Scientists in Crop Improvement for Food Security in Africa

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Scholarship Advertisement – Credit-Seeking (Short Term) Academic Mobility

Intra-Africa Academic mobility Project: Partnership for Training *Scientist in Crop Improvement for Food Security in Africa (SCIFSA)*

What is the program about?

The EU under its Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme has provided funding to support training of graduate students in African universities. In this academic mobility programme five African partner institutions and one EU partner are collaborating in the training of professionals in crop science to achieve effective food security in Africa that shall lead to increased food production and enhanced food and nutritional security, and hence, improved livelihood and household revenue. A total of 24 Masters (6 credit seeking, 18 degree-seeking) and 12 Doctorates (4 credit seeking, 8 degree-seeking) scholarships will be offered in the thematic areas of Plant breeding, Biotechnology, Seed science and technology, Agronomy, Vegetable crop production, Pesticides and plant protection. The project will run until 31st October 2023. SCIFSA is happy to announce the availability of 8 short term credit seeking mobility (7 MSc students and 1 PhD). The credit seeking mobility will be hosted at any of the five partner universities (see the table below). For credit seeking mobility the scholar will be spend between 6 and 12 months in the host institution.

The Call for applications is open from 27th June 2022 to 11th August 2022. The application for scholarship should be sent to the project coordinating office (mobilityscifsa@gmail.com) with copy to the coordinator at the sending institution for Target group 1 (see the list below). To apply, download application form from the project website (http://www.SCIFSA.org), fill and send to the e-mails above. **Due Covid-19 pandemic, the starting date of the mobility can be adjusted accordingly.**

The scholarships are open to candidates from Target group 1 (Egypt (Cairo University), Ghana (University of Ghana, Legon), Kenya (University of Eldoret), Senegal (Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar) and Uganda (Makerere University)) and African students studying in a Higher Education Institution in any African country can apply as Target Group 2. Please note that candidates will only be allowed to apply to institution outside of their home countries. Female and candidates with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

Specific programmes on offer:

Host institution	Programme	Number of fellowships	Language of instruction	Website	Contact person
Makerere University	PhD Programme in Plant Breeding and Biotechnology MSc in Plant breeding and Seed Systems	**1** **2**	**English**	**www.mak.ac.ug**	*thomas.l.odong@gmail.com*
University of Ghana Legon	PhD in Plant Breeding MSc Crop Science (Plant breeding option)	**2**	**English**	**www.wacci.edu.gh** **www.ug.edu.gh**	**adanquah@wacci.ug.edu.gh**
University of Cairo	**MSc in Agronomy or MSc in Vegetable crops**	**1**	**English**		**darwishsaleh@agr.cu.edu.eg**
University of Eldoret	**PhD in Seed Science** **MSc in Seed Science and Technology**	**1** **1**	**English**	**www.uoeld.ac.ke**	**juliusochuodho@gmail.com**
Universite CheikhAuta Diop de Dakar	MSc in Pesticides and Plant Protection	**1**	**English/French**	**www.ucad.sn**	**Prof Kandioura NOBA** **kandioura.noba@ucad.edu.sn**
Universite CheikhAuta Diop de Dakar	MSc in Plant and Microbial Technology	**1**	**English/French**	**www.ucad.sn**	**Prof Kandioura NOBA** **kandioura.noba@ucad.edu.sn**

For more information on the Intra-ACP mobility programme contact Dr Thomas Odong email: thomas.l.odong@gmail.com Website: (http://www.scifa.org)

Scholarship covers

The scholars will cover monthly subsistence allowance for the entire mobility period (600 Euro for MSc and 900 Euros for PhD), settling in allowance, round trip ticket, visa cost and Comprehensive insurance (Health, Accident and Travel)

Eligibility

Applicant for the scholarship must be

1) Be nationals and resident in any eligible African Countries (Target group 1 (Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Senegal and Uganda) and Target group 2 (Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Sudan and Tunisia))

2) Have sufficient knowledge of language of instruction of courses in the host country

3) Full fill the criteria of one of the target groups below

Target group 1 (TG1)

Masters or PhD credit seeking applicant: student must be registered (prove of registration) in one the five partner universities (Cairo University, Makerere University, Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar, University of Eldoret and University of Ghana, Legon).

Target group 2 (TG2)

For credit-seeking mobility applicants: Students must be registered in any African Higher Institution of learning.

Criteria

The home and host universities of the consortium will work together to evaluate the applications based upon the following criteria 1) Academic merit 2) Motivation for mobility period 3) Language skills 4) Research project proposal Selection criteria.

Note: The applicant **must** provide proof that the credit obtained from the host institution will be accepted in the home institution. This should be provided in terms of a letter from Academic registrar or Vice chancellor-in-charge of academic affairs. In the case the mobility period be used for research purpose, the applicant should provide ***support letters from the supervisor*** and the acceptance letter from the laboratory/group in the host institution where the research will be done.