

INTRA AFRICA ACADEMIC MOBILITY SCHEME



Call for Scholarship Applications Deadline for Applications: 17 September 2026

This call offers scholarships for master's and doctoral studies

BACKGROUND

PERI-ACE (Partners Enhancing Resilience through African Centres of Excellence) promotes cooperation between African Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and supports academic mobility across the continent. The scheme provides support for consortia of African HEIs and scholarship opportunities for African trainees, students at master's and doctoral levels, and university staff. The core partners are Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia), Cheikh Anta Diop University (Senegal), Ardhi University (Tanzania), 2iE (Burkina Faso), Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique) and Stellenbosch University (South Africa) is the lead institution and hosting the secretariat.

Activities under PERI-ACE are organised around four climate sub-themes that guide mobility, research and curriculum design across all partner institutions:

1. **Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security** for enhancing the adaptive capacities of farming systems to cope with climate variability.
2. **Water Resource Management** in addressing challenges in access, quality and management of water resources in a changing climate.
3. **Renewable Energy and Green Solutions** for promoting innovations in renewable energy to support climate resilience.
4. **Disaster Risk Reduction and Management** for strengthening community preparedness and responses to climate-induced disasters.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

These are some of the project eligibility criteria that are considered when awarding scholarships: academic merit, financial need, letters of recommendation.

The Call is open to African nationals. You are encouraged to carefully read the application guidelines before completing the form.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

ELIBILITY CRITERIA

Students must be both a national and resident of an African country to apply for:

A. Master and Doctoral Mobility

To qualify, you must be registered or admitted to a Higher Education Institution established in Africa or have obtained a university degree from such an institution. This mobility option can be either short-term or for the entire duration of an academic programme.

B. Traineeship Mobility

To qualify, you must be enrolled in a Bachelor/Master/PhD programme at one of the African Higher Education Institutions participating in the Intra-Africa consortia selected as of 2023. Trainees will engage in placement periods with private or public organizations in a country different from their nationality and residence.

TARGET GROUPS

Applicants for **master's and doctoral studies** must be currently registered in, admitted to, or hold a degree from either:

- **Target Group 1:** A core African institution within the PERI-ACE consortium.
- **Target Group 2:** Another Higher Education Institution (HEI) established in an eligible African country that is not part of the PERI-ACE consortium.

Applicants for **traineeships** must be a student enrolled in a bachelor/master/doctorate programme in one of the [PERI-ACE core African institutions](#).

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- The academic languages of instruction at the core African partner institutions are:
 - **French:** 2iE and Cheikh Anta Diop University
 - **English:** Addis Ababa University, Ardhi University, 2iE, Eduardo Mondlane University, and Stellenbosch University
- To apply for the Intra Africa Academic Scheme, PERI-ACE scholarship, you must [submit an online form](#). Other methods of applying may be considered, and exceptions made, on a case-by-case basis. If you have any questions, contact networks@sun.ac.za.
- The link to the online application form is at the end of the document.

PARTNER UNIVERSITY ADMISSION INFORMATION

Please apply concurrently for university admission, whilst applying for the scholarship. Below you will find the URL to each core African institution's admission webpage and the application submission deadline, unless otherwise advised.

Institution	URL to application links	Application submission deadline
Stellenbosch University	Apply for Postgraduate Studies Stellenbosch University	Apply by 31 August 2026
Addis Ababa University	AAU Admission	For university admission, email: zeleke.agide@aau.edu.et
Ardhi University	https://www.aru.ac.tz/pages/postgraduate-degree-programmes	Apply by 21 September 2026
Cheikh Anta Diop University	CAMPUSEN for foreign students	Apply by 30 September 2026
2iE	Accueil	Apply by 31 August 2026
Eduardo Mondlane University	Email Karina Motani for the course information.	Applications are received throughout the year.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship Allocation

The 40 mobility opportunities are distributed across 3 categories:

- Master's scholarships - combining full-degree mobilities of 24 months and credit-seeking mobilities of 10 months.
- Doctoral scholarships - 36-month research programmes aligned with regional climate priorities.
- Traineeships - five-month placements at associated partners ICPAC and AMCOW. *More information to follow during the next call.*

Scholarship breakdown

Mobility Type	Mobility Duration	Subsistence Allowance	What is Covered?
Master's	2 Years	€890 p.m	Travel (airfare), visa fee, subsistence allowance - including accommodation, settling-in allowance (once-off on arrival), female allowance (paid yearly), insurance, academic expenses (eg. tuition, printing, etc.), and research/fieldwork.
Doctorate	3 Years	€1,230 p.m	Travel (airfare), visa fee, subsistence allowance - including accommodation, settling-in allowance (once-off on arrival), female allowance (paid yearly), insurance, academic expenses (eg. tuition, printing, etc.), and research/fieldwork.
Traineeships	5 months	€1,230 p.m	Travel (airfare), visa fee, subsistence allowance - including accommodation, and insurance.

Provision is made for one special-needs scholarship to support a candidate with disabilities.

TIMEFRAMES

11 August – 17 September 2026	Call for Applications.
16 September – 16 October 2026	Shortlisting & Selection period.
23 October 2026	Selection Meeting.
26 – 28 October 2026	Inform successful and unsuccessful applicants of the application outcome.
2 November 2026	Scholarship commencement period

CONTACT DETAILS

- For further information, contact PERI-ACE Project Coordinator at Stellenbosch University International by email networks@sun.ac.za.
- To contact the representative at a core African partner institution, [Partners | PERI-ACE](#)

LINK TO THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORMS

Please click the appropriate online application portal

- Master's Degree seeking application form : <https://redcap.sun.ac.za/surveys/?s=KCP98YPCTXPJYAHW>
- Master's Credit seeking application form : <https://redcap.sun.ac.za/surveys/?s=KCP98YPCTXPJYAHW>
- Doctoral Application Form: <https://redcap.sun.ac.za/surveys/?s=JTNM9H379PRFCARF>