

**Scholarships for
LLM and PhD Programmes
Focus on EAC and Regional Integration Law**

Invitation for Applications for **Admission** to the **LLM and PhD Programmes** at the Tanzanian-German Centre for Eastern African Legal Studies (TGCL) starting on 1 October 2017

The TGCL, a think tank on East African Community law, is a cooperation project of the University of Dar es Salaam and the University of Bayreuth in Germany. It is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office through the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Structured LLM and PhD study programmes at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, are addressed to aspiring young East African lawyers, qualifying them for leading positions in the region.

1. Application Requirements

Applications are invited especially from candidates from the East African Community Partner States (i.e. Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda).

The formal minimum requirements for admission to the LLM and PhD programmes are:

- for the **LLM programme**: a Bachelor's degree in law (LLB) with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or its equivalent from a recognised higher learning institutions.
- for the **PhD programme**: an excellent LLM degree from a recognised institution

The language of instruction in the School of Law is English. Those who are not conversant with it should not apply.

2. The Contents of the Programme

The **LLM** candidates will pursue a **coursework and a dissertation** programme on Regional Integration and East African Community Law. The programme takes **one year** of **fulltime** attendance.

PhD students are required to write a comprehensive PhD **thesis** within **three years** of **fulltime** attendance.

The TGCL will offer seminars and workshops on **academic research methodology** and **professional leadership** skills for its students, accompanied by an introduction to **German Law** and the **Law of the European Union**. Additionally, **interdisciplinary** seminars and a German language course are part of the programme.

On successful completion of the programme, the students will obtain a law degree from the University of Dar es Salaam and an additional TGCL Certificate.

3. Research Agenda of the TGCL

All LLM dissertations and PhD theses must focus on **East African Community Law** (EAC law) and or Regional Integration Law (focussed on the EAC), if possible in relation to the student's own national law.

PhD candidates are encouraged to compare two or more national laws of EAC Partner States in the light of regional integration.

Kindly observe the "Guide for TGCL Research Proposals", which is attached to this Call for Applications.

4. Scholarships

Scholarships are granted only to applicants from EAC countries and will cover:

- the university fees for the LLM/PhD programme
- a reasonable health insurance
- an annual stipend of 2,400 EUR for Tanzanians and of 3,000 EUR for non-Tanzanians
- a housing allowance of 30 EUR per month
- a once-off research grant of 460 EUR for LLM and 920 EUR for PhD

5. Mode of Application

The applicant must **register online through the TGCL website** and submit the following documents **electronically**:

- a signed **curriculum vitae** with clear evidence of periods of legal and other relevant education, training and practical experience. **It is compulsory to use the Europass CV template (<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>).**
- one page **letter of motivation**
- certified photocopies of all relevant **certificates** (birth certificate, school leaving certificates, academic transcripts, certificates of legal or other professional education, including provisional results for applicants who are in the final year of their LLB studies); in the case of documents not in English an official translation should be attached
- a **passport picture**
- a **release letter** from your employer (if you are employed)
- a **proposal of the intended research** (for LLM candidates: 1,500 words; for PhD candidates: 3,000 words) – see annexed guidelines
- for PhD candidates: an electronic copy of your LLM dissertation

Additionally, applicants must send (1) **Hard copies of all application documents** mentioned above (2) three **letters of recommendation** (signed and sealed), (3) a **printout of the online registration** form to:

The Coordinator, TGCL, Dr Benedict T. Mapunda, University of Dar es Salaam School of Law, P.O. Box 35093, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; phone: +255 22 278 1422; fax: +255 22 278 0217; email:mapundabt@yahoo.com

The deadline for applications is Friday, 17 February 2017.

Incomplete and late applications will not be considered. All applications have to be submitted **both online and as a hardcopy**. It is highly recommended to use a reliable professional courier service to ship the hardcopy, if you are not handing it in personally.

This advertisement is for scholarships offered by the TGCL. **Admissions** to the University of Dar es Salaam is done by the University administration **separately and independently**. TGCL scholarships can be granted only to candidates who are admitted for studies in the University of Dar es Salaam. You are therefore advised to follow up postgraduate admission advertisements in the University of Dar es Salaam website and **apply for admission as soon as the same are posted**.

Annex: Guide for TGCL Research Proposals

1. General Remarks

The following general points should be considered when drafting the research proposal:

- A comprehensive and thorough **reading of relevant materials** is required as part of the preparation for an acceptable research proposal.
- The topic and the research proposal should be on a **very specific legal problem** in a specific area of law. It is therefore advisable 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 wide and unspecific.
- The proposal should contain a **detailed outline** which reveals the intended structure of the dissertation or thesis.
- The proposal should be accompanied by a **bibliography** containing the most significant primary sources and secondary literature in the field with precise references.

Your **proposal will be tested in a plagiarism-finding software**. Any proposal that has been plagiarised, be it fully or partly, will be rejected.

2. Possible Topics of LLM and PhD Research Proposals

Any LLM dissertation and PhD thesis shall focus on **East African Community Law** (EAC Law) and or Regional Integration Law (focussed on the EAC), if possible in relation to the student’s own national law.

This overview provides some **examples** of topics that would fall under the general research topic of the TGCL. By its nature, it cannot be comprehensive nor is it meant to be exclusive. It rather aims at providing food for thought. Other research topics that fall within the research agenda of the TGCL are highly welcome.

a) Priority Topics

The TGCL might be able to link students working on these topics to institutions which are currently dealing with these issues:

- The flexibilities with regard to pharmaceuticals under the TRIPS agreement: Does the current legal framework suit the needs of least developed countries? (topic for PhD students)
- Possibilities of introducing compulsory travel insurance within the EAC: Can the COMESA yellow card system for vehicles function as an example in the health sector? (topic for LLM students)
- Social and health protection in East Africa: cross-border portability of insurance benefits from the legal perspective (topic for LLM or PhD students)
- Non-discrimination in public procurement: Art. 35 of the EAC Common Market Protocol – is it a toothless tiger? (topic for LLM students)

b) Further Research Topics

- Analysis of the powers and the way of functioning of an organ of the EAC, namely
 - The Summit
 - The Council
 - The Coordination Committee
 - The Sectoral Committees
 - The Assembly
 - The Secretariat
- The East African Court of Justice and its jurisprudence against the background of different legal traditions in the Partner States (PhD topic)
- The jurisdiction of the EACJ: Is it too wide?

- The EACJ as a Court of Appeal for East Africa? – History and current endeavours
- Land issues before the East African Court of Justice
- The law-making process within the EAC: Status quo and challenges
- Co-operation within the EAC in the field of ... (see Chapters 11 to 27 of the EAC Treaty to identify the areas of co-operation)
- The relationship of the East African Legislative Assembly and the national parliaments of the Partner States
- The implementation of East African Community law on the national level: An example of ... (any Partner State and any area of co-operation)
- The free movement of goods under the Common Market Protocol
- The free movement of capital under the Common Market Protocol
- The free movement of persons under the Common Market Protocol
- The free movement of services under the Common Market Protocol
- The relationship between East African Community law and the laws of the Partner States: Theoretical and practical aspects (PhD topic)
- The financing of the East African Community and its budget law
- The language problem within the EAC: Legal aspects

