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100 Students Selected for 5th Cohort of the Equity Leaders Program

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At least 100 outstanding students of the 2025 Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) have been officially enrolled for the 5th cohort of the Equity Leaders Program (ELP) bringing the total number of beneficiaries to 512.

The students now join 412 previously admitted scholars, with 81 from the inaugural cohort of 2022 graduating in different disciplines including Engineering, Statistics, Law among other fields from universities across the country.

NURTURING FUTURE LEADERS

Speaking during the commissioning ceremony last weekend at Africa Bible University Lubowa, Gift Shoko, Equity Bank Uganda Managing Director emphasised the program's role in nurturing future leaders who will contribute to national development.

"Through the Equity Leaders Program, we are not only supporting academic excellence but also nurturing leaders who will drive innovation, integrity and sustainable growth for Uganda," Shoko noted. Since its inception in Uganda in



Equity Bank officials cut cake with students for the 5th cohort

January 2022, the program has supported hundreds of bright Ugandan students, offering them pathways to higher education and professional growth.

The graduation of the maiden cohort marks a significant milestone, showcasing the program's success in producing graduates who are already making strides in their respective fields.

Dr Joanne Korir, Director Operations Equity Group Foundation, commended the program's continued success in Uganda, now in its 5th

year. She emphasised that through ELP, Equity Bank Uganda is giving young minds valuable exposure to the corporate world and nurturing their potential to contribute to socio-economic transformation of the country and beyond.

Catherine Psomgen, Director of Public Sector and Social Investment, highlighted the broader impact of the program in identifying and nurturing transformative leaders across Uganda.

"This mentorship journey is intended to shape students into transformative leaders. Scholars

are supported throughout their journey, including global university applications and career development pathways," Psomgen highlighted.

Dr. Patrick Muinda, Commissioner for Library, E-Learning, and Information Technology, who represented the Minister of Education and Sports, stated that by investing in young talent, Equity has reaffirmed its commitment to empowering the next generation and fostering innovation across diverse sectors.

ABOUT THE EQUITY LEADERS PROGRAM

Equity Leaders Program, run under the Education and Leadership Development pillar of Equity Group Foundation, is committed to empowering academically gifted young scholars.

As part of the program, scholars undergo a 3-6 months paid internship with Equity Bank, receiving a monthly stipend and gaining hands-on experience across various departments.

Post-internship, mentorship and coaching continue throughout their university education to ensure a holistic development experience. Scholars will join universities in

FOREX RATES

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	3,762	3,772
EURO	4,379	4,391
POUND	5,031	5,044
KENYA SH	29	29
TANZ SH	1.43	1.46
DHIRAM	1,026	1,030
S.A RAND	226	226
JAPANESE YEN	18	35
RWANDES FRANC	2	4
DOLLAR SMALL	3,500	3,768

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Uganda and across the globe, with some past ELP scholars securing fully funded scholarships to international institutions like Harvard University New York University plus institutions in China, India and France.