Scholarships

Scholarship amounts vary according to the type of mobility and the duration (from a minimum of one month for staff mobility to a maximum of four years for doctoral studies).

Scholarships are designed to contribute to travel expenses, subsistence, insurance, research and participation costs for the duration of the mobility. Additional allowances are attributed to female scholarship holders for long term mobility periods.

Academic disciplines

A partnership may offer mobility in a range of courses provided by its partner HEIs at masters and doctoral level. The annual Calls for proposals will define specific academic fields to be covered under the mobility scheme.
What is the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme?

The Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme was established by the European Commission – Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development – in cooperation with the African Union Commission. It is part of the EU funded Pan-African Programme which supports the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership.

The Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme promotes higher education cooperation between countries in Africa. It aims to improve the skills and competences of students and staff of African countries through networking, mobility, institutional support and innovation between African countries.

The Programme provides financial support to partnerships of African Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for the organisation and implementation of student and staff mobility across the continent.

Who can apply?

The Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme is open to HEIs, as well as to masters students, doctoral candidates, academic and administrative staff members from African countries.

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

HEIs from Africa are eligible to apply for an EU grant in a partnership. Each partnership must comprise of between four and six African HEIs as partners, from at least three regions of Africa, and one HEI from EU as technical partner.

Projects will be selected under annual Calls for Proposals published by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency.

Individuals

Students and university staff members who are nationals and residents of an eligible country in Africa can apply for scholarships.

For studies (at masters and doctoral levels), scholarships are awarded to:
- students registered at one of the HEIs participating as a partner in the partnership (Target Group I)
- students who are registered in – or have graduated from – another HEI established in an eligible country in Africa (Target Group II)

For staff, scholarships are awarded to academics and administrative staff members who work in – or are associated with – one of the partner HEIs in the partnership.

Applications for scholarships by individuals should be addressed directly to the selected partnerships following calls for scholarship applications to be published on their website.

Why an academic mobility scheme within Africa?

Higher education plays a crucial role for economic and social development. In this process, mobility can improve the quality of higher education by enhancing the internationalisation of universities and harmonisation of academic programmes.

The partnerships among HEIs strengthen inter-university cooperation in the region, while the scholarships help develop highly-trained postgraduates and staff, who can benefit from mobility within the continent.

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The Programme grants scholarships to students (at masters and doctoral level) and to university (academic and administrative) staff members to carry out studies, research, teaching and training assignments in another African country.