



THE NELSON MANDELA

AFRICAN INSTITUTION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

(NM-AIST)

ADMISSION INFORMATION PACKAGE FOR THE ACADEMIC

YEAR 2021/2022

This additional package serves to inform prospective international students for the 2021/2022 academic year to have some important information as they prepare to report at NM- AIST. The main joining instruction is sent together with this piece of information.



VARIOUS IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

1.0 ENTRY VISA AND STUDY PERMITS

1.1 IMMIGRATION INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

There are various requirements and procedures to enter and stay/study in Tanzania which are available by [clicking here](#). Also check the cases for referral visa and if your country residents require a referred visa so as to enter Tanzania by [clicking here](#).

It is important to note that the cost for study permit for non-East African students is not covered by the University. Please arrange to pay by yourself or through your sponsor upon communication between you and your sponsor.

1.2 SPECIAL PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY NATIONALS

Students from East African Community Partner States are not required to apply for Residence Permit Class 'C'. Instead, they are issued with the Exemption Certificate, which is not paid for. For more information, [click here](#).

2. TANZANIA COMMISSION FOR UNIVERSITIES (TCU)

The Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) as a body corporate established under the Universities Act, No. 7 of 2005, is mandated to assess and hence to recognize awards given by higher education institutions outside Tanzania.

Evaluation of Award is the process of verifying that an award attesting to the knowledge, skills, competencies and education obtained in another country is comparable to the standards established for Tanzanian awards. A foreign award is an award which has been made by an awarding body outside of Tanzania.

2.1 Lodging an application and payment of evaluation fee

- a) A proper and complete application will include the following:
 - (i) Fill in the online application form located in TCU website by [clicking here](#) or go directly to [this link](#). Also download [this guideline](#) for more details.
 - (ii) A complete set of documentation (see section A of the online application form)
 - (iii) Payment or proof of payment of fee of Tshs 150,000 for a Postgraduate award and Tshs 100,000 for an undergraduate award. The payment should be made through CRDB Bank, A/C Name - Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU), A/C No. 01J1026795701
- b) Certified copies of award are acceptable. The right is reserved, however, to request original documents and /or have the authenticity of documents verified by the relevant authorities in the country of origin.
- c) Certificate in foreign language must be accompanied by certified translations into English. Note that both the document in the original language and the translation are required.
- d) Secondary school certificates must be issued and endorsed/homologated by official examining/certification body in the country of original. Certificates issued by schools will not be accepted when the examination were conducted by external examining body.

- e) For Evaluation of postgraduate awards applicants must issue their undergraduate certificates and transcripts.
- f) TCU creates a database which contains information you have supplied. This record is used solely in dealing with your application and may be extracted for general statistics purposes or in fulfillment of other legal requirements.

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Documents (b-e) must be uploaded within the respective section in the application form.

Proof of payment (receipt of payment) must be shown in the time of collecting the certificate of evaluation.

2.2 Issuing of certificate of assessment/evaluation

Applicants are required to bring to TCU the original certificates which were uploaded in the system and receipt of payment of evaluation fee for verification when issuing evaluation certificate.

2.3 Registration into NM-AIST

Prospective students with a degree award from outside Tanzania shall be registered/enrolled at NMAIST upon submission of certificate of verification from TCU. *It is important to note that, it is the obligation of the student to process for the certificate of verification from TCU prior to reporting time and not the NM-AIST.* The NM-AIST through the International Office may facilitate the process if requested.

3.0 STUDY BUDDY PROGRAM

The Study-Buddy Program was launched by the International Office to provide information to international newcomers/students, and to help them adjust to their new environment. Every international student is matched with a “Buddy”, i.e. a Tanzanian student who is familiar with the university's structures and is willing to give a helping hand during their stay abroad in Tanzania.

Most of the Tanzania students participating in the Study Buddy Program are aware of the problems that might arise, and therefore may be able to offer possible solutions. Your personal "Study Buddy" can provide you with valuable advice on everyday life in the university. By participating in the Study-Buddy Program, you will not only be able to get a head-start but you will also come into contact with other Tanzanian students more easily. In the past, we have found that the program really helped to foster friendships, mutual understanding, and broadened the cultural horizon of all its participants.

The program's activities also include various events organized by the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology Student’s Organization (NM-AIST-SO) which is an excellent opportunity to meet people from all over the world.

4.0 GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Students with academic, psychological, social and economic problems receive guidance and counselling through the Dean of students’ Office. The department helps students to intensify the capacity of taking rational control over their feelings and actions, to impart them with skills, awareness and knowledge to confront social inadequacies and make their life at NM-AIST campus more comfortable.

NM-AIST recognizes that guidance and counseling is an integral part of the school's existence. It is not limited to the Guidance Office but implies that everyone involved in the school experience of the student

has a part in helping him/her develop; hence, the University implements a comprehensive guidance and counseling service to assist students enhance their psychological growth, emotional well-being and learning potentials.

5.0 ORIENTATION AT NM-AIST AND ARUSHA CITY

International Office together with Admission Department tend to organize an orientation program within the registration week whereby newcomer students are made familiar with the important places within the NM-AIST. Furthermore, students are familiarized with other important places outside NMAIST and in the Arusha City so as to make them comfortable in a foreign country.

6.0 TANZANIA IMMIGRATION ACT, 1995

Dear our international students, we would very much like to encourage each one of you to familiarize oneself on the Immigration laws of Tanzania. The law imputes knowledge of all laws to all persons within its jurisdiction and thus, ignorance of the law is not an excuse. Accompanied herewith is a link with the Tanzania Immigration Act, 1995 for your read-through by [clicking here](#).

