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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE AU-IBAR- UON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The Department of Biology, University of Nairobi, invites applications from qualified candidates for two scholarship opportunities to pursue a **Master of Science (MSc) degree in Fresh Water and Marine Biology**.

Programme Focus

The MSc programme aims to build capacity in aquatic biodiversity conservation, ecosystem management and restoration, sustainable development, aquatic resources governance and policies, climate change and resilience and the Blue Economy.

Scholarship Coverage

The scholarship will cover tuition and/or research expenses throughout the programme, subject to satisfactory academic performance.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

1. Hold a Bachelor's degree in **Biology, Conservation Biology, Fisheries, Aquatic Sciences, Environmental Science**, or a related field from a recognized university.
2. Have obtained **First Class Honours or Second Class Honours (Upper Division) at the time of application**.
3. Demonstrate strong interest in aquatic biodiversity conservation and resource management, blue economy or related areas.
4. Possess relevant work experience, which will be an added advantage.
5. Meet the University of Nairobi postgraduate admission requirements.

Application Requirements

Interested applicants should submit:

- Certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- A one-page statement of research interest
- A hand signed motivation letter
- Two academic referees

Selection Criteria

Candidates will be selected based on:



- Academic merit
- Relevance of undergraduate training
- Statement of research interest/motivation letter
- Performance in the interview

Successful applicants will be required to fulfil the University of Nairobi postgraduate admission criteria before commencement of studies.

Application Deadline

All applications should be submitted on or before 31st July 2026.

Submission

Applications should be sent to:

The Chairman

Department of Biology

University of Nairobi

Email: chair-dept.biology@uonbi.ac.ke