

1,834 students awarded study loans by Gov't

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Makerere, Kyambogo, Mbarara, Busitema and Ndejje universities top the list of successful applicants of the Students' Loan Scheme.



Dr. Musingu launched the list of beneficiaries flanked by members of the Higher Education Students' Financing Board on Tuesday. (Credit: Sylvia Katushabe)

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KAMPALA - A total of 1,834 students have been awarded study loans by Government under the Students' Loan Scheme for the academic year 2019/2020.

Of this statistic, 1,216 are male, which is 66% of the successful applicants.

Meanwhile, the applications of thousands other students were unsuccessful.

While releasing the beneficiaries list at the Uganda Media Centre on Tuesday, State minister for higher education Dr. John Chrysostom Muyingo told reporters that funding of the student loans fund will increase, considering that there are more higher learning institutions.

He also said more money was allocated to the Higher Education Students' Financing Board this time around.

"The Government of Uganda over the years has been increasing the budget of the board. In the financial year 2019/20, Government allocated an additional resource of sh2.4b, bringing the total budget to sh30.182b and this has enabled the board to award loans to 1,834 students," said the minister.

The board's chairperson, Prof. Callisto Locheng, thanked the Government, education ministry, partners, management and staff for their support in increasing access to higher education in the country.



Muyingo says funding of the students' loan scheme will increase. (Credit: Sylvia Katushabe)

Muyingo said for the academic year 2019/2020, the board received 7,310 applications, and of the processed 4,726 applications, 895 wanted support to pursue diploma programmes.

Here, 370 have been awarded loans, of which 249 are male.

Some of those who missed out on the loans failed to beat the deadline while others submitted incomplete application forms.

Other hopefuls were rejected because of unaccredited programmes, unapproved higher education institutions by the board as well as unapproved programmes by the board.

Generally, Makerere University had the most number of successful applicants (327).

Kyambogo University (294), Bishop Stuart University (181), Mbarara University of Science & Technology (174), Busitema University (139) and Ndejje University (126) also ranked high.

Below is the list of the number of successful applicants by institution:

The Participating Higher Education Institutions	Total No. of Successful Applicants
Busitema University	139
Gulu University	25
Kabale University	55
Kyambogo University	294
Lira University	8
Makerere University	327
Makerere University Business School	10
Mbarara University of Science & Technology	174
Mountains of the Moon University - Fort portal	26
Muni University	17
Soroti University	1
Bishop Stuart University	181
Bugema University	8
Islamic University in Uganda	16
Kampala International University	101
Kampala University	50
Ndejje University	126
Nkumba University	6
Uganda Christian University	23

Uganda Martyrs University	34
Uganda Institute of Allied Health & Mgt Sciences	40
Health Tutors' College - Mulago	0
Fort Portal College of Health Sciences	11
Gulu College of Health Sciences	27
Mbale College of Health Sciences	11
Butabika School of Psychiatry Clinical Medicine	1
Jinja School of Ophthalmic Clinical Medicine	1
Mbale School of Hygiene/Environmental Health Science	0
Jinja Medical Laboratory Training School	0
Arua School of Comprehensive Nursing	0
Butabika Pychiatric Nursing School	0
Jinja School of Nursing & Midwifery	2
Kabale School of Comprehensive Nursing	1
Soroti School of Comprehensive Nursing	8
Mulago School of Nursing & Midwifery	10
Public Health Nurses College	0
Lira School of Comprehensive Nursing	3
Masaka School of Comprehensive Nursing	3
Institute of Survey and Land Management	6
National Meteorological Training School	0
Uganda Institute of Information and Com Tech	3
Uganda Petroleum Institute Kigumba	0
Uganda Technical College, Bushenyi	26
Uganda Technical College, Elgon	20
Uganda Technical College, Kicwamba	13
Uganda Technical College, Kyema	10
Uganda Technical College, Lira	14
National Teachers' College, Kabale	0
National Teachers' College, Kaliro	0
National Teachers' College, Mubende	0
National Teachers' College, Muni	0
National Teachers' College, Unyama	0
Bukalasa Agricultural College	2
Uganda Wildlife Research & Training Institute	1
Fisheries Training Institute	1
Nyabyeya Forestry College	0