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The Story of UMST &
the Professor Who Dreamed it

From Khartoum, to UMST to the Global scale,
the Girls Who Dared to Dream.



Vision

To create a brilliant and bright future for UMST from which the students, faculty, staff, the nation and the world will benefit. UMST values excellence, quality and service. UMST continuously seeks to foster innovation and



Mission

We aim to develop competent and socially responsible professionals and lifelong learners in an environment that promotes excellence in the academic core processes of teaching, learning, and research and community service. Our mission is to provide timely, relevant and transformable academic programs responsive to the needs of our local, national and global communities that keep pace with the rapidly changing world.



Values

- ▶ Transparency
- ▶ Leadership and innovation
- ▶ High standard of ethics and moral standard
- ▶ Partnership with organization for development
- ▶ Research for the betterment of societies



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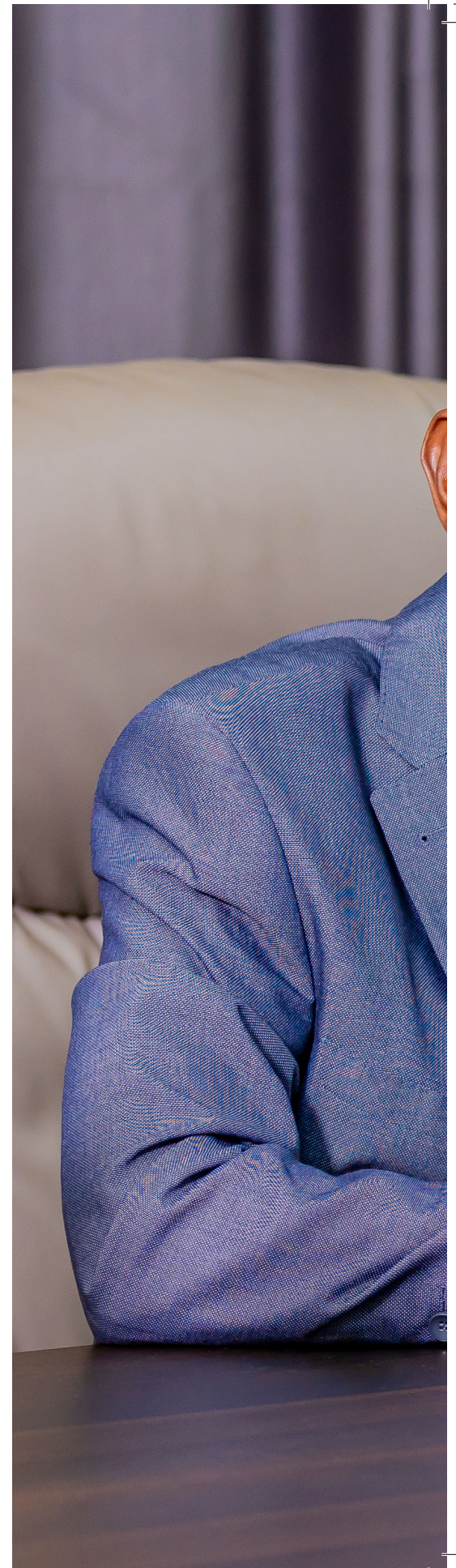
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FORWARD

Dear Reader,

It is my great honor to welcome you to the inaugural edition of the University of Medical Sciences and Technology (UMST) Rwanda Campus Quarterly Magazine. This publication is more than just a summary of recent events—it is a celebration of our shared achievements, a glimpse into the vibrant life of our university, and an invitation to join us in shaping a brighter future.

This edition's lead story highlights the arrival of our newest students, including a cohort of 30 aspiring medical professionals and the 28th batch of Dentistry students. Our students continue to make a meaningful impact in partner teaching hospitals across Rwanda, providing invaluable services to the community while gaining hands-on experience.

Their journey with us has just begun, and we are thrilled to guide them through a rigorous academic and practical training program designed to prepare them for impactful careers.

UMST is a university defined by its diversity and ambition. In addition to our academic excellence, we offer a rich array of extracurricular activities that challenge students to grow beyond the classroom. These experiences foster leadership, creativity, and camaraderie, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to develop holistically.

Our alumni, now making remarkable contributions worldwide, are living testaments to the quality and impact of a UMST education. Their stories inspire us to aim higher and remind prospective students and their parents of the transformative potential of joining our community.

This magazine also features a special

Q&A session with our founder, Professor Mamoun Homeida, whose vision and leadership continue to shape UMST's trajectory. He shares invaluable insights into the university's origins, mission, and aspirations for the future, offering a unique perspective on what makes UMST a truly exceptional institution.

As part of our commitment to fostering collaboration and growth, we continue to expand our partnerships with local hospitals, providing students with hands-on clinical training while making meaningful contributions to the communities we serve. Our faculty, renowned for their expertise, is deeply invested in the success of each student, offering mentorship and guidance every step of the way.

This magazine is more than a reflection of UMST's achievements—it is an open invitation to future students, parents, and collaborators to join us. Your thoughts and feedback are invaluable to us, and we encourage you to share your impressions or questions about this edition.

For more information about UMST, visit us at umst.org or reach out to our Admissions and Corporate Communication team, who are ready to assist and guide you.

Together, let's shape the future of education, research, and innovation.

Enjoy reading we welcome your feedback

Vice Chancellor

University of Medical Sciences and Technology, Rwanda Campus

UMST Welcomes

Its 30th Cohort And Maiden Intake At Kigali Campus

On September 2, 2024, the University of Medical Science and Technology (UMST) officially welcomed its 30th cohort of students for the 2024/25 academic year. This year's intake is particularly significant as it marks the maiden cohort for UMST's Rwandan campus, which continues the university's legacy of academic excellence and global diversity.

The ceremony was held at the UMST Kigali campus and attended by dignitaries, including Khalid Musa, Chargé d'Affaires at the Sudanese Embassy in Rwanda. In his remarks, he praised UMST's dedication to academic excellence and its contribution to strengthening medical education in Rwanda.

The event was also graced by Dr. Rose Mukankomeje, the chief guest and the former Director General of the Rwanda Higher Education Council (HEC). Speaking during the ceremony, Dr. Rose emphasized the pivotal role of

education and healthcare in Rwanda's national development. "Rwanda aspires to be a hub of knowledge and innovation," she stated. "By welcoming this new cohort, who includes dentistry students, we are investing in a brighter future for our country. Work hard, plan ahead, and embrace this unique opportunity to contribute to Rwanda's transformation."

Dr. Rose also recognized UMST as a multicultural university that fosters collaboration and learning among students from diverse backgrounds. She encouraged the students to work diligently and reminded them that quality education is the cornerstone of improving healthcare services and reducing reliance on foreign medical institutions.

Dr. Suzan Homeida, Deputy Chairperson of the UMST Board of Trustees, encouraged the new students to embrace their journey into medicine and healthcare. "Medicine is not just a profession;

it is a calling that demands hard work, compassion, and unwavering dedication," she said. "At UMST, we are committed to guiding you as you develop the skills to make a real difference in people's lives." she remarked. "This is your chance to make a meaningful difference in people's lives, and we are here to guide and support you on this transformative journey."

