundation Scholars build responsibility, leadership, and community ties. By applying their education and skills to community projects and volunteer work, Mastercard Foundation Scholars commit to making a positive impact and becoming agents of change in their communities.





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***"360° Knowledge Accelerator towards
dignifying work for young Africans"***