



UNIVERSITY of
RWANDA

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

UR-CE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR PHD PROGRAMMES TO BE OFFERED IN 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

PHD BY RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

S/N	School/Centre	Campus	Programme Title	Award	Area of Study (STEM / NON STEM)	Minimum Entry Requirements	Program Duration and Mode of attendance
1	African Centre of Excellence for Innovative Teaching and Learning Mathematics and Science (ACETILMS)	UR-CE, Rukara Campus	PhD by Research in Biology Education	Doctor of Philosophy in Biology Education	STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hold a Master of Education in Biology Education , or a Master of Science in Biology or equivalent qualifications. (ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC). (iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center. (iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in the teaching and learning of Biology. (v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi) Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview. (vii) Successful candidates without an educational background in their Master's studies will be required by the Postgraduate committee in charge of students performance, monitoring and evaluation to undertake and successfully complete complementary education modules before submitting their research proposal. (viii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. <p>Contact Person: Dr. Marcellin Rutegwa, Head of Research, ACETILMS Tel: (+250) 788 356 696 Email: marcellin.rutegwa@gmail.com / m.rutegwa@ur.ac.rw</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36 months). Part time research study programmes for a four year period, maximum five years.</p>

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<p>2 African Centre of Excellence for Innovative Teaching and Learning Mathematics and Science (ACEITLMS)</p>	<p>UR-CE, Rukara Campus</p>	<p>PhD by Research in Chemistry Education</p>	<p>Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry Education</p>	<p>STEM</p>	<p>Candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hold a Master of Education in Chemistry Education , or a Master of Science in Chemistry or an equivalent qualification. (ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC). (iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center. (iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in the teaching and learning of Chemistry. (v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi) Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview. (vii) Successful candidates without an educational background in their Master's studies will be required by the Postgraduate committee in charge of students performance, monitoring and evaluation to undertake and successfully complete complementary education modules before submitting their research proposal. (viii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. <p>Contact Person: Dr. Marcellin Rutegwa, Head of Research, ACEITLMS Tel: (+250) 788 356 696 Email: marcellin.rutegwa@gmail.com / m.rutegwa@ur.ac.rw</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years. Part time research study programmes for a four-year period, maximum five years.</p>
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3	African Centre of Excellence for Rukera Campus and Learning Mathematics and Science (ACEITLMS)	UR-CE, Mathematics Education	PhD by Research in Mathematics Education	Doctoral Philosophy in Mathematics Education	STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hold a Master of Education in Mathematics Education or an equivalent qualification, or a Master of Science in Mathematics. (ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC). (iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center. (iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in the teaching and learning of Mathematics. (v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi) Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview. (vii) Successful candidates without an educational background in their Master's studies will be required by the Postgraduate committee in charge of students' performance, monitoring and evaluation to undertake and successfully complete complementary education modules before submitting their research proposal. (viii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. 	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36 months). Part time research study programmes for a four year period, maximum five years.</p>
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<p>4 African Centre of UR-CE, Excellence for Rukara Campus and Innovative Teaching Learning Mathematics and Science (ACEITLMS)</p>	<p>PhD by Research in Physics Education</p>	<p>Doctor of Philosophy in Physics Education</p>	<p>STEM</p>	<p>Candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hold a Master of Education in Physics Education or an equivalent qualification, or a Master of Science in Physics. (ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC). (iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center. (iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in the teaching and learning of Physics. (v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi) Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview. (vii) Successful candidates without an educational background in their Master's studies will be required by the Postgraduate committee in charge of students performance, monitoring and evaluation to undertake and successfully complete complementary education modules before submitting their research proposal. (viii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. <p>Contact Person: Dr Marcellin Ruteywa, Head of Research, ACEITLMS: Tel.: (+250) 788356696; email: marcellin.ruteywa@gmail.com / m.ruteywa@ur.ac.rw</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36 months). Part time research study programmes for a four-year period, maximum five years.</p>
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5	School of Mathematics and Science Education	of UR Remera Campus	PhD by research in ICT in Education	Doctor of Philosophy in ICT Education	of STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hold a Master of Education in Computer Science , Master of Educational Technology, Master in computer science, Information Technology, Information system, Computer engineering, Data science, and Software engineering or equivalent qualifications. (ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC). (iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center. (iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in ICT in Education. (v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi) Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview. (vii) Successful candidates without an educational background in their Master's studies will be required by the Postgraduate committee in charge of students performance, monitoring and evaluation to undertake and successfully complete complementary education modules before submitting their research proposal. (viii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. <p>Contact person: Dr Mathias Nduwiringoma, email: mnduwiringoma2001@gmail.com, Tel: 078897814)</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36 months). Part time research study programmes for a four year period, maximum five years.</p>