Prof Samir Shaheen, the Vice Chancellor at UMST advised the new students to embrace Rwanda's rich culture and history saying it is a place that values unity, progress, and resilience—qualities that should inspire the students during their time of studies. He reminded them that the path they have chosen is challenging, but also incredibly rewarding and reiterated commitment to help them achieve their goals and dreams. "The University's dedicated teachers and staff are here to provide you with



the best education possible, and to help you become the best healthcare professionals you can be. We believe in your potential to not only succeed but also to contribute to the betterment of healthcare in your communities and beyond," he said.

The ceremony also showcased the university's multicultural ethos through vibrant displays of international cultures, celebrating the diverse backgrounds of the students. Parents, guardians, and members of the local community attended the event, adding to the warm and inclusive atmosphere.

Mary Magdi Michael, a third-year student, welcomed the new cohort and spoke about her positive experience at UMST. "The university offers a supportive environment with dedicated professors who truly care about our success," she said. "I encourage you to make the most of this opportunity."

Among the new students, Clémence Uwera expressed her gratitude for being accepted into UMST. "This is a dream come true," she said. "I am excited to begin this journey and look forward to contributing to the field of medicine."

Other new students shared their excitement as well. Muhamed Asharaf remarked on the university's diverse environment and welcoming atmosphere, while Jamira Mbega Kapenga called the opportunity to study at UMST "an incredible honor." Hervé Gaël Ngendahayo said he was eager to embrace the challenges ahead and learn from UMST's esteemed faculty.

Dr. Africa Gasana, Chairperson of the Rwanda Medical and Dental Council (RMDC), emphasized the importance of training future healthcare professionals for Rwanda's growing needs. "Your journey begins today, and you have a unique responsibility to set a high standard for those who follow. Healthcare is a collaborative effort, and you will learn to navigate its complexities here," he said.

UMST, founded in 1996 in Sudan, has grown from two faculties with 60 students to 17 faculties and more than 7,000 students. The Kigali campus, its latest milestone, represents the university's commitment to academic excellence and its mission to equip future healthcare professionals with the skills and knowledge needed to make a global impact.

As UMST celebrates its 30th cohort and the first intake at its Rwandan campus, it continues to uphold its vision of fostering excellence in education and healthcare for the benefit of humanity.



Umst And Kacyiru Police Hospital Forge Partnership To Advance Healthcare Education

The University of Medical Sciences and Technology (UMST) Rwanda has entered a strategic partnership with Kacyiru Police Hospital, cemented through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at transforming healthcare education and training in Rwanda. The collaboration sets the stage for cultivating the next generation of healthcare professionals while enhancing the quality of healthcare services in the country.

The MoU was signed during a ceremony at Kacyiru Police Hospital in Gasabo District, attended by the hospital's Director General, Dr. Nyamwasa Daniel, and UMST Principal, Dr. Aruwa Abubaker. The agreement underscores UMST's ongoing mission to deliver globally aligned, locally impactful medical education by building robust partnerships with leading healthcare institutions across Rwanda

This collaboration is more than an agreement; it is a commitment to shaping the future of healthcare in Rwanda," said Dr. Nyamwasa Daniel. "By merging academic excellence with practical experience, we aim to equip future professionals with the tools to deliver meaningful, impactful care.

Dr. Aruwa Abubaker



He added, "We are proud to join hands with UMST to ensure the highest standards of healthcare education and patient care. Together, we are building a foundation for a healthier tomorrow."

Dr. Aruwa Abubaker emphasized the transformative potential of the partnership. "At UMST, we recognize that excellence in healthcare starts with exceptional education. This partnership allows us to create immersive, hands-on learning experiences that produce skilled, compassionate, and ethical healthcare providers," he said.

He continued, "Our collaboration with Kacyiru Police Hospital reflects our vision to nurture healthcare leaders who will not only address Rwanda's medical challenges but also make a profound impact on the global stage."

A Partnership Built on Shared Responsibilities

Under the MoU, UMST will oversee performance appraisals for all staff involved in teaching, research, and training at Kacyiru Police Hospital. The university will also develop monitoring tools to ensure consistent, high-quality

teaching standards and create a supportive environment that prioritizes student welfare while fostering their professional development.

In turn, Kacyiru Police Hospital will provide access to seasoned medical professionals for both theoretical and practical instruction in line with UMST's curriculum. Students will also benefit from supervised access to

patient for research and education, gaining invaluable insights into real-world medical challenges while maintaining confidentiality and ethical compliance. Additionally, the hospital will focus on teaching professional ethics, infection control measures, and patient safety protocols.

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Driving Excellence in Healthcare Education

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The partnership between UMST and Kacyiru Police Hospital emphasizes ongoing collaborations in the sector with other hospital across Rwanda, ensuring that UMST continues to produce healthcare professionals equipped to address challenges and deliver outstanding care at home and abroad.



The Mayor of Kigali City

Pays courtesy call on UMST celebrate



The Mayor of Kigali City, Samuel Dusengiyumva recently made an important visit to the University of Medical Science and Technology (UMST) Kigali Campus, underscoring the city's interest in strengthening its healthcare and educational infrastructure by understanding UMST's activities and its role in advancing Kigali's medical training and healthcare services.

Dusengiyumva met with senior faculty and staff to discuss ongoing projects, including partnerships with the Univer-

sity of Rwanda and UMST's planned expansion in Kigali. "UMST's commitment to healthcare and medical training is clear.

The City of Kigali is ready to support initiatives that bring more medical services and learning opportunities to our community

he said. A highlight of UMST's plans is the construction of a state-of-the-art hospital and student hostels in Busanza Sector which will provide both medical services to the community and accommodation for students.

Mayor Dusengiyumva praised these plans, noting that they align well with the city's vision for community health and education. "Projects like these are essential for Kigali's future.

They ensure access to healthcare and create a supportive environment for medical students," he noted. On his part, UMST Chancellor Professor Mamoun Homeida shared insights on the university's journey since 1996, as well as its focus on medical education, research, and service in Rwanda.



Our goal has always been to contribute meaningfully to Africa's healthcare system and to train future medical professionals and researchers. This planned hospital and student accommodation are steps toward creating an integrated learning and healthcare environment

Professor Mamoun Homeida

Homeida also expressed appreciation for the support UMST has received from the Rwandan government, highlighting that the new facilities will be instrumental in addressing healthcare needs and improving student life. "Your support has allowed us to invest in Kigali and build a foundation for medical education here," he said.

The meeting included a campus tour where the Mayor and UMST leadership inspected the school's infrastructure and equipment, demonstrating their commitment to collaborate in strengthening Kigali's healthcare capacity and educational resources through joint efforts.



Hon. Claudette Irere Visits UMST

Rwanda to Boost Education and Strengthen Collaboration



In a landmark visit to the University of Modern Sciences and Technology (UMST) in Rwanda, Hon. Claudette Irere, the Minister of State for Education, emphasized the importance of continued investment in education and highlighted key developments in the country's higher education sector. The visit, which took place this week, underscored Rwanda's vision to become a global education hub, fostering innovation and growth in multiple academic fields.