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Information Package for International Students- NM-AIST

Date: January 10th, 2022 Venue: Amphitheatre - NM-AIST

Arrival Details (At KIA for onward transfer by Taxi to NM-AIST.)

NM-AIST: P.O. Box 447 Arusha Tanzania Direct line +255 0 27 2970002/3 Mobile Phone: +255 784 777

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Useful Information

NM-AIST Address	Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology P.O. Box 447, Arusha, Tanzania.
Arrival	Students are expected to have arrived by Monday 10.01.2022
Pick up details	Arrangements are being made for your pick up from the airport (Kilimanjaro International Airport) upon arrival (only for those who have shared their itinerary), whereby specific taxis will be picking guest destined to NM-AIST. It will take around 40 minutes to travel from the airport to NM-AIST. However, it takes longer when traffic is heavy.
Accommodation	Accommodation will be provided to all international students. Masters and PhD Students will be accommodated at Hostel A and PhD students at the Researchers' Village (upon availability).
Internet	Internet is available at the Amphitheatre, hostels, researchers' village and in classrooms
Weather	NM-AIST being near the Mount Meru generally keeps temperatures. On average, the warmest month is February, the coolest month is July. The average annual maximum temperature is: 25.0° Celsius (77° Fahrenheit) and the annual minimum temperature is: 13.0° Celsius (55.4° Fahrenheit).
Banking	There are numerous banks in Tanzania. The major ones include CRDB, NMB, Stanbic Bank, Standard Chartered, Barclays Bank, Exim Bank, Equity Bank. CRDB has branches near NM-AIST (USA River and Tengeru) and 24/7 Automated Teller Machines (ATM) within campus. Opening hours for banks is 8.30 am – 4.00 pm.

Telephone services	Mobile phones are the most common means of telephone communication. There are Four key players: Vodacom, Tigo, Airtel and Halotel. You can
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	Easily acquire a sim card to use but you need to register them before using. When calling Tanzania, you should include +255 before the telephone number. The telephone system may also be used for financial transactions such as paying bills, transferring funds among others.
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Meals	There are varieties of meals available. The Tanzania favourite is “Nyama choma” with “ugali”. Nyama choma is basically roast meat; usually goat/cow meat. Ugali is made from maize flour. Also, rice is one of the commonest foods in Tanzania.
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Language	The official languages are: English and Swahili. Little Swahili dictionary.
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SWAHILI	ENGLISH
Karibu	Welcome
Asante	Thank You
Habari yako	How are you
Shule	School
Boda boda	Motor bicycle/ bicycle
Matatu	Small Bus
Nyama choma	Roast Meat
Ugali	Cooked Corn Meal aka African Cake
Wali	Rice
Chakula	Food

Twende	Let's Go
Kuja/Njoo	Come
Nenda	Go
Asubuhi	Morning
Jioni	Evening

Usiku	Night
Leo	Today
Kesho	Tomorrow
Jana	Yesterday
Juzi	Yesterday but one
Ngoja	Wait
Hakuna Matata	No Worry
Simba	Lion
Rafiki	Friend
Jumapili	Sunday
Jumatatu	Monday
Jumanne	Tuesday
Jumatano	Wednesday
Alhamisi	Thursday
Ijuma	Friday
Jumamosi	Saturday
Mpenzi	My love/Darling/Sweetheart
Mtu	Person
Mtoto	Child
Dereva	Driver
Gari	Vehicle

	Bwalo la Chakula/ Kafeteria	Cafeteria
Numbers	Moja=1, Mbili=2, Tatu=3, Nne=4, Tano=5, Sita=6, Saba=7, Nane=8, tisa=9, Kumi=10, Kumi na moja=11, Ishirini=20, Thelathini=30, Arubaini=40, Hamsini=50, Sitini=60, Sabini=70, Themanini=80, Tisini=90, Mia moja=100, Elfu=1000, Laki moja=100,000, Milioni=1,000,000	
Currency	The Tanzania currency is called Tanzanian Shillings i.e. TSH or Shillings. The coins used are in denominations of 100, 200 and 500 shillings. The bank notes used are 1000, 2000, 5000, 10000 shillings.	
Public transport	Public transport is by minibuses that use various routes. There are also taxis Available. Motorbikes known as <i>boda boda</i> are also commonly used.	
Smoking	Most public are designated non-smoking. Special areas are provided for smoking. Smoking in non-designated places can lead to arrest and prosecution.	
Orientation week	You are expected to participate in the orientation programme so as to get Familiar with NM-AIST and important places in Arusha town.	

<p>Catering services and Meals preferences</p>	<p>There is a cafeteria in the campus. Due to special requirements by some students, you are requested to inform caterers in advance about any special requirements regarding meals. This include whether you are vegetarians/vegan or would be or NOT comfortable with game meat, prefer Halal etc.</p>
<p>Contacts</p>	<p>For assistance or more inquiries on general admission applications write to admission@nm-aist.ac.tz. For information regarding international assistance such as TCU foreign degree awards certification, VISA or permits applications write to international.office@nm-aist.ac.tz or call +255 628 183 676 /+255737739529 during office hours.</p> <p>Karibu Tanzania!! Karibu NM-AIST</p> <hr/> <p><i>NM-AIST: P.O. Box 447 Arusha Tanzania // Direct line +255 0 27 2970002/3 // Mobile Phone: +255 628 183 676 / +255 784 777 580 // Academia for Society and Industry</i></p>