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Share Capacity

Sharing Capacity to Build Capacity for Quality Graduate training in Agriculture in African Universities (SHARE)

Doctorates and Master's Scholarships and Staff Mobilities in Eastern, Central, Southern and Western Africa.

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About SHARE Project

SHARE is a partnership of 12 African Universities in Eastern, Central, Southern and Western Africa led by Makerere University in Uganda to improve the quality of graduate training through sharing their capacities. The members of the partnership are Stellenbosch University (South Africa), Haramaya University (Ethiopia), Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique), University of Zambia (Zambia), Gezira University (Sudan), Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology (Kenya), Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (Malawi),University of Burundi (Burundi), Abomey Calavi University (Benin), University of Cape Coast (Ghana), and University of Port Harcourt (Nigeria). The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), Association of African Universities (AAU) and the Inter Universities Council for East Africa (IUCEA) are Associate Partners. The Project is financed under the Intra ACP Academic Mobility Scheme of the European Commission. The project supports staff and students exchange in various disciplines of agriculture within and outside the 12 member countries of the partnership.

SHARE's Main Objectives:

The overall objective is to share capacity and infrastructure among African universities for quality graduate training. Specifically, the project aims at;

1. Strengthening capacities of consortium members through student and staff exchange;
2. Creating opportunities for African young scientists to acquire Masters and PhD training in agricultural related disciplines;
3. Providing a platform for the partner universities to learn together for the purpose of improving their graduate training and mentorship

Scholarships Available

The student mobility scholarships are of two types namely; Target Group 1(TG1) and Target Group 2 (TG2). TG1 refers to **students** registered in or having obtained a degree by one of the HEIs that is a member of the partnership and **staff** working in or being associated with one of the HEIs that is a member of the partnership. TG2 refers to **students** registered in a HEI that is not included in the partnership, or who have obtained a degree or equivalent from an ACP HEI.

The distribution of scholarships among TG1 and TG2 is as in the mobility summary table below;

	Masters	PhD	Staff
TG 1	**36**	**11**	**12**
TG 2	**08**	**02**	**00**

To ensure equitable distribution of the TG1 scholarships in line with the project objectives the following mobility flows have been agreed upon by the partners.

Mobility Flows

	University	Academic Programme	TG1 PhD	TG1 MSc	Uganda	Kenya	Ethiopia	Mozambique	Malawi	Benin	Ghana	Nigeria	Burundi	Sudan	Zambia	SA	TOTALS
					MaK	JKUAT	HU	EMU	LUANAR	UAC	UCC	UPH	UB	UG	UNZA	SU	
	Makerere University (MaK)	Agricultural and Rural Innovations (PhD)	4				1		1					1	1		4
		Plant Breeding and Biotechnology (PhD)	3							1	1			1			3
		Plant Breeding and Seed Systems (MSc)		3						1			1	1			3
	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT)	Research Methods (MSc)		6			1				1	1	1	1	1		6
	Haramaya University (HU)	Agrometeorology and Risk Management (MSc)		6		1							1	2	2		6
	Eduardo Mondlane University (EMU)	Agricultural Economics (MSc)		5			1		1	1		1	1				5
	University of Malawi, Bunda College of Agriculture (LUANAR)	Aquaculture and Fisheries Science (MSc)		5		1	1						1	1	1		5
	Stellenbosch University SU)	Agricultural Sciences (PhD)	4					1		1		1	1				4
		Food Science (MSc)		4	1			1		1		1					4
	University of d'Abomey Calavi (UAC)	Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity (MSc)		3									3				3
	University of Cape Coast (UCC)	Agricultural Extension (MPhil)		4		1		1				1		1			4
	TOTALS			**36**	**1**	**3**	**4**	**3**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**5**	**9**	**8**	**5**	**0**	

How to Apply : Step by Step Process

The following steps will guide you through the application process for the SHARE scholarship

Preparing the Application.

1. Check that you are eligible for the scholarship by reading the call and guidelines on the project website (www.africasharecapacity.com)
2. Identify the target group to which you belong and establish the available scholarships in that category
3. Select the academic programme for which you wish to apply for a scholarship.
4. Before choosing an academic programme ensure that you understand the ***tuition language*** in which the programme is instructed
5. Ensure that you have an academic background required by academic programme you wish to enroll for.
6. You can not apply to more than one academic programme nor Hosting institution
7. Collate all the required supporting documents before completing the application form
8. Several documents are mandatory, if not uploaded or attached the form cannot be submitted or your application will not be accepted
9. In circumstances where documents are corrupted, unclear or unreadable, the application will be considered invalid and will not be evaluated.
10. If you are applying to a PhD programme ensure that you have a clear concept note detailing the viability and relevance of the proposed research project
11. Only applications submitted online or by email will be accepted.

Online Submission

To complete the online application form log on **www.africasharecapacity.com**, click on how to apply and follow the steps there in. Alternatively, download a Microsoft Word Form complete it and send by Email with required supporting documents.

Submission by Email

1. Identify the academic programme for which you want to apply for the SHARE Project scholarship.
2. Download the MS Word version of the application form and complete it using a computer. No hand written applications will be accepted.
   - i. For TG1 applicants, obtain recommendation from your home/sending institution in your country. Please note that this applies to only TG1 applicants.
   - ii. Scan all the required documents including certified academic testimonials and evidence of your nationality (data page of your passport or national Identity Card) for electronic submission. Only documents submitted electronically will be considered.
   - iii. Attach all the relevant documents (see FAQ on the project website)
   - iv. Submit your completed application form and other requirements as attachments by email to: shareproject@caes.mak.ac.ug. The deadline for receiving applications is Mid-night of 15th July 2013.
   - v. Confirm that your application was transmitted by sending a separate email to shareproject@caes.mak.ac.ug requesting for acknowledgement of receipt of your application.

What do I need to Apply?

1. The applicants should submit all the required documents, together with the application form in digital format. If a candidate fails to do so, the application will be immediate excluded immediately without any possibility of reconsideration. The following documents are mandatory;
   - i. Completed application form
   - ii. Evidence of Nationality (ie data page of the applicant's passport/or National ID issued by an authorized authority)
   - ii. Academic