During her visit, Minister Irere toured the university's cutting-edge facilities, interacting with students and facul-

ty, and exploring new avenues for collaboration. A key discussion was the fast-tracking of the approval for new academic programs, including a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering. This program, in response to the growing demand for skilled graduates, marks an important step in positioning the university as a center for specialized education in the region.

"We are committed to ensuring that Rwanda's higher education system remains globally competitive. The expansion of programs your investment in state-of-the-art facilities here at UMST are critical in realizing this vi-

sion," said Minister Irere. "We want to ensure that students within the country and international students are equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the marketplace."

The Minister also spoke highly of UMST's facilities, which she described as state-of-the-art, and praised the university's dedication to medical education.

UMST's commitment to skills-based learning and research was echoed by Professor Mamoun Homeida, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, who not-



ed that the future of education lies in a balance between practical skills and research, rather than just classroom knowledge.

“Education is evolving,” Professor Homeida said. “The future of higher education will not solely focus on theoretical knowledge but will place a greater emphasis on hands-on skills and research. Students need not only to understand concepts but also to be able to apply them in real-world settings. That is why we are focused on developing top-tier hospitals and research for students to practice their skills and gain invaluable experience.”

The university is already making strides in this direction, with a commitment to enhancing its medical facilities to provide students with a space to practice clinical skills and contribute to research that can impact both local and global health outcomes.

Minister Irere’s visit also reaffirmed the government’s support for the private education sector. “The government’s commitment to ensuring a supportive and secure environment for educational growth is unwavering,” she said. “We are here to back our private institutions,

as they play a vital role in advancing Rwanda’s educational landscape.”

Professor Homeida also took the opportunity to express gratitude to the Rwandan government for its unwavering support of the Sudanese community in Rwanda. “We thank the President, Government, and people of Rwanda for their hospitality. UMST is dedicated to enhancing medical education and research, and we look forward to continued collaboration with the government to meet the needs of the students and communities we serve.”

With major projects underway, including the establishment of a Department of Biomedical Engineering, the future looks bright for UMST and Rwanda’s growing educational sector. The collaboration between the Ministry of Education and private institutions like UMST is laying a solid foundation for transforming Rwanda into a global education hub.

“Thanks to the efforts of both the government and private institutions, we are confident that Rwanda will continue to attract top talent and offer world-class opportunities for students in all fields,” concluded Minister Irere.

As Rwanda moves forward on its path to becoming a global education hub, UMST remains at the forefront of shaping the future of education, research, and healthcare in the region.



UMST Ranks Among Sudan's Best Universities in Global Scientific Index

The University of Medical Sciences and Technology (UMST) has once again achieved a prestigious milestone, ranking first among private universities in Sudan and second among all Sudanese universities in the AD Scientific Index 2025. This recognition highlights UMST's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and impactful research, reaffirming its status as a leading institution in the region. UMST's success in the AD Scientific Index is driven by the outstanding contributions of its faculty, including prominent researchers such as Professor Mamoun Homeida in gastroenterology, Professor Mounkaila Noma in biostatistics, Professor Asim A. Daffalla in electrical and electronic engineering, Professor Tahir Obeid in neurology, Professor Badreldeen Ahmed in obstetrics and gynecology, and Professor Saad Mohamed Hussein Ayoub in chemical sciences. These distinguished academics exemplify the university's dedication to interdisciplinary research, contributing significantly to its growing presence in global research databases such as Scopus and Web of Science. Despite the challenges posed by the ongoing conflict in Sudan, UMST has maintained a strong focus on research and innovation. Speaking on the achievement, Professor Mamoun Homeida, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, expressed pride in the university's resilience and progress. "This recognition is a testament to the resilience and dedication of our researchers. Even in

challenging times, UMST continues to make significant contributions to global scientific advancement. By fostering a supportive environment for research, we've elevated our institution and ensured its relevance on the world stage," he said. For 28 years, research has been a cornerstone of UMST's mission, with robust systems in place for both undergraduate and postgraduate programs. The university offers specialized degrees in research methodology and regularly organizes workshops, programs, and courses on advanced research practices. These efforts reflect UMST's ongoing commitment to empowering its faculty and students to achieve excellence in academic inquiry and scientific discovery. Professor Homeida also emphasized the importance of this achievement in enhancing UMST's global reputation. "We are proud of the impact our faculty and researchers have made. Their efforts not only advance science but also position UMST as a leader in innovation and knowledge creation. We remain dedicated to providing the tools, resources, and support needed to empower the next generation of innovators," he added. UMST's continued ascent in global research rankings reinforces its role as a hub for academic excellence and impactful research in Sudan and beyond. With a proven legacy of innovation and a globally accredited brand, the university is poised to achieve even greater milestones in the years ahead.



FACULTY OF MEDICINE





UMST celebration



UMST RWANDA

Hosts a Joyful Independence of Sudan's Independence

KIGALI, RWANDA—the campus of UMST University Rwanda buzzed with color, music, and celebration on December 19, 2024, as the Sudanese community led a jubilant commemoration of Sudan's Independence Day. The event, a seamless blend of culture, history, and camaraderie, offered students, faculty, and guests a heartwarming glimpse into Sudanese traditions, all while showcasing the university's vibrant multicultural spirit.

The festivities kicked off with a stirring ceremony that saw the national flags of Rwanda and Sudan hoisted side by side, a powerful symbol of unity and mutual respect. As the flags soared, students and faculty joined together in applause, setting the tone for an atmosphere of joy and solidarity.

The celebration came alive with music, dance, and drama. Sudanese rhythms filled the air as students performed traditional dances in exquisite cultural attire, captivating the audience with their artistry and energy. The university's amphitheater echoed with applause during dramatic reenactments of Sudan's rich history, while Sudanese and Rwandan melodies blended seamlessly in a musical tribute to cultural harmony.

Adding to the day's vibrancy was an exhibition showcasing Sudanese culture and its connections to Rwanda. Attendees explored displays of traditional fashion, food, and artifacts, creating a sensory journey through Sudan's heritage. Guests delighted in sampling dishes that highlighted the flavors of Sudan, while interactive displays of-



fered insights into the customs and histories of the Sudanese people.

Vice Chancellor Professor Samir Shaheen, speaking on behalf of the university, expressed deep gratitude to Rwan-

da for its hospitality toward Sudanese students who have sought refuge from conflict back home. "UMST is proud to be a home away from home for our Sudanese students," he remarked. "This celebration is not only

a commemoration of Sudan’s independence but also a testament to the strength of unity, resilience, and cultural exchange that thrives on our campus.”

The event also served as a bridge between communities, with Sudanese Embassy officials, local leaders, and members of the Rwandan community joining in the celebration. Their presence reinforced the bonds of friendship between the two nations, as well as the university’s role as a beacon of inclusivity.

For students and faculty alike, the day offered a moment of tranquility and joy amidst the rigors of academic life. The shared laughter, dancing, and storytelling created an unmistakable sense of belonging, making UMST feel like a true home away from home.

