



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Dschang-Cameroon

CALL FOR 15 UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSIPS

Academic Year 2018/2019

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- Please visit the *Uni2grow Cameroon* office in Dschang (first floor of the SOCINAN building in Dschang, BP: 150 DSCHANG)
- uni2grow.org; uni2growcameroun.com;

Who offers

Uni2grow is a Swiss association set in Lugano, which is made up by Swiss and Italian manager and experts in the Information Technology (IT) sector. The intent of *Uni2grow* essentially consists in helping who is in need, by cooperating with them. Therefore, *Uni2grow* embraces the idea of Social Business while rejecting a pure charitable approach.

Today, *Uni2grow* is working in Dschang (rural Cameroun) and it aims at two main and concrete goals:

- to develop skills and, in parallel, provide occupational opportunities related to the IT sector by launching a software society: *Uni2grow Cameroon*. The operating management of *Uni2grow Cameroun*, takes place in Cameroun and the main shareholder is the Swiss association set in Lugano, *Uni2grow*. *Uni2grow*, benefits from all profits and it invests all of them in the local development of the rural area.
- in order to promote local development, the first investment area identified by *Uni2grow* is education. From the academic year 2012/2013, *Uni2grow* is financing university scholarships for deserving and needy students living and studying in Dschang.

Eligibility

This call is open to:

- **BACHELOR STUDENTS**, who are enrolled in the University of Dschang.
- BACHELOR students who will have cumulated at least 54/60 credits for the academic year (2017/2018), by this call deadline. In addition to that, their final average grade is supposed to be $\geq 12/20$.
- Eligible BACHELOR students are supposed to be students of the Dschang University.
- Eligible BACHELOR students are supposed to live in Dschang. Moreover, their families are also supposed to live in Dschang. The underlying reason consists in the possibility of concretely checking the economic and social condition of the applicant.
 - Eligible BACHELOR students are supposed to be not older than 24 years old .
- **GRADUATE STUDENTS**, who want to enroll at the University of Dschang.
- GRADUATE students who will have a final secondary school grade $\geq 11/20$ (Francophone System) or with at least two "D" and no more than one "O" (Anglophone System).

- Eligible GRADUATE students are supposed to live in Dschang. Moreover, their families are also supposed to live in Dschang. The underlying reason consists in the possibility of concretely checking the economic and social condition of the applicant.
- Eligible GRADUATE students are supposed to be not older than 21 years old.
- *Uni2grow* scholarships are available for students of all faculties of the University of Dschang. *Uni2grow* is going to particularly support students of the Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics of the University of Dschang. Moreover, at least 1 out of 15 will be assigned to a student of “sc. Biomedicales”.

Scholarship and Benefits

- Beneficiary students will get an annual subsistence allowance of 650,000 FCFA + annual tuition fees (*the amount may be subject to change for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021) to cover annual University costs and required medical examination, living expenses, including housing, transports and books. The annual scholarship will be delivered bimonthly, at certain conditions only. Concretely, both the commitment and the results of each beneficiary will be verified before each periodic money distribution. In the absence of these conditions, payments will be immediately stopped.
- The Assistant at Social Activities of Uni2grow will follow the 15 beneficiaries of the scholarship all along the academic year. The Assistant at Social Activities will be the connection between students and *Uni2grow*.
- *Uni2grow Cameroun* is open to collaborate with beneficiary students for the elaboration of their final thesis, in the case the topic would make this possible.
- *Uni2grow Cameroun* (Dschang) may also offers the opportunity of summer stages. More deserving beneficiary students will benefit from such an opportunity.
- *Uni2grow* also offers the opportunity of collaborating with its social activities that include many different domains. For example, during recent academic years, all students has been offered the opportunity of being engaged in the developing activities of three European NGOs: *Memorial Flavia*, *Les Amis de Nzong* and *Uni2grow*.

Scholarship and Duties

- As already mentioned, beneficiary students are supposed to submit their most up to date transcript of records at the end of each semester.
- *Uni2grow* scholarships are not loans and do not need to be paid back. However, it is expected that beneficiary students feel actively involved in the *Uni2grow* and *Uni2grow Cameroun* Project. Even if this last firstly aims to guarantee financial support to deserving young Cameroonians, it also aspires to contribute to the local development process. In this perspective, each beneficiary student becomes a positive and active main actor, together with *Uni2grow* and *Uni2grow Cameroon*. Concretely, beneficiary students are supposed to make at least 100 hours yearly available to *Uni2grow* and *Uni2grow Cameroon*. Specific tasks may belong to different fields and initiatives, or also require the collaboration with other local and international institutions. Having this said, effective roles, activities and working periods will be defined by both the contingent needs of *Uni2grow* and *Uni2grow Cameroun* and students' inclination. At the last point of Section 3 - Scholarship and Benefits - examples of activities implemented by means of the "100 hours" are available.
- In the same belief, it is also expected that upon completion of their studies beneficiary students will contribute to the local or even national development, in any field of their choice.

Renewal

- In the case the scholarship recipient gets at least 54/60 credits with a final annual mean $\geq 12/20$, he/she will automatically receive the *Uni2grow* scholarship also in the following academic year (2019/2020). In the case the final annual average will be lower than 12/20, the effective renewal will be at the complete discretion of the Committee of *Uni2grow*.
- *Uni2grow* will not finance students at their fourth year of Bachelor or students enrolled in Master.
- The renewal application forms have to be accompanied by evidence that the students' financial situation has not changed during the previous academic year.
- Beneficiaries from which renewal application forms are not received will not be renewed, as it will be deemed that the student is no longer in need of the financial aid. Consequently, his/her place will be offered to someone else.

Deadline, Application and Selection Process

- Applicants are supposed to send their application forms no later than 30 September 2018. No application will be accepted after this date.
- Starting from the 16 July 2018, application forms will be available at the following websites: uni2grow.org. Applicants are supposed to submit their application online. At the *Uni2grow Cameroun* Office free computers and connection, together with assistance, will be available.
- All information and data reported on the application forms will be used by *Uni2grow* for the scholarship selection only and they will be secured to protect the privacy of the applicants. *Uni2grow* treats itself to contact those institutions and interested private citizen mentioned for the only aim of verifying submitted information.
- On the base of the submitted applications, the Committee defines the ranking among applicants by balancing both merit (50%) and family socio-economic conditions (50%). The selection will be based on an objective rating scale: the maximum achievable score is 100 points, 50 from merit and 50 from family socio-economic conditions. In addition to that, the Swiss Evaluating Committee can assign a bonus (min 1 point – max 5 points) to the applicants, in the case of peculiar conditions.
- This ranking determines a first selection. Selected students will be interviewed and, as a final step, the Committee will define the list of beneficiaries, in the office of *Uni2grow* in Switzerland.
- The Committee will communicate the list of beneficiaries by 31st of October 2018.
- Once the Committee communicates who are the beneficiaries, these latter are supposed to formally accept their scholarship by 10 days. Otherwise, his or her scholarship will be assigned to someone else, by moving down the final ranking.

The Evaluation Board

- A technical Committee, specifically established by Uni2grow in Switzerland, will develop the evaluation for the official scholarships assignment. On the base of its proposals, the *Uni2grow* Managing Board will definitely identifies the beneficiaries.

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