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6	Languages and Social Science Education (LSSE)	UR Remera Campus	PhD by research in Education (French Education)	PhD in Education (French Education)	NON STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hold a Master de l'Éducation en Enseignement du Français, Master en langues littéraires Françaises or equivalent qualifications. (ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC). (iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center. (iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in teaching and learning of Geography. (v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi) Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview. (vii) Successful candidates without an educational background in their Master's studies will be required by the Postgraduate committee in charge of students performance, monitoring and evaluation to undertake and successfully complete complementary education modules before submitting their research proposal. (viii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. <p>Contact person: Assoc. Prof. Beatrice Yanzigiywe (E-mail: b.yanzigiywe@ur.ac.rw /yanzibeatrice@gmail.com; Phone: 0788504244)</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36-48 months). Part time research study programmes for a four-year period, maximum five years.</p>

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7	Languages and Social Science Education (L SSE)	UR Remera Campus	PhD by research in Education (English Education)	PhD in Education (English Education)	NON STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hold a Master of Education in English, Master in English or equivalent qualifications. (ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC). (iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center. (iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in teaching and learning of Geography. (v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi) Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview. (vii) Successful candidates without an educational background in their Master's studies will be required by the Postgraduate committee in charge of students performance, monitoring and evaluation to undertake and successfully complete complementary education modules before submitting their research proposal. (viii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. <p>Contact person: Dr Jean Paul Ngoboka (E-mail: j.ngoboka@ur.ac.rw / jeanngoboka@gmail.com; Phone: 0739507118)</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36-48 months). Part time research study programmes for a four-year period, maximum five years.</p>

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8 Languages and UR Social Science Education (LSSE)	Remera Campus	PhD by research in Education (Geography Education)	PhD in Education (Geography Education)	NON STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hold a Master of Education in Geography, Master in Geography or equivalent qualifications. (ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC). (iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center. (iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in teaching and learning of Geography. (v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi) Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview. (vii) Successful candidates without an educational background in their Master's studies will be required by the Postgraduate committee in charge of students performance, monitoring and evaluation to undertake and successfully complete complementary education modules before submitting their research proposal. (viii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. <p>Contact person: Assoc. Prof. Innocent Muhire (E-mail: i.muhire@ur.ac.rw. Phone : +250783543536)</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36 months). Part time research study programmes for a four year period, maximum five years.</p>
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9	Languages and Social Science Education (L SSE)	UR Remera Campus	PhD by research in Education (History Education)	PhD in Education (History Education)	NON STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <p>(i) Hold a Master of Education in History, Master in History or equivalent qualifications.</p> <p>(ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC).</p> <p>(iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center.</p> <p>(iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in Curriculum and Instruction.</p> <p>(v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi)</p> <p>Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview.</p> <p>(vii) Female and International candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.</p> <p>Contact person: Assoc. Prof. Gabriel Nizeyimana (E-mail: g.nizeyimana@ur.ac.rw; Phone: 0783715674)</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36-48 months). Part time research study programmes for a four-year period, maximum five years.</p>
10	Educational Sciences	UR Remera Campus	PhD by research in Education (Curriculum and Instruction)	PhD in Education (Curriculum and Instruction)	NON STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <p>(i) Hold a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, Curriculum Studies or equivalent qualifications.</p> <p>(ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC).</p> <p>(iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center.</p> <p>(iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in Curriculum and Instruction.</p> <p>(v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi)</p> <p>Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview.</p> <p>(vii) Female and International candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.</p> <p>Contact person: Assoc. Prof. Jean Leonard Buhigiro (j.l.buhigiro@ur.ac.rw; Phone : +25078451371)</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36-48 months). Part time research study programmes for a four-year period, maximum five years.</p>