The success of the celebration underscored UMST Rwanda’s dedication to fostering a diverse and supportive environment for all. In the words of one Sudanese student, “Today, we not only celebrated our independence but also felt the warmth and acceptance of a community that truly cares. This is what home feels like.”

As the sun set on a day filled with smiles and shared experiences, the event left a lasting impression on all who attended—a powerful reminder of the beauty that lies in unity, culture, and mutual understanding.



UMST Alumna

Scaling Global Heights: A Journey of Success and Impact



UMST is where my passion for medicine was nurtured. The friendships, mentorships, and experiences I gained there are the foundation of my career. I carry the lessons I learned at UMST with me every day.

Dr. Ola Osman Hussein

UMST proudly celebrates the remarkable achievements of Dr. Ola Osman Hussein, a distinguished alumna who has made significant strides in dermatology, venereology, and aesthetic medicine. Dr. Hussein's journey from a passionate medical student to a recognized specialist exemplifies the excellence UMST fosters in its graduates.

Graduating in 2012 with a MBBS, Dr. Hussein attributes her professional foundation to the rigorous academic environment and supportive community at UMST. "I am incredibly proud to have graduated from UMST. The university gave me the tools, knowledge, and inspiration to pursue my dreams and make a meaningful impact in my field," she shared.

Following her time at UMST, Dr. Hussein's career trajectory has been nothing short of inspiring. She earned a Clinical MD in Dermatology and Venereology from the Sudan Medical Specialization Board and a Master's in Aesthetic Medicine and Laser from Delaware International University, USA. Her expertise

spans cutting-edge non-surgical treatments, including microneedling, laser applications, and dermal therapies, making her a sought-after specialist in both Sudan and the global medical community.

Dr. Hussein has also contributed to advancements in her field through participation in national dermatology conferences and ongoing professional training. Her clinical practice, including her tenure at Khartoum Hospital of Dermatology and Venereology, has touched countless lives, offering patients the highest standards of care. Reflecting on her journey, Dr. Hussein emphasized the role her education played in shaping her path: "UMST is where my passion for medicine was nurtured. The friendships, mentorships, and experiences I gained there are the foundation of my career. I carry the lessons I learned at UMST with me every day."

UMST takes pride in the achievements of alumni like Dr. Hussein, whose dedication and expertise embody the uni-

versity's mission of producing globally competent professionals. Her success is a testament to the quality of education and the supportive environment UMST provides.

As UMST continues to shape the future of healthcare in Rwanda and beyond, stories like Dr. Hussein's inspire current and prospective students to dream big and strive for excellence.

UMST congratulates Dr. Ola Osman Hussein on her outstanding achievements and looks forward to celebrating many more successes from its alumni worldwide.



A Trailblazer in Oncology and Proud UMST Alumna



Medicine is not just about treatment; it's about inspiring change and fostering hope.

Dr. Mawada Mohamedmoun

Dr. Mawada Mohamed's journey from a bright-eyed medical student to a celebrated oncologist is an inspiring testament to the transformative power of education. Graduating with honors in 2012 from the University of Medical Sciences and Technology (UMST), she reflects on how her years at the university shaped her career and life. "From the moment I stepped onto the UMST campus, I felt at home," she says. "I was surrounded by supportive peers and exceptional faculty who fueled my ambition to excel in medicine."

UMST, renowned for its programs in Medicine, Dentistry, Biomedical Technology, and Medical Laboratory Sciences, cultivates future leaders in global health. Through its cutting-edge research and innovative teaching, the university equips students to tackle the world's most pressing health challenges. Dr. Mawada's story is a shining example of this mission in action.

Her academic journey began in September 2007, a time she describes as "a vibrant chapter filled with discovery and growth." UMST's rigorous training and supportive environment laid the foundation for her professional success. She graduated in July 2012 with a Bachelor of Medicine degree and later pursued a Diploma in Biostatistics and Research Methodology. The latter sparked her

passion for clinical research, a field where she continues to excel.

Dr. Mawada's career has been nothing short of groundbreaking. She holds double board certifications in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology, having completed her Internal Medicine training and an Oncology fellowship in the UAE. She made history as the first female oncologist to graduate from the Abu Dhabi Oncology Training Program at Tawam Hospital in Al Ain. "This milestone was not just a personal achievement but also a message to young women everywhere: dreams are attainable with determination and the right support system," she reflects.

Her contributions to the field of oncology extend beyond patient care. During her fellowship, Dr. Mawada participated in numerous research projects, earning top honors at the prestigious Emirates Oncology Conference for three consecutive years (2022, 2023, and 2024). She is equally passionate about community engagement, spearheading cancer awareness campaigns to educate and empower the public. "Medicine is not just about treatment," she says. "It's about inspiring change and fostering hope."

Dr. Mawada's gratitude for UMST is palpable. She credits mentors like

Prof. Mamoun Humeida, Dr. Helmi Nour, and Dr. Anas Al Badawi for inspiring her journey. "UMST instilled in me the values of perseverance and excellence," she shares. "The university's commitment to nurturing global health leaders is evident in every aspect of its education."

Today, Dr. Mawada is eager to give back to the institution that played such a pivotal role in her success. She looks forward to connecting with fellow alumni and sharing her story with future students. To young people aspiring to be scientists and health professionals, she offers this advice: "Choose a university that challenges you, supports you, and believes in your potential. UMST is that place."

Dr. Mawada Mohamed's story is more than an individual's success; it's a celebration of what UMST stands for—a commitment to excellence, innovation, and the cultivation of leaders who make a difference on a global scale.

Shines At RCOG Graduation And Beyond



This milestone is a testament to the strong foundation I received at UMST and the support of my mentors and colleagues throughout my career,

Dr. Lamis Mohamed Elhassan Elamin

At the heart of every university's success are the inspiring achievements of its alumni, and UMST is proud to celebrate the remarkable journey of Dr. Lamis Mohamed Elhassan Elamin. A graduate of the University of Medical Sciences and Technology (UMST) in Khartoum, Dr. Lamis continues to make waves in the field of obstetrics and gynecology. This year, in August, she joined Colchester General Hospital in the United Kingdom, furthering her career on an international stage. Dr. Lamis' journey began at UMST, where she completed her Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS) in 2006. Reflecting on her time at the university, she shares, "UMST gave us so much. It shaped who we are today and provided the foundation for the careers we've built. The skills and knowledge I gained at UMST are what propelled me to excel both in Sudan and internationally." Her words resonate deeply with the university community, highlighting the transformative role of UMST in empowering its students to reach new heights. Beyond rigorous studies, Dr. Lamis fondly recalls the vibrant student life at UMST, where she balanced academic excellence with meaningful social interactions. "The



