Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme

Information session
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Human Development

Mobility and Migration
- 2014: Migration Dialogue
- 2014: Africa Connect II

Science, Technology & Innovation
- 2014: AU Research Grants

Higher Education
- 2014: Tuning & Harmonisation
- 2017: Pan-African University

Intra-Africa Academic Mobility
- 2015: Pan-African University

2014: Africa Connect II
2014: AU Research Grants
2014: Interpretation & Translation (PAMCIT)
Intra-Africa academic mobility scheme

15 Partnerships selected in Africa

Intra-Africa academic mobility scheme

3 selection rounds expected (2016 – 2020)

New programme built on past experience
How is the scheme managed?

• Setting of priorities and funding

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development

• Programme cycle management:

From Calls for proposals to selection of projects, contracting, monitoring, Payments, final evaluation

AFRICAN UNION

• Close cooperation throughout the process

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

EU Delegations

• Local promotion and support to beneficiaries in Africa
Which are the objectives of the scheme?

- To promote **internationalisation** and contribute to **harmonisation** of Higher Education systems through enhanced **cooperation** among African Higher Education Institutions.

- To **improve skills and competencies** through enhanced mobility of students and staff within the African continent.
What does the scheme fund?

- Partnerships of African Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for the organisation and implementation of student and staff mobility across the continent.

- Scholarships to students and staff to carry out studies, research, teaching and training assignments in another African country.
What are the expected benefits for HEIs?

- **Stronger links** between institutions
- Contribution to **internationalisation of the HEIs**
- New mechanisms to facilitate mobility (e.g. international relations offices, student facilities)
- Practices on **harmonising curricula** and establishing **credit recognition mechanisms**
- Increased **quality, visibility and attractiveness** of the HEIs
- Improved **quality of teaching** and upgrading students/staff members **qualifications**
What are the expected benefits for students/academics

- Participation in high-level academic mobility
- **Recognition** of study and research/teaching assignments abroad
- Improved **linguistic skills**
- Improved **employability** and better career perspectives
- **Strengthened personal/soft skills** through international academic exchange of knowledge, ideas, contacts
What funding is available in 2016 under this scheme?

- Total available budget: **EUR 10 million**
- Per project: **EUR 1 – 1,5 million**
- **7 to 9 projects** to be funded
- Around 350 mobility flows in total
What are the specific features of this 1st Call for proposals?
## Eligible countries

### All countries in Africa

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<th>Regions of Africa</th>
<th>Countries</th>
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<td>Central</td>
<td>Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Congo (DRC), Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and São Tomé and Principe</td>
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<td>Eastern</td>
<td>Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania</td>
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<td>Northern</td>
<td>Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia and Morocco</td>
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<td>Southern</td>
<td>Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe</td>
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<td>Western</td>
<td>Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Cape Verde, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea- Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo</td>
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Eligible partnerships

- **Minimum 4 HEIs and maximum 6 HEIs** registered in Africa
- **No more than 2 HEIs** from the same country
- **Minimum 3 African regions** represented
- **1 EU Technical partner** – mandatory
- **Associate partner(s)** - optional
Eligible partnerships

Ex. 1: minimum partnership 4 HE institutions + 1 EU technical partner

Min. 3 regions represented
No more than 2 HEIs from same country
Eligible partnerships

Ex. 2: maximum partnership 6 HE institutions + 1 EU technical partner

Min. 3 regions represented (No more than 2 HEIs from same country)

- Cairo University
- Accra Polytechnic
- National University of Lesotho
- University of Arusha
- Université de Bangui
- Université de Kinshasa
- EU Technical partner
Eligible applicants/partners

- Accredited Higher Education Institutions (private or public) providing courses at postgraduate level (masters and/or doctoral degree) leading to a qualification recognised by the competent authorities in the country and

- Registered in an eligible country (i.e. in Africa) (branches are not eligible)
EU technical partner (mandatory)

a HEI from one of the 28 EU Member States
having been awarded an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education
Associated partners (optional)

HEIs and other types of organisations from eligible countries

(HEIs, university associations, research centers, enterprises, chambers of commerce and industry, local, regional or national public entities, etc.)
Eligible activities

Organisation

and

implementation

of student and staff mobility

in high quality master and doctoral programmes
Memorandum of Understanding

Promotion

Selection of scholarship holders

Recognition

Student and learning agreements

Institutional services

Academic monitoring

Quality assurance

Sustainability
Mobility – Eligible candidates

Eligible students:

- National and resident in any of the eligible countries
- Registered/admitted in or having obtained a HEI degree at the time of the application for a scholarship from:
  - one of the HEIs included in the partnership as a partner (including the applicant/coordinator) > Target Group I
  or
  - a HEI not included in the partnership as a partner but established in an eligible country > Target Group II
- Having sufficient knowledge of the language of the courses in the host country
Ex. Mobility – Target Group 1
Ex. Mobility – Target Group 2

