



## ALBERT EINSTEIN GERMAN ACADEMIC REFUGEE INITIATIVE FUND (DAFI)

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS, 2024

DAFI- (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative Fund) is an earmarked voluntary Fund donated to UNHCR by Ministry of Foreign affairs of the Federal government of Germany. In Partnership with UNHCR-Uganda, Windle International Uganda is the local implementing partner of the DAFI Scholarship Programme.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- 🎓 Be currently living as a refugee in Uganda and officially registered with both OPM-Uganda and UNHCR-Uganda;
- 🎓 Be between **18-35 years old** as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 (applicants must be born no earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> January 1989 and no later than 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006);
- 🎓 Have completed secondary school and already be in possession of their official original Pass slips or its equivalents i.e. Diploma d'etat, University diplomas, Higher Education Access Certificate etc. (if applicable) at the time of application (see table below for minimum academic grades);
- 🎓 Have a recognized DIT Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) certificate will be considered for TVET courses.
- 🎓 Have Basic English Training (oral and written competence);
- 🎓 Be facing financial barriers to accessing or completing undergraduate post-secondary education;

#### MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS BY COUNTRY AND QUALIFICATION OF STUDY:

*\*Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. If you have completed secondary education in a country other than the ones listed below, and meet all of the other criteria above, you are eligible to apply. The equivalency of your grades will be reviewed against the grades listed below. The grades listed are the minimum eligibility requirement for academics and do not guarantee selection. \**

COUNTRY/QUALIFICATION	EXAM CERTIFICATE	MINIMUM GRADE / SCORE
Burundi	Diplôme d'Etat	60% Male and 55% Female Bulletin scolaire / Relevé des notes
DRC	Diplôme d'Etat or Attestation de Réussite	60% Male and 55% Female. Relevé des notes 1. Note that attestations issued by a secondary school are not accepted. 2. Include all bulletins for years 1 to 6. 3. With your application, you must accompany your Diplome or Attestation with the print out of the graduate list (Palmarès) from the DRC ministry's website where your name and grade Are clearly indicated
Eritrea	ESECE	5 subjects. GPA of 2.50
Ethiopia	ESLC	5 subjects. GPA of 2

Kenya	KCSE	B+ Male and B- Female
Rwanda	REB Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education	A minimum of 4 principal passes and C average
Somalia	SSLC	65% Male and 60% Female
Sudan	SSC	65% Male and 60% Female
South Sudan	Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE)	65% Male and 60% Female
Uganda	<p><b>UACE</b></p> <p>UACE certificate holders, where applicable, must submit their UCE results with their application.</p> <p>Recent UACE candidates (announced in 2024) who have not yet received their pass slips must submit an attestation/recommendation from their school regarding their results. Shortlisted applicants will be required to share their original pass slips during oral interviews.</p>	<p>10 Points for Male</p> <p>09 Points for Female</p>
	<p>The Higher Education Access Certificate holders must submit results with their application.</p> <p>Shortlisted applicants will be required to present original</p>	<p>60% pass mark for Male</p> <p>50% pass mark for Female</p>



	copies of their results during oral interviews	
	The DIT Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) certificate holders must submit their results with their application Shortlisted applicants will be required to present original copies of their results during the oral interviews.	Standard Pass Mark of B+ for Male and B for Female

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Complete the online **DAFI Application Form** available here: <https://unhcr-dafi-tertiary.scholarshipsplatform.com/> no paper application shall be accepted.

Please ensure that all of your documents are electronic files (Jpeg, clear images or PDFs). We have provided a list of questions that are included below on the last page of the DAFI Call for Applications. We encourage you to review these questions and prepare your answers offline, before applying online.

**Please Note that no paper applications shall be accepted.**

#### **FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS:**

🏆 The DAFI values gender equality. Qualified female candidates are encouraged to apply. DAFI applies principles of gender equity when reviewing applications from female applicants which may include using different academic standards for female candidates as well as other equity measures.



- ☞ Those individuals who are already being sponsored on a post-secondary scholarship or who have already completed a university degree **SHOULD NOT** apply.
- ☞ Ensure you answer all questions fully and honestly and submit documents which are clearly legible. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** Please closely verify the eligibility requirements and the required documentation requested in the application form.
- ☞ Applicants with discrepancies in their biodata (name, date of birth, etc.) either in their academic documents or refugee identification should seek to clarify and resolve these with the relevant bodies or authorities (UNHCR and OPM). Should an applicant not be able to resolve the discrepancies before they apply to the DAFI, they should attach an explanation with their application.
- ☞ The DAFI application is not open to brothers and sisters from the same family to apply and qualify for the scholarship. This mainly applies to families with DAFI scholars (current and alumni) of less than (3) three years of graduation from the scheme.
- ☞ DAFI is unable to add documents or change details in your online application should you make a typing error. If you make a mistake in your online application, it is your responsibility to edit your application before the application deadline. **Note: you need a stable internet connectivity and preferably a computer to give you the best interface with the application form. Always remember to save your application just in case you do not submit on the same day but submit the completed version before the deadline.**
- ☞ Applicants are encouraged to ensure to complete their applications before the deadline set and ensure successful submission by confirming that an application



receipt message has been sent to their personal emails registered with the portal.