university wasn't just about classes and exams. It was a holistic experience that taught us resilience, teamwork, and leadership. From engaging in group projects to participating in university events, those moments enriched my perspective and prepared me for the real world," she shares. "UMST creates an environment where you grow not just as a professional but as a person." Dr. Lamis also fondly remembers her close-knit group of colleagues, with whom she shared the intense yet rewarding journey of medical school. "We burnt the midnight candles together, navigating the challenges of rigorous academics while also enjoying the social side of university life," she recalls. Among her cherished peers are Dr. Mashair Salman, now an Ophthalmologist; Dr. Asya Musad, an Anesthesiologist; Dr. Ahmed Neil, an ER Consultant; Dr. Aymen Gasmelseid, a Consultant Physician in America; Dr. Saro Ahmed, an Obstetrician and Gynecologist in the UK; and Dr. Soloma Almalik, a Dermatologist in Saudi Arabia. "Seeing how far we've all come in our respective fields is a testament to the incredible foundation UMST provided us," she

adds. After graduating from UMST, Dr. Lamis pursued a Clinical MD in Obstetrics and Gynecology from the Sudan Medical Specialization Board (SMSB) in 2014. Her dedication and commitment to the field have taken her across borders, with six years of service in Sudan, seven years in Saudi Arabia, and now to the UK. Currently serving as a Senior Registrar at Colchester General Hospital, she continues to lead multidisciplinary teams and handle complex surgical procedures with expertise and precision. Her recent graduation ceremony at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (RCOG) in 2022 was a proud moment not just for Dr. Lamis but for UMST as well. The achievement signifies years of hard work, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. "This milestone is a testament to the strong foundation I received at UMST and the support of my mentors and colleagues throughout my career," Dr. Lamis remarked. "Now, as I work in the UK, I see every day how the skills I developed at UMST continue to elevate my practice and allow me to make a difference in

patient care." Dr. Lamis is passionate about inspiring the next generation of medical professionals and encourages prospective students to consider UMST. "To anyone considering joining UMST, I can say this: trust in the education and training you will receive there. It's not just about gaining a degree; it's about building a foundation that can take you to unimaginable heights. If you work hard and stay committed, the opportunities are endless," she said. UMST's commitment to nurturing talent and fostering a spirit of innovation is evident in alumni like Dr. Lamis, whose contributions to healthcare continue to make an impact globally. Her success story serves as an inspiration to current students, showing that with determination and the right foundation, extraordinary accomplishments are possible. As Dr. Lamis continues her journey in the UK, UMST stands proudly beside her, celebrating her achievements and the enduring bond she shares with her alma mater. The university remains committed to producing professionals who embody excellence and make a difference in their fields. Congratulations, Dr. Lamis!



Dr. Randa Yahia

A Trailblazer in Public Health and Humanitarian Leadership



Dr. Randa Yahia Nagemeldeen Ali, a distinguished alumna of the University of Medical Sciences and Technology (UMST), embodies the transformative impact of education and unwavering dedication. From her formative years at UMST to her leadership on global public health stages, Dr. Randa's journey is a powerful narrative of resilience, purpose, and service.

Graduating in 2012, Dr. Randa began her career with a prestigious internship in Pediatric and Plastic Surgery at

Chelsea and Westminster Hospitals in the United Kingdom. Reflecting on this experience, she says, "Being in the UK at 21, away from my family, taught me independence and resilience. It was a formative chapter in my life that prepared me for challenges ahead."

Her return to Sudan marked the beginning of her commitment to serving her homeland. Joining the Federal Ministry of Health's internship program, she immersed herself in Sudan's healthcare landscape. Dr. Randa fondly recalls the mentors who shaped her path: "Dr. Mutasim Himmet, Dr. Hanan Tahir, and Prof. Mamoun Humeida, who balanced ministerial duties with teaching night classes, went above and beyond. I owe my knowledge and discipline to their dedication."

Dr. Randa's academic prowess was equally remarkable. While living in the United States for six years, she collaborated with the North American Association of Obstetrics and Gynecologists on a groundbreaking study addressing neurofibromatosis in pregnancy. "Research has always been a way for me to bridge clinical practice with public health," she shares. This work exemplifies her ability to address complex health challenges on a global scale.

On what motivated her to join UMST medical school, and her dream then

"My passion was to be a forensic doctor when I was younger as my mother

is a district attorney and my father is a pharmacist who pledged their lives to giving me the best education first in God and next on everything else"

I learnt to put God as the end goal on everything I do and thus never failed any goal I put forth since God was the distinction the journey was always fruitful

Motivated to tackle pressing health issues, Dr. Randa pursued a Master's degree in Public and Tropical Health at UMST. She describes this decision as pivotal: "UMST equipped me with the tools to face real-world health crises. It's where I learned that leadership isn't just about expertise—it's about purpose."

In 2019, inspired by Sudan's revolution, Dr. Randa returned home to contribute to the nation's rebuilding. Her determination led to her historic appointment as the first female Spokesperson for Sudan's Ministry of Health. "I came back to serve my people and honor the memories that shaped me," she says. In this role, she redefined public health communication, ensuring communities received clear and actionable health information.

Her leadership was tested during her tenure as Director of the Emergency and Epidemic Control Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for Khartoum State. Managing disaster responses and epidemic control,

Dr. Randa played a critical role in safeguarding lives during health crises. Reflecting on these experiences, she notes, "Life often feels like a cycle of war and survival, but moments of reflection remind me why I persevere: to save lives and serve my country."

In 2022, her expertise earned international recognition when the World Health Organization (WHO) appointed her as the National and Subnational Focal Point for Emergency Operations Centers. Leading the establishment of 11 EOCs across Sudan, she trained over 700 professionals and ensured vital aid reached conflict-affected regions.

"Every day was a fight against the odds, but the resilience of our teams inspired me to push forward," she says.

Now serving as the Integrated Public Health Officer for Gezira State, Dr. Randa continues to champion public health. She has coordinated the delivery of critical aid to war-torn areas, implemented cholera response strategies, and strengthened health systems. Despite personal sacrifices, including her family fleeing the conflict, she remains steadfast in her mission. "My family is safe in Egypt and the UAE, but I stayed to serve Sudan. This is the country where I saw Allah's glory in every small thing," she shares.



Dr. Shaza Mamoun

A Beacon of Excellence in Global Pediatrics



For Dr. Shaza Mamoun M. A. Humeida, a UK Board-Certified Consultant in Pediatrics, the University of Medical Sciences and Technology (UMST) was more than just an academic institution—it was the foundation of her journey to becoming a world recognized expert in pediatric endocrinology and diabetes care.

“UMST didn’t just educate me; it shaped me,” Dr. Shaza shares passionately. “The university molded my morals, instilled in me a sense of purpose, and provided a nurturing environment where I could thrive. I am what I am because of UMST, and I shall forever be indebted to the professors, staffers

in the library, and those in the laboratories who supported our every step of the way.”

Dr. Shaza graduated from UMST with a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS), earning 1st Class Honors and recognition for achieving the highest score in pediatrics. Today, she is a shining example of UMST’s commitment to producing graduates who excel academically and contribute meaningfully to their fields. Now a high-achieving standout, she embodies UMST’s passion for producing graduates that excel academically, and also have a positive impact on the world around them.

