

Cuban, Pakistani govts offer scholarships to Ugandan students

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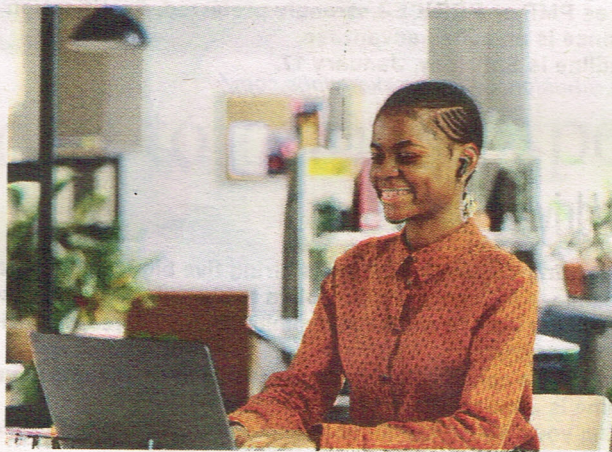
The Cuban, Chinese and Pakistani governments have announced a range of scholarship opportunities for Ugandan students for the 2026/2027 academic year, offering fully and partially funded study opportunities at undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels in key professional and scientific fields.

The education ministry has invited suitably qualified Ugandan applicants to compete for the scholarships, describing them as part of ongoing bilateral co-operation aimed at building human resource capacity and strengthening international academic exchange.

Under the Cuban government scholarship programme, two slots are available for Ugandan students to pursue undergraduate studies in medicine at Cuban universities.

According to the ministry, studies under this programme are

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conducted in Spanish. Successful candidates will, therefore, be required to undertake a one-year Spanish language course, followed by six years of medical training.

"Applicants must have obtained a minimum of two principal passes at 'C' level at A'level in physics, chemistry and biology, with results attained not more than two years prior to application.

Candidates must also not be more than 25 years old," reads part of a statement from the education ministry.

Students studying at public universities on government or any other scholarship are not eligible to apply.

"Applicants holding foreign academic qualifications are required to have their credentials

equated by the Uganda National Examinations Board before submission. While tuition and training costs are covered, successful candidates will be required to meet the cost of their air tickets to Cuba," the statement further reads, adding that applications have to reach the ministry not later than January 30.

PAKISTANI OPPORTUNITIES

Additionally, Ugandan students have been encouraged to apply for self-financed and scholarship-supported programmes at COMSATS University in Pakistan for the 2026/2027 academic year. The university offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, with detailed information on admission procedures, eligibility requirements, academic schedules and available scholarships accessible through its official website under the "International Students" section.

Application forms can be downloaded from the education ministry website at www.education.go.ug or handwritten. Applications must include a recent passport photograph, personal details such as age, sex, preferred course, home district, telephone contact and email address, as well as photocopies of academic certificates and transcripts.

Completed applications should be addressed to the Secretary, Central Scholarships Committee, Department of Admissions, Scholarship and Students Affairs, Ministry of Education and Sports, and delivered to the department offices on the third floor, Wing A, rooms 9 or 15 at Legacy Towers on Kyadondo Road in Kampala. Applications may also be submitted electronically via scholarships@education.go.ug.

Shortlisted candidates will be displayed on the ministry's website and on notice boards at Legacy Towers on February 13, 2026.