**Applications that shall remain under progress shall be considered incomplete and will be automatically disqualified**

- 🎓 Applicants are encouraged to **attach additional documentation** (training certificates, recommendation letters from recognized entities, etc.) to their application to support the review of their candidacy in addition to the required documents.
- 🎓 The scholarship provides quotas by country of origin and settlement of attachment. All nationalists, in all settlements and the urban are encouraged to apply
- 🎓 **Please note:** DAFI applicants are expected to respond to the application with honest and consistent information during the application and interview process. DAFI has a **zero-tolerance policy regarding the submission of false identification or academic documents.**
- 🎓 Applicants who misrepresent any information or falsify their documentation, will be permanently banned from future consideration for the DAFI.
- 🎓 Applicants with university and Technical Vocation Education Institution admissions have an added advantage.
- 🎓 Applicants must use English language to apply

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

The online application form will open on **30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. We will accept applications until the **deadline on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at 5pm Kampala time.**



For further details and inquiries, please contact WIU scholarship's team. Email: [wiu.scholarship@windle.org](mailto:wiu.scholarship@windle.org), Phone: 0761308499 or UNHCR at [ugakadafi@unhcr.org](mailto:ugakadafi@unhcr.org)

WIU has offices that are available to support applicants to successfully complete their applications (at zero cost), especially those who are resource constrained. Kindly reach out to any WIU office in your respective settlement. In addition, you are encouraged to reach out to any partners and Community Technology Access Centres to access computers and internet.

To report instances of fraud and any other misconduct, please utilize this contact information: [helpline.uganda@unhcr.org](mailto:helpline.uganda@unhcr.org)

Thank you for your interest in the DAFI Scholarship!



## INFORMATION SHEET ABOUT THE DAFI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

<b>About WIU</b>	Windle International Uganda (WIU) is the lead education partner to UNHCR in Uganda providing access to quality and inclusive education for all refugees and host communities countrywide including urban Kampala.
<b>About DAFI</b>	DAFI- (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative Fund) is an earmarked voluntary Fund donated to UNHCR by Ministry of Foreign affairs of the Federal government of Germany. In Partnership with UNHCR-Uganda, Windle International Uganda is the local implementing partner of the DAFI Scholarship Programme.
<b>About UNHCR</b>	UNHCR protects people forced to flee their homes as well as stateless persons. The UN Agency delivers life-saving assistance in emergencies, safeguard fundamental human rights, and help find long-term solutions so they can find a safe place to call home.



The DAFI Application Procedures	Application Procedures
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="655 398 1391 510">☞ The call for DAFI scholarship shall run for a period of 31 days (from 30<sup>th</sup> April up to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024).</li> <li data-bbox="655 555 1391 824">☞ The call for application notice shall run on WIU/UNHCR websites, social media pages and shall also be placed in different locations in the settlements/Kampala, partner's offices.</li> <li data-bbox="655 869 1391 1294">☞ All eligible candidates shall apply for the scholarship on the new UNHCR Tertiary Scholarship Programme Online Platform through the following link; <a href="https://unhcr-dafi-tertiary.scholarshipsplatform.com/">https://unhcr-dafi-tertiary.scholarshipsplatform.com/</a> No paper application shall be accepted.</li> <li data-bbox="655 1339 1391 1608">☞ Reminders for those incomplete/in progress applications shall be sent out at least once to enable all candidates stand a chance of acquiring the scholarship.</li> <li data-bbox="655 1653 1391 1921">☞ A guide on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about the process shall be developed to respond to queries of the candidates. A contact line has been included in these guidelines for those that</li> </ul>

	<p>have queries that have not been included in the FAQ tool.</p>
<p><b>Safeguarding the integrity of the DAFI application process</b></p>	<p>There are no fees to apply to DAFI Scholarship Programme. At all stages of the application process, DAFI scholarship is totally free for applicants. Applicants should never be asked to pay anything or provide any other benefit to a WIU staff member or a local partner representative. If you experience or witness any corruption or unethical behavior during the application</p>

	<p>process, we ask that you report this incident to WIU through this email address: <a href="mailto:wiu.integrity@windle.org">wiu.integrity@windle.org</a></p>
<p><b>Type of questions included in the Online Application form</b></p>	<p><b>Full Name</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Date of birth</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Gender</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Country of origin</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Location of birth</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Marital and family status</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Current address in Uganda/ refugee settlement</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Language abilities - in English</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have you completed secondary school?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Do you have your original secondary school certificate/diploma? (must attach)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What country issued your secondary school certificate/ diploma?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Do you have a university/ tertiary institution admission?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What is your choice of course and why?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What is your current refugee status in Uganda?</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>🎓 Do you have registration or other documents that confirm your status in Uganda (i.e. registration as an asylum seeker or refugee with UNHCR)? (must attach)</li><li>🎓 Family earning and who contributes towards these earnings?</li><li>🎓 Do you have any recommendation letter(s)? (Attach them)</li><li>🎓 What motivated you to apply for the DAFI scholarship? (Motivation letter in detail)</li><li>🎓 Develop a personal statement detailing your life time achievements and the drive behind it.</li></ul>
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