Dr. Shaza, a consultant in the United Kingdom, gives an impressive background in pediatric healthcare, where she is leading the way in endocrinology and diabetes management.

Her work with the Somerset NHS Foundation Trust, previous roles in Bristol, London, and Khartoum have set benchmarks in patient-centered care, multidisciplinary collaboration, and innovative healthcare solutions.

As a consultant she leads groundbreaking initiatives in pediatric healthcare, specializing in endocrinology and diabetes management.

Dr. Shaza attributes much of her success to the comprehensive education and mentorship she received at UMST. “UMST fosters excellence in every aspect—from academics to research and beyond. The guidance I received from my professors was invaluable, and the university’s state-of-the-art facilities gave me the practical skills and confidence I needed to succeed in global healthcare settings.”

UMST is proud to count Dr. Shaza among its alumni, who are making a difference around the globe. “Our graduates are the heartbeat of leading institutions worldwide,” says Prof Samir Shaheed the Vice Chancellor.

“From healthcare, medical technology to robotics sciences and beyond, UMST alumni are recognized for their ability to excel in competitive environments and for their contributions to society.”

Dr. Shaza’s story is a testament to the power of education and mentorship at UMST. Her journey from a determined

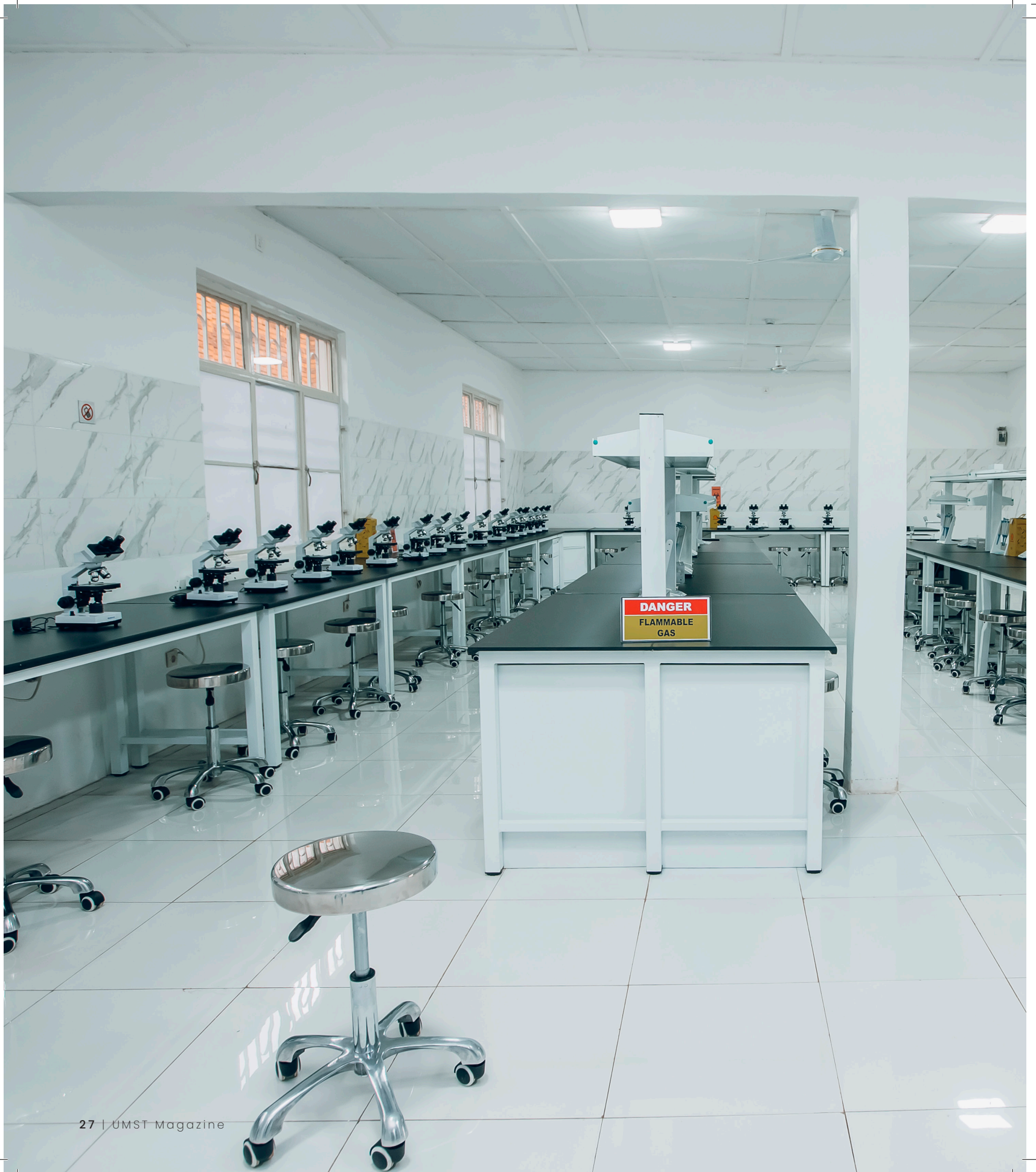
medical student in Khartoum to a consultant in the UK highlights the university's ability to nurture talent and prepare students for global careers.

"UMST as former students working everywhere, from internationally recognized enterprises to prestigious health-care institutions. It is a university that empowers you to dream big and equips you with the skills to achieve those dreams," says Dr. Shaza.

As UMST continues to shape the leaders of tomorrow, prospective students are invited to join an institution that prioritizes academic excellence, innovation, and moral integrity. Whether aspiring to excel in medicine, engineering, business, or technology, UMST promises a transformative journey that goes beyond education.

Dr. Shaza Mamoun's achievements are a reflection of UMST's vision to inspire, educate, and empower students to make a global impact.







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Undergraduate Degrees



Information For Secondary School Students

Frequently Asked Questions

01 What Courses does UMST offer?

Currently, UMST Kigali campus offers Medicine, Dentistry and medical laboratory sciences

02 How do I apply to UMST?

The application process is simple go to https://umst.org/adm_3.aspx and complete the online application form.

03 Which documents are required to complete the application process?

Applicants are typically required to submit the following documents:

- Completed application form
- Copy of secondary school certificate or equivalent
- Academic transcripts
- Identification documents (e.g., national ID or passport)
- Recent passport-sized photographs.

04 How do I get admission at UMST?

Getting admission is easy. Take these steps to join the University: First, choose a course, apply online, and finally do an oral interview.

05 Security

Rwanda is a very secure country, but the university is well aware of the need to secure the members of the university while they are on campus.

The security & safety department is responsible for ensuring security on campus, managing entrances and exits of the campus and of all buildings

06 Accommodation

There are no hostels for the university for the moment however; there are many privately owned facilities around the university. Students maybe assisted in finding a hostel by being provided with information. Meanwhile students are expected to find their own accommodation

07 Scholarships

Scholarships at are merit based and are offered on an equal opportunity, competitive basis. In order to be considered for a scholarship, prospective students are advised to first acquire an admission letter into the University for the course they are interested. Due to the competitive nature of awarding scholarships, only a few applicants are granted scholarships.

