Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme

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PanAfrican Programme

- Sustainable and Inclusive Development and Growth and Continental Integration
- Human Development
- Global and Emerging Issues
- Peace and security
- Democracy Good Governance and Human Rights

Continental Integration
Sustainable and Inclusive Development and Growth
Global and Emerging Issues
Human Development
Peace and security
Democracy Good Governance and Human Rights
New programme built on past experience

Intra-ACP academic mobility scheme

15 Partnerships selected in Africa

Intra-Africa academic mobility scheme

3 selection rounds expected (2016 – 2020)
How is the scheme managed?

- Setting of priorities and funding
- Programme cycle management
- Advice/expertise

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Which are the objectives of the scheme?

- To promote **internationalisation** and contribute to **harmonisation** of Higher Education systems in Africa through stronger **cooperation** among Higher Education Institutions.

- To **improve skills and competencies** and **increase career development opportunities** through enhanced **mobility** of students and staff within African countries.
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 funding is available per year?

- **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
Main features

A. 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 countries

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<th>All African Countries</th>
<th>Regions of Africa</th>
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<td>Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Congo (DRC), Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and São Tomé and Principe</td>
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<td>Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania</td>
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<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

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)
B. 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
C. Mobility – Eligible candidates

Eligible students:

- National and resident in any of the African countries
- Registered/admitted in or having obtained a HEI degree at the time of the application for a scholarship from:
  - one of the African HEIs included in the partnership as applicant/partner > **Target Group I**
  - or
  - a HEI not included in the partnership as a partner/applicant but established in Africa > **Target Group II**
D. Mobility – Eligible candidates

Eligible staff candidates:

- Nationals and resident in any of the African countries and
- Employed or associated with a HEI included in the partnership as applicant/partner
E. Mobility – requirements

➢ Target Group:
  • Mobility of Target Group I has to represent \textbf{min 40\%} of the student mobility

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

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<td>Staff</td>
<td>10-30%</td>
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E. Mobility – requirements

➢ Duration

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

➢ Credit-/degree-seeking mobility

• Credit-seeking mobility has to be min 25% of the students' mobility

Strongly recommended

• Max 20% per nationality
• Gender balance
• Balanced distribution among partners
F. 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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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.
Results of the 1st Call – submission phase

N. applications received by the deadline: 38
N. applications eligible: 34

African countries represented: 35
African regions represented: all 5 regions
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Number of applications per African country (applicant)
Involvement of the 5 regions in applications (% of total N. of applications)
Participation of EU countries (EU Technical partner)
Percentage of applications per thematic field*

- **Agriculture and Food Security**: 44.7%
- **Education Sciences**: 23.7%
- **Engineering including Infrastructure and Energy**: 36.8%
- **Health Sciences**: 44.7%
- **Marine Sciences and the Blue Economy**: 7.9%
- **Social Sciences and Governance**: 31.6%

*Each application can address more than one thematic field*
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
Our website

Questions?