



Socioeconomic Institute for Advanced Studies (SIAS)

*Pioneering Socioeconomic Solutions
& Development by Multidisciplinary Holistic Academic Programs*

SIAS Students Tuition & Scholarship Plan 2023-2025

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ONE- SIAS Tuition Concept & Plan

1-1 SIAS Tuition Concept

SIAS was established to be unique in its approach in recruiting postgraduate students and taking into consideration specially those are passionate about changing their communities, but can't afford the educational fees to pursue their postgraduate studies. The priority would be given to African region and poor developing countries, specially those that come from underprivileged communities. Therefore, SIAS have tried to minimise the amount of fees to be charged compared to the running cost. However, SIAS also as part of its commitment to create a sustainable model that bring from the tuition one of the revenue sources for the institution, but not necessarily the largest one.

Beside, SIAS is not keen on taking lots of students, but rather selected number of students, specially the first three years. The purpose here is to bring in a selected number of postgraduate students that would bring unique socioeconomic solutions to the world through their research and field projects. The number won't be more than 30 students per intake in the first 3 years.

1-2 SIAS Tuition Plan

The tuition fees and payment scheme plan per Annum for both MSc and PhD are similar. This is meant to encourage students to pursue postgraduate learning in SIAS from MSc to PhD and to finish on time.

The fees structure were set after studying the market, the capacity of the potential postgraduate students locally, regionally and internationally. The structure in the first three years also affected by the concepts of the programs which are new, besides the inflation that are impacting the world post the COVID-19 pandemic. The fees are meant to be competitive after benchmarking the nearly similar local, regional and international postgraduate programs in order to support SIAS penetration in the market, without jeopardising its efforts attracting the best students and being more financially independent.

1-3 Structure of Annual Fees

- **Local Rwandan & East African \$890 (950,000 rwf)**
- **Regional (African) Students \$998 (1,112,000 rwf)**
- **Developing Countries (as India, Algeria, etc.) \$1400 (1,651,000 rwf)**
- **Other International Students \$3999 (to be paid in USD\$, or according to Rate of rwf to USD\$ at the time of payment).**

Notes-

- 1- SIAS Admissions and Accounts would announce about scheme for paying the fees in monthly, or in Quarterly installments, where discount would apply for one time or two installments.

- 2- In case students, for any reason, don't finish the program in the specified time and need to take extra year, same fees would be applied. Specially discounts would need to be approved by the Governing board or delegate to the Vice Chancellor.

TWO- SIAS Scholarship Plan

2-1 Scholarship Basis and Criteria in SIAS

SIAS realizes that the cost of graduate education is a significant investment, and therefore strives to offer several forms of financial aid to its postgraduate students, or candidates to be enrolled in the different programs.

To be considered for any form of scholarship or financial aid, the student must be eligible for this scholarship by fulfilling more than four of the following points:

1. The candidate student have a good record of attempting to create change in his/her community or the world.
2. The candidate would have finished the BSc program from accredited HLI in his country or had the qualifications been matched or approved by the HEC-Rwanda.
3. The candidate has the capacity to apply multidisciplinary thinking or able to adopt the concepts of SIAS.
4. The candidate can self-sustain and complete the program effectively, if given the scholarship or obtain the planned financial aid.
5. The candidate can communicate well with the faculty in English.
6. The candidate have above average academic history.
7. The candidate already have a successful record of Social-for-Profit, or Entrepreneurship initiatives.

SIAS would always try to bring alternative students support, or new types of scholarship as the programs pickup and the demands increases. Also, the more sources of financial aid would offered by SIAS partners as the first cohort or batch completely graduate.

2-2 Priority of Scholarship by Nationality and Conditions

Following the law No 010/2021 of 16/02/2021 & the Ministerial Order No 001/MINEDUC/2021 of 20/10/2021, Rwandan and then East African would have the priority in scholarships, followed by poor developing countries candidates. Eligible students from other countries must be have also exceptional academic record, and seen that their participation in the program would bring great advantage to SIAS or its programs, or its projects.

Candidates that come from disadvantaged background, but demonstrate leadership potentials, or have demonstrated commitment to give back to their community, and have demonstrated commitment to transforming Africa or developing communities from poverty to prosperity would have SIAS top priority.

In certain cases, SIAS might offer the concerned ministries in Government of Rwanda one scholarship for those who would like to lead and implement changes that comes from the different SIAS programs and framework.

SIAS is committed to spread the concepts of socioeconomic problem solving and development among the most needed communities. The scholarship policy might change based on the number of student intake since SIAS have put a cap of a maximum of 15 students for each program. Hence depending on the demand SIAS might offer between 10-25% of the seats on Scholarship.

2-2 Scholarship Commitment for 2023/2024

SIAS has committed for the first year after accreditation for 3 MSc full-scholarships per years, and 1 PhD only for Rwandan Students and especially those who come from vulnerable or poor communities, or have good records or doing change in the community. The number will increase every years as we are expecting to get many sponsorship from main partners.

SIAS also committed to sponsor at least 2 students from the developing countries, based on that they can manage to live or pay their travel or lodging expenses.

2.3 Applying for SIAS Scholarship

SIAS would establish a committee that would study the potential candidates for the scholarship where the following or more criteria would expected from the applied candidate:

- Clear above average academic records,
- Having a clear rationale for applying for scholarship,
- The candidate have well outline the challenges for paying some of the fees.
- Experiences in the field in relevance to community development,
- The candidate have clearly mentioned how he/she would benefit from this postgraduate degree scholarship.

THREE- Main Outline of SIAS Tuition Changes

Tuitions can change based on the approval of the governing board, in cases where tuitions need to be modified for meeting marketing demand, or economic situations. However, in general, tuitions might gradually increase every 2-3 years, after assessing the SIAS programs.

In cases when tuition changes SIAS leadership would strive for getting funds for the most affected students, where possible. Also, over time SIAS would conduct different schemes with different banks in Rwanda to offer financial support to the elibgible students.

FOUR – Other SIAS Students Fees

Description	Amount
Application Fees (non-refundable)	100,000 Frw
Registration Fees	25,000 Frw
Student Union fees	5,000 Frw
Fine for delayed Registration	20,000 Frw / week
Student card replacement	10,000 Frw
Certificate of attendance	10,000 Frw
Registration Fees Statement	5,000 Frw
Bank Operational fees	1,000 Frw
Remarking	10,000 Frw
Transcript Fees	10, 000 Frw
Duplicate Final Transcript	10,000 Frw
Academic testimonial achievement	10,000 Frw
Duplicate Degree	50,000 Frw
Viva for Thesis for MSc	300,000 Frw
Viva for Thesis for PhD	500,000 Frw

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