08 Visa

International students are expected to a visa on arrival to Rwanda, the university will facilitate the provision of student visas

10 Language

The official medium of teaching instruction at UMST is English, UMST being cosmopolitan university; you will find many other nationalities.

09 Medical Care

All students are supposed to hold insurance policy cover before registration; the university may provide information about the available health insurance service in Rwanda.

11 Transport

Transport in Kigali is far superior to many neighbouring countries, and getting around the city is a breeze most of the time, options, includes buses, taxis and motorcycle taxis. Kigali Car Free Day takes place on every first and third Sunday of the month, where some roads are closed for motorized vehicles to be used only for walking and cycling. Kigali buses use a smart card system called Tap&Go. Kigali has two taxi and ride-hailing apps: Move and Yego Cabs. Both works are available on Android devices and iPhones.

To learn more about UMST and its programs, visit. <https://umst.org> or Admissions Office https://umst.org/ADM_3.aspx (Contact 0738300755]



UMST pictorial





A portrait of Professor Mamoun Homeida, an elderly man with grey hair and glasses, wearing a grey suit jacket over a purple checkered shirt. He is sitting in a brown leather chair in an office. Behind him is a bookshelf with books, a small flag of the United Arab Emirates, and a small flag of the State of Palestine. The background is slightly blurred.

**the story of UMST and the
Professor Who dreamed it**

**Q&A with Professor Mamoun
Homeida Chairman UMST**

What Inspired The Founding Of Umst University?

For proper development, progressive development of any nation, you need a robust educational system, particularly at the university level. University education is the spine of development. I've been in the educational sphere for quite a while. I was the Chairman or the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Khartoum, which is the biggest university in Sudan, inaugurated in 1908.

After I left that university, I noticed significant gaps in university education that could only be filled by private institutions. Government funding for universities, not just in Sudan but across Africa, has been thin. University education is expensive, and many governments find it challenging to invest in something they can't visibly see, like a road or a bridge. Education is a subtle but essential form of development that requires substantial financial support.

This is why private universities became necessary. Many government universities had to lower admission criteria to gather tuition fees to sustain themselves, blending private and public structures in a way I found unhealthy. In Sudan, back in 1996, we inaugurated UMST as the first private university offering medical sciences, such as medicine, dentistry, and nursing. This was a response to the limited opportunities for bright students to access quality higher education in the country.

Many students had to go abroad, where they were often exploited or received subpar education. UMST emerged as a vision of necessity to fill these gaps, providing not only access to university education but also addressing quality and research needs.



What were the specific gaps you aimed to address with UMST?

Universities distinguish themselves from secondary schools by integrating research into their mission. However, research requires substantial expertise and funding, which many public universities lack however; Private Universities can act swiftly in decision-making and are less constrained by bureaucratic policies. So this university came almost like a vision of importance, a vision of necessity, and a vision of promoting education through private education Gaps definitely in number, because not many students, who are good, bright, would find a place in the universities.

When UMST was founded in 1996, we started with two faculties: Medicine and Laboratory Technology. Over the years, we expanded, addressing gaps in both access and quality of education. Our programs were innovative and tailored to meet the needs of the country and region. For instance, we introduced a Master's in Public Health that welcomed both medical and non-medical professionals, reflecting the evolving understanding of public health as an interdisciplinary field. This program was later adopted by government universities, showcasing UMST's pioneering role. Our goal was to create a model university that could inspire and lead both public and private institutions in Sudan and beyond



What role does research play at UMST?

Research is a cornerstone of UMST. We've developed robust systems for undergraduate and postgraduate research, offering degrees in research methodology and more. We were lucky to have those who pioneered the university, they were already involved in big projects outside Sudan like World Health Organization, and our links with international organizations such as African development programs have been instrumental. For instance, when the war erupted in Sudan, UMST was the second-largest producer of high-quality research after the University of Khartoum, despite being 100 years younger and 10 times smaller.

This speaks to our strong foundation in research, which includes collaborations with global institutions and leveraging external expertise. Research cannot happen in isolation, and UMST has always prioritized international partnerships to maintain high standards.



How Does Umst Contribute To The Community?

A university should be deeply embedded in its community. At UMST, our contributions extend to both governmental and social communities.

So if you talk about the community, the community is two parts, the government community and the official community and you can help with consultancies, ideas even to the government programs, you know health programs and so on. These are the job of the university and then the community which everybody thinks about social responsibility to the communities which are in need. So if you look into the second part, the university has pioneered quite a lot of big research.

We've offered consultancy services, supported health programs, and tackled social responsibilities.

For example, UMST served as the headquarters for the African program on controlling onchocerciasis in Sudan and South Sudan. We've supported AIDS programs, provided scholarships, and advised on economic development initiatives. Our commitment to voluntary work earned us recognition and medals for two consecutive years in the Middle East.



How have UMST alumni impacted the world?

From the very beginning, we were confident in the quality of our programs and the rigorous standards we upheld. Our examination system involved external examiners from all over the world, ensuring that our graduates were thoroughly prepared for real-world challenges. We had no doubt our alumni would excel—and they did. Today, they are spread across the globe, with the majority working outside Sudan.

Approximately 70–75% of our graduates are making their mark in countries like the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, America, and the United Kingdom. Many of them hold senior positions in their respective fields. For example, the leader of robotic surgery in the UK is a Sudanese professional and a proud graduate of UMST. Every now and then, we hear incredible news about one of our alumni becoming a consultant or taking on a leadership role. These achievements reaffirm the robust foundation we provided



Can You Elaborate On Your Go Africa Initiative?

My time with the WHO, both in Geneva and Africa, profoundly shaped my perspective. I chaired the technical consultative committee for the African program covering 30 African countries, which gave me a deep understanding of the continent. I've seen Africa at its base—in villages and at ministerial levels—and witnessed the gaps in education and health systems. These experiences inspired me to expand UMST's reach to other African countries.

The concept of Go Africa is about establishing a permanent presence in Africa, not just visiting. We aim to provide quality education and health services, leveraging Sudan's rich history of expertise in these fields. For instance, the University of Khartoum, with its first research institute dating back to 1908 and its medical college founded in 1924, set a strong precedent. Sudanese professionals have

significantly contributed to building universities across the Arab world, but we felt a stronger obligation to support Africa directly.

Rwanda was our first choice for expansion, initially, we explored Tanzania but found it less accommodating compared to Rwanda. After the 1994 genocide, Rwanda underwent a remarkable transformation, rebirthing itself as a peaceful and progressive nation. The leadership in Rwanda is visionary, accommodating, and focused on African unity. These qualities made it an ideal location for UMST. Within five months, we established a fully operational university in Kigali, bringing 50 expert staff members from Sudan and accommodating over 1,000 students. Our collaboration with local institutions, including hospitals and the University of Rwanda, has been exceptional.

In Rwanda, the reception was overwhelmingly positive. The government and people were eager to collaborate, and the environment was conducive to innovation and progress. For example, our students in dental programs are actively contributing to rural health education in places like Nyanza and Nyamata, blending practical experience with community service.

