

## Summer School 2026 “Women and Girls, Education and Work in Uganda’s Complex Context”

### Venue and accommodation



Main building African Rural University, Kagadi, Uganda

The summer school will take place on the campus of African Rural University (ARU) in Kagadi. We will start on Wednesday morning July 15 in the Multi-Purpose Hall. This space is central to campus life and hosts the daily “Foundation Course,” where students and staff come together to share insights and experiences. Almost every morning of our summer school is launched at this location, with a forum to share insights of students and teachers alike, setting the tone for an interactive and participatory learning environment. We will also enjoy the lush campus with lots of trees and places to sit outside. Surrounded by greenery, the campus offers a calm and inspiring environment for learning, reflection, and meaningful exchange. Most of the academic programme will take place in the Centre for Reflection Hall, located in the main building.



Multi-purpose hall

For group work we may use smaller rooms, but mostly located in the Centre for Reflection Hall in the main building. On the last day we can invite members of the communities we have met during fieldwork to the larger Multi-Purpose Hall, where they can attend and participate in presentations and workshops.



A morning in the main building

Beyond the classroom, ARU offers a unique campus experience. There is a vegetable and an herbal garden, an arboretum and even a fish pond, as well as a banana and coffee plantation. You will be able to discover ARUs sustainable and extensive, self-sufficient campus in a group, led by students and on your own. All meals are freshly prepared on campus, using locally produced ingredients wherever possible. Expect a variety of fresh vegetables, fruits, and products such as eggs, milk, and fish, often sourced directly from the university grounds.



Herbal garden



Fish pond



Vegetable garden

Near the fish pond on campus is a café which serves drinks and snacks. Here you can enjoy a wonderful coffee in the afternoon, or play some games and unwind after the day's programme. Shops in town are reachable on foot as well.



Café on campus

Accommodation for student participants is simple and community-oriented. Female participants can stay in the student hostel on campus (2 € per night, bring your own sheets and mosquito nets). Rooms are shared for two persons and include basic furnishings such as beds, shelves, a table, and chairs. Bathrooms are shared, and showers consist of bucket showers with hot water in outdoor shower units. There are no power outlets in the rooms, but a shared charging space is available. Male student participants can stay in a house called 'corner house' outside, but near the campus with the same conditions (2 € per night, bring your own sheets and mosquito nets). WiFi is generally available on campus, but does not reach the student hostel.

Accommodation for lecturers and other participants upon request is on campus in self-contained 'bandas' (little houses including private hygienic facilities) or in a nearby hotel, called Seyeya hotel, both at 100.000 UGX (around 28 euros) per night.



'Bandas' on campus



Female student hostel after rain and a little monkey visiting



Seyeya hotel near campus