HEI Country 1 (Not partner) STUDENTS

HEI Country 2 (Not partner) STUDENTS

Partner HEI Country 1 Students/Staff

Partner HEI Country 2 Students/Staff

Partner HEI Country 3 Students/Staff

Partner HEI Country 4 Students/Staff

HEI Country 5 STUDENTS

HEI Country 6 STUDENTS

HEI Country 7 STUDENTS
Mobility – Eligible candidates

*Eligible staff candidates:*

- Nationals and resident in any of the eligible countries
- Employed or associated with a HEI included in the partnership as a partner (including the applicant/ coordinating institution)
Mobility – requirements

➢ Type of mobility
  • Students: Master and Doctorates
  • Staff: Academic and Administrative

➢ Duration
  • Master students: min 6 max 24 months
  • Doctoral candidates: min 6 max 48 months
  • Staff: min 1 max 6 months

➢ Student mobility in three cohorts

Distribution per type of mobility

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<th>Type of Mobility</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Master</td>
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<td>Doctorate</td>
<td>15-30%</td>
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<td>Staff</td>
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Mobility – requirements

- Credit-/degree-seeking mobility
  - Credit-seeking mobility has to be **min 25%** of the student mobility

- Target Group:
  - Mobility of Target Group I has to represent **min 40%** of the student mobility

Recommended:
- Max 20% per nationality
- Gender balance
- Balanced distribution among partners
Mobility – Thematic fields of study

- Agriculture and Food security
- Engineering incl. Infrastructure and Energy
- Education Sciences
- Health sciences
- Marine Sciences and the Blue Economy
- Social Sciences and Governance
The EU grant

1. **Lump-sum** contribution for the *organisation* of the mobility:

   - EUR 20,000 per No. of partner HEIs (including applicant/coordinating HEI) + EU technical partner.

   - Maximum amount EUR 140,000 per partnership.
The EU grant

2. Unit costs to cover the implementation of the mobility (incl. scholarships to students/staff):

a. Travel costs: unit cost granted for each return ticket

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The EU grant

b. Subsistence allowance (+ settling-in allowance for students)
c. Participation costs
d. Research costs
e. Insurance

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<th>Type of mobility</th>
<th>b. Subsistence allowance (per month)</th>
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<td>Staff</td>
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The EU grant

f. Allowances for female scholarship holders

Extra allowance (=monthly subsistence allowance) per academic year to female scholarship holders for mobility equal or longer than 2 academic years.
Submission of applications

On-line submission

using an electronic application form (eForm),
duly completed and accompanied by its mandatory
annexes

Each partner needs to have a Participant Identification Code (PIC) –
check if they have or ask to create one in the Participants Portal:
http://ec.europa.eu/education/participants/portal/desktop/en/
organisations/register.html

**Deadline 15 June 2016 at 12:00 (noon)**

Central European Time (CET)
The eForm

✓ An interactive PDF form (Adobe’s Acrobat Reader)
✓ A form that you download (internet connection + standard browser software required)
✓ It does not require you to be online when you are filling-in or validating it
✓ It can be sent and shared by e-mail amongst partners like a normal file
✓ You have to be online when you submit it

The mandatory annexes

Annex 1: "Detailed description of the action”
Annex 2: Budget and Mobility Form
Annex 3: List of master and doctoral programs
Annex 4: The declaration on honour
Annexes 5a/5b: Mandates of partners and Mandate of EU technical partner
Annex 6: Legal Entity File (LEF) for all partners
Annex 7: Financial Identification Form only for the applicant
Two steps

**Step 1: online submission**

Once you have filled-in the eForm, validated the content and uploaded all the mandatory annexes

Click on the SUBMIT button of the E-form:

An automatic notification is sent with the project reference number
Two steps

Step 2: submission by e-mail

Send a copy of the submitted application (PDF eForm and annexes) - clearly indicating the project reference number – by e-mail to:

EACEA-IntraAfrica-IntraACP@ec.europa.eu

By the same deadline!

N.B. Applications submitted by e-mail only will not be accepted.
Submission of proposals: useful tips

✓ Read the Proposal Submission User Guide
✓ Make sure that you have the necessary **IT support**
✓ Do not try to fill-in the form directly online – **download** it
✓ **Save** the eForm regularly
✓ Only validate the eForm when you have completed it
✓ Once you click on the **submit button the eForm is locked** – no changes possible anymore

For technical assistance on the eForm:

**EACEA-HELPDESK@ec.europa.eu**
Where to find information?


Must start by reading:

✓ The Call for proposals guidelines
✓ The Proposal Submission User Guide
Selection procedure: main steps

EACEA

- Receive application
- Process / check eligibility
- Assessment of the award criteria
- Experts’ Panel
- Evaluation Committee
- Selection decision
Calendar of the 1st Call for proposals

Publication of the 1st Call for proposals
• 9 March 2016

Deadline for submission of applications
• 15 June 2016

Evaluation of Proposals
• June-July

Final decision & information to applicants
• August-September

Start of the projects
• 1st November 2016
For additional support:

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