Rwanda's openness to research is another significant advantage. Since its rebirth post-1996, Rwanda has become a "virgin land" for research, needing baseline data on health indicators, disease spread, and public health priorities. With our expertise and Rwanda's favorable global standing, UMST is well-positioned to contribute valuable insights that can guide national policies.



What sets UMST apart?



UMST offers 28 years of proven experience and a globally accredited brand name. Graduates of UMST Kigali receive the same credentials as those from our Sudan campus, backed by accreditations from Europe and America. Our programs are time-tested and innovative, designed to meet local and global needs.

Rwanda, with its peaceful environment and disciplined society, adds another layer of uniqueness. Education is about experience, it's not about a book because information now is available on the tip of the fingers and our students gain hands-on exposure not just in Kigali like I said, also in rural settings, you know Nyanza, Nyamata, and other places which are rural in a sense equipping them with a comprehensive understanding of real-world challenges. Okay, that's a very good question.

UMST: Shaping Rwanda's Future Health Workforce with Innovation and Excellence



Kigali, Rwanda – In a pivotal step towards addressing the nation's health workforce challenges, the University of Medicine and Science Technology (UMST) is emerging as a trailblazer in health education and training. During a recent visit, Dr. Menelas Nkeshimana, Head of Health Workforce Development at the Ministry of Health, praised UMST for its exceptional facilities and programs that align with Rwanda's ambitious 4x4 health workforce reform. This reform aims to quadruple the country's health workforce over the next four years, emphasizing both quantity and quality.

"I am very much impressed by what I have seen at UMST," said Dr. Nkeshimana. "From classrooms and libraries to state-of-the-art laboratories, the university is equipped with the tools and expertise needed to train a capable and efficient health workforce."

Cutting-Edge Learning Facilities

UMST's advanced skills labs, including microbiology and dentistry facilities, are designed to provide students with hands-on, practical training. A stand-out feature is the use of high-fidelity

mannequins and other cutting-edge technology that mirrors equipment used in hospitals. These tools enable students to simulate real-world scenarios and gain critical experience before entering clinical practice.

"These innovations make learning much easier and more effective," Dr. Nkeshimana remarked. "By integrating advanced technology into the curriculum, UMST ensures that its graduates are not only well-trained but also ready to tackle the evolving health challenges of our time."

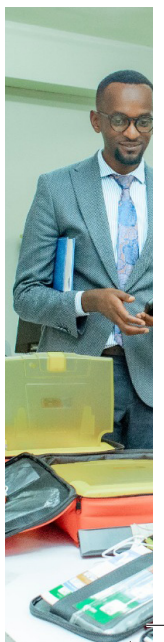
Focus on Biomedical Engineering

UMST is also set to launch a new Bachelor's program in Biomedical Engineering, a critical field that bridges medicine and technology. This program aims to address the growing demand for professionals who can maintain and innovate medical equipment, further enhancing healthcare delivery in Rwanda and beyond.

Dr. Nkeshimana emphasized the importance of this program, stating, "The biomedical engineering program is a game-changer. It's connected to every aspect of healthcare delivery, ensuring that hospitals have skilled personnel to operate and maintain advanced medical technologies."

Collaboration and Impact

The university's contribution extends beyond training students; it actively collaborates with hospitals and other



higher learning institutions, such as the University of Rwanda's College of Medicine and Health Sciences. These partnerships aim to create a unified approach to health education and workforce development.

"UMST's know-how is something we want to replicate across the country," Dr. Nkeshimana noted. "By working together, we can ensure that Rwanda not only meets its health workforce goals but also becomes a regional leader in healthcare education."

A Vision for the Future

UMST's efforts align with Rwanda's vision of building a self-reliant, globally competitive health system. With its focus on innovation, collaboration, and excellence, the university is poised to play a critical role in transforming healthcare education in the region.

"The world is becoming a global village," Dr. Nkeshimana concluded. "We must train health professionals who can serve Rwanda and beyond. UMST is setting a benchmark for what is possible when commitment meets innovation."

With its cutting-edge facilities, forward-thinking programs, and strong partnerships, UMST is not just a university; it is a cornerstone in the foundation of Rwanda's healthcare future.



UMST Dental Students Launch Oral Health Awareness Campaign to Educate Communities



UMST Dental Students Launch Oral Health Awareness Campaign to Educate Communities In a bid to raise awareness about the importance of oral health, final-year dental students at the University of Medical Sciences and Technology (UMST) Rwanda campus have launched a comprehensive dental screening initiative for the local community.

The campaign, which garnered attention from community members, provided free screenings, fluoride varnish applications, and hands-on demonstrations of proper oral hygiene practices. The event, organized by the University Dental Students Association (UDAUMST), involved both students and faculty members working along-

side local residents to promote better oral care habits. Participants received free dental check-ups, fluoride treatments to prevent tooth decay, and vital advice on proper brushing, flossing, and dietary habits to maintain healthy teeth and gums.

A Community leader, Deogotius Nkubito, who was among the first to benefit from the screening, expressed gratitude for the initiative. "This is a wonderful effort by UMST students to address an often-overlooked aspect of health in our community", Nkubito remarked.

Oral health is essential, and these students are not only enhancing their skills but also making a real difference

in our lives by teaching us how to take care of our teeth and gums. For the dental students, this initiative is more than just an academic exercise. It represents the culmination of years of rigorous training and their commitment to giving back to the community while honing their professional expertise.

As final-year students, we were excited to apply the knowledge we've gained throughout our studies and give something back to the people around us, said Wisam Abdelazim, a student leader with the University Dental Students Association. This event is an important step for us in developing our skills, while also promoting good oral hygiene practices in the community. In addition to offering practical demon-

strations on brushing and flossing techniques, the students also focused on educating the public about the causes of tooth decay and gum infections, as well as the impact of unhealthy habits like sugary diets and smoking.

The campaign stressed the importance of regular dental visits, a key element in preventing long-term oral health issues. Zainab Osama, another final-year student, highlighted the significance of the event. "This campaign allows us to educate people not only about proper oral hygiene but also about the connection between oral health and overall well-being", she said.

"We are thrilled to see the positive response from the community and hope

that this will lead to more people prioritizing their dental health." Zainab Osama, another dental student involved in the campaign, expressed that the event was an opportunity to change harmful dental practices among their peers and promote healthy habits.

"We are dedicated to making a difference by demonstrating the importance of oral hygiene and encouraging both our colleagues and the community to adopt better practices." Ali Siddig another student said.

The dental screening initiative is part of UMSTs broader commitment to community service and education. As part of their training, students are encouraged to participate in outreach activities that

foster practical experience while improving access to healthcare for underserved communities. The University's focus on hands-on learning and social responsibility ensures that graduates are equipped with the skills needed to make meaningful contributions to public health.

The involvement of final-year students in these kinds of initiatives demonstrates the quality of education and training at UMST, said Dr. Howardu Abdelmoniem the faculty Dean. Our students not only receive comprehensive academic instruction but also real-world experience that enables them to serve as ambassadors for good health in their communities.



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