



INTRA-AFRICA ACADEMIC MOBILITY CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIPS YEAR 2021/22

Project: Collaborative training in fisheries and aquaculture in East, Central and Southern Africa (COTRA)

1.0 Introduction

The EU, under the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme, provided funding to strengthen training and research in African universities from 1st November 2017 until 31st October 2022. In this mobility programme five African partner institutions and one EU Technical partner embarked on training of professionals to achieve sustainable fisheries management and aquaculture resources for increased fish production and enhanced food and nutritional security, and hence, improved livelihood and household revenue seeking. The programme is now supporting training of masters and Doctorates following two tracks: a) degree-seeking and b) credit seeking in Fisheries Management, Aquaculture, Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Ichthyology, Zoology and Biology. **COTRA has opened the call for application from suitable PhD and MSc degree/credit seeking candidates to apply for the available positions indicated in Tables 1 and 2 before 14th May 2021 (Midnight East African time).**

2.0 Conditions for all applicants

- i) Applicants are only allowed to apply to study in an institution outside of their home countries.
- ii) Any applicant who has previously benefitted from EU funded mobility program and those who obtained the previous degrees from Europe does not qualify.
- iii) Females and candidates with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.
- iv) Applications must be submitted fully-filled scholarship application forms available on the programme website (<http://www.cotraintrafrica.org/>) either online through email or postal services.
- v) In order to facilitate and fasten the mobility process, each applicant is advised to apply to the hosting university for admission. The admission criteria for each university can be found from their respective websites.
- vi) Applications must be received by host and home institutions through the **Country coordinator** – see **Tables 1 and 2** or found at <http://www.cotraintrafrica.org/contacts> with a copy to contraintrafrica@gmail.com by 14th May 2021 (Midnight East African time).

3.0 Special Conditions for Degree seeking applicants

The scholarships are open to candidates from the two target groups seeking to study master's degree in corresponding host institutions indicated in Table I.

- i) **Target group I:** Applicant who have obtained bachelor's degrees in Fisheries, Aquaculture, Limnology, Hydrobiology, Ichthyology, Aquatic Sciences, Biology or relevant natural sciences programmes from University of Eldoret (Kenya), Makerere University (Uganda), Rhodes University (South Africa), Mzuzu University (Malawi), and the Official University of Bukavu (DR Congo)
- ii) **Target Group 2:** Applicants who have obtained bachelor's degrees in Fisheries, Aquaculture, Limnology, Hydrobiology, Ichthyology, Aquatic Sciences, Biology or relevant natural sciences programmes from any other institutions in West African region.





- iii) Candidates with bachelor's degrees Fisheries, Aquaculture, Limnology, Hydrobiology, Ichthyology, Aquatic Sciences, Biology or relevant natural sciences programmes from University of Abomey Calavi, Benin are particularly encouraged.

3.1 Benefits for Degree seeking successful applicants

- The candidates will register, study and complete the entire master's degree programme at the host institution (Table 1).
- The maximum study duration of the mobility for the master's degree programme is two years (24 months).
- All costs including tuition, research, for special training sessions, monthly allowance (€600 or its equivalence in dollars and/or local currency), travel and insurance are provided from the scholarship
- Special allowance of (€600 or its equivalence in dollars and/or local currency for females is provided every 10 months of stay at host institution

Table 1: Degree seeking (student registers and completes the degree at the host institution)

S/N	Sending Institution	Host Institution	Programme	Number of positions & Gender	Contact person
1	Rhodes University	Makerere University	MSc. in Zoology (Fisheries and aquatic Sciences)	2 Female 2 Male	Dr. Peter Akoll pakoll@cns.mak.ac.ug
2	University of Abomey Calavi or any West African institutions of Higher Education	Rhodes University	MSc in Ichthyology	1 Female	Dr. Cliff Jones c.jones@ru.ac.za
3	University of Abomey Calavi or any West African institutions of Higher Education	Mzuzu University	MSc. in Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences	1 Female	Mr. Bob Jere bobjere@gmail.com
4	University of Abomey Calavi or any West African institutions of Higher Education	Official University of Bukavu	MSc. in Biology (Hydrobiology)	1 Female	Prof. Mbalassa Mulongaibalu mbalassamulongaibalu3@gmail.com
5	University of Eldoret	Official University of Bukavu	MSc. in Biology (Hydrobiology)	1 Female	Prof. Mbalassa Mulongaibalu Mbalassamulongaibalu3@gmail.com
6	University of Abomey Calavi or any West African institutions of Higher Education	Makerere University	MSc in Zoology (Fisheries and aquatic Sciences)	2 Female	Dr. Peter Akoll pakoll@cns.mak.ac.ug

4.0 Special Conditions for Credit seeking applicants

- The scholarships are open to credit seeking candidates from **target group I partner institutions only** (Table 2)
- The applicants **MUST** be registered at University of Eldoret (Kenya), Makerere University (Uganda), Rhodes University (South Africa), Mzuzu University (Malawi), and the Official University of Bukavu (DR Congo) to study at the corresponding host Institution (Table 2)
- The Masters students seeking credit **MUST** have completed **ONE Semester** at Home institution to qualify for credit seeking at the partner institutions



- iv. The candidates should refer to the programme curricula at respective host institution and confirm the availability of courses he/she intends to study.

4.1 Benefits for Degree seeking successful applicants

- Credit seeking mobility students will undertake one semester courses at another university within a duration of not more than 10 months.
- All costs including research, for special training sessions, monthly allowance (€600 for MSc and €900 for PhD or its equivalence in dollars and/or local currency), travel and insurance are provided from the scholarship
- All students on credit seeking are exempted from payment of tuition at host institution

Table 2: Credit seeking (student studies at a host institution for at least one Semester)

S/N	Sending Institution	Host Institution	Programme	Number & Gender	Contact person
1	Makerere University	University of Eldoret	MSc in Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences (option: Fisheries Management or Aquaculture)	2 Females	Dr Frank Masese f.masese@gmail.com
2	Mzuzu University	Makerere University	MSc in Zoology (Fisheries and aquatic Sciences)	1 Female	Dr. Peter Akoll pakoll@cns.mak.ac.ug
3	Official University of Bukavu	Mzuzu University	MSc. in Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences	1 Female 1 Male	Mr. Bob Jere bobjere@gmail.com
4.	Makerere University	Mzuzu University	PhD in Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences	1 Female	Mr. Bob Jere bobjere@gmail.com
5.	Mzuzu University	University of Eldoret	PhD in Fisheries (option: Fisheries Management or Aquaculture)	1 Female	Dr Frank Masese f.masese@gmail.com
6.	Mzuzu University	Makerere University	PhD in Zoology (Fisheries and aquatic Sciences)	1 Female	Dr. Peter Akoll pakoll@cns.mak.ac.ug

All interested candidates should download the application form, fill it and submit either through email or postal services. The applications for scholarship should be submitted to the COUNTRY coordinator_(found here: <http://www.cotraintrafrica.org/contacts>) with a copy to contraintrafrica@gmail.com. Scholarship application form is available on the programme website (<http://www.cotraintrafrica.org/>).