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*UNIVERSITY FEE INCREMENT*

**In the midst of a vastly inclining trajectory of the Kenyan economy ,access to University education has become a pinch in the pockets of many Kenyan households especially the less vulnerable and the vulnerable population .**

**Few can still afford to support their kin to access and enjoy this phase of education and exposure to the outside world. Despite ages and inexplicable amounts spent by the government to strengthen uptake of students to these institutions ,the rising trend in fee and accommodation charges has caused an overhaul.**

**Few among the standout causes of this unprecedented crisis are;**

* ***BUDGETARY PRESSURES;* Due to the need for additional resources to maintain or improve education quality.**
* ***INFLATION;* Rising inflation can erode the purchasing power of the universities , necessitating fee hikes to cover increased operational costs.**
* ***REDUCED GOVERNMENT FUNDING;* Due to reduced funding for higher education by government thus a shift of financial burden to students and parents.**
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Fee increments may weigh down on students as cited below;

1) *Financial Stress*; Students may struggle to cover their educational expenses , potentially resulting to loans or part- time work.

2) *Student Debt*; Higher fees results in burdening graduates with loan repayments for years after they finish their education.

Haphazard and unprecedented fee increments equally affect parents and guardians in the following ways;

1) *Stress and anxiety*; The responsibility of financing their child’s education can cause emotional stress and anxiety for parents.

2 *) Financial Burden*; Parents may shoulder a significant portion of the increased fee impacting their own financial stability and retirement planning.

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| **SEMESTER** | **FIRST YEAR 2022/23’** | **FIRST YEAR 2023/24’** |
| **1** | KSH 52,580/= | |
| **2** | KSH 40,920/= | KSH 45,000/= |
| **3** | KSH 36,220/= | KSH 40,780/= |
| **TOTAL** | KSH 129,720/= | KSH 138,360/= |

* Above is an example of a fee structure sampled from two students of an astute Kenyan university pursuing a Bachelor’s Degree in Pharmacy (under government funding) indicating a drastic increment in university fees.