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11 Educational Sciences	UR Remera Campus	PhD by research in Education (Philosophy of Education)	PhD in Education (Philosophy of Education)	NON-STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hold a Master's degree in Philosophy of Education or equivalent qualifications. (ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC). (iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center. (iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in Philosophy of Education. (v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi) (vii) Successful candidates without an educational background in their Master's studies will be required by the Postgraduate committee in charge of students performance, monitoring and evaluation to undertake and successfully complete complementary education modules before submitting their research proposal. (viii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. <p>Contact person: Assoc. Prof. Sylvestre Nzahabwano (E-mail: s.nzahabwano@ur.ac.rw; Phone: 0788548057)</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36-48 months). Part time research study programmes for a four year period, maximum five years.</p>
12 Educational Sciences	UR Remera Campus	PhD by research in Educational Psychology	PhD in Educational Psychology	NON-STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hold a Master's degree in Educational Psychology or equivalent qualifications. (ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC). (iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center. (iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in Educational Psychology. (v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi) (vii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. <p>Contact person: Assoc. Prof. Gabriel Nizeyimana (E-mail: g.nizeyimana@ur.ac.rw; Phone: 0783715674)</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36-48 months). Part time research study programmes for a four year period, maximum five years.</p>










13	Educational Sciences	UR Remera Campus	PhD by research in Educational Leadership and Management	PhD in Educational Leadership and Management	NON-STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <p>(i) Hold a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Management or equivalent qualifications.</p> <p>(ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC).</p> <p>(iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center.</p> <p>(iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in Educational Leadership and Management.</p> <p>(v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage.</p> <p>(vi) Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview.</p> <p>(vii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.</p> <p>Contact person: Assoc. Prof. Philothere Nawitha (E-mail: p.nawitha@ur.ac.rw, Phone: 0788459421)</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36 months). Part time research study programmes for a four-year period, maximum five years.</p>
14	Educational Sciences	UR Remera Campus	PhD by research in Education (Early Childhood Education)	PhD in Education (Early Childhood Education)	NON-STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <p>(i) Hold a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent qualifications.</p> <p>(ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC).</p> <p>(iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center.</p> <p>(iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in Early Childhood Education.</p> <p>(v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage.</p> <p>(vi) Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview.</p> <p>(vii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.</p> <p>Contact person: Dr Blessing Tendai Baloi (E-mail: b.baloi@ur.ac.rw/btbaloi@gmail.com ; Phone: 0786864154)</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36 months). Part time research study programmes for a four-year period, maximum five years.</p>

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15	Educational Sciences	UR Remera Campus	PhD by research in Education (Special Educational Needs)	PhD in Education (Special Educational Needs)	NON-STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <p>(i) Hold a Master's degree in Special Needs Education or equivalent qualifications.</p> <p>(ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC).</p> <p>(iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center.</p> <p>(iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in Special Educational Needs.</p> <p>(v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi)</p> <p>Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview.</p> <p>(vii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.</p> <p>Contact person: Dr Beth M. Nasiforo (E-mail: b.nasiforo@ur.ac.rw/dnasiforo@gmail.com; Phone:0788945444)</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36 months). Part time research study programmes for a four-year period, maximum five years.</p>
16			PhD by Research in Education (Disability Studies)	PhD Education (Disability Studies)	NON-STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <p>(i) Hold a Master's degree in Special Needs Education or equivalent qualifications.</p> <p>(ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC).</p> <p>(iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center.</p> <p>(iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in disability studies.</p> <p>(v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi)</p> <p>Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview.</p> <p>(vii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.</p> <p>Contact person: Dr Beth M. Nasiforo (E-mail: b.nasiforo@ur.ac.rw/dnasiforo@gmail.com; Phone:0788945444)</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36 months). Part time research study programmes for a four-year period, maximum five years.</p>

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17	PhD by Research in Education (Inclusive Education)	PhD in Education (Inclusive Education)	NON-STEM	<p>Candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hold a Master's degree in Special Needs Education or equivalent qualifications. (ii) Applicants with foreign qualifications must submit an equivalency certificate issued by the Higher Education Council (HEC). (iii) Applicants whose previous language of instruction was not English must provide proof of English proficiency from a recognized and accredited institution or language center. (iv) Submit a PhD research concept note clearly demonstrating innovative approaches to addressing current challenges in inclusive education. (v) Having a publication, or a paper accepted or submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, will be an added advantage. (vi) Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview. (vii) Female and international candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. <p>Contact person: Dr Beth M. Nasiforo (E-mail: b.nasiforo@ur.ac.rw/bnasiforo@gmail.com; Phone:0788845444)</p>	<p>Full-time research study programmes for a three-year period, maximum four years (36-48 months). Part time research study programmes for a four year period, maximum five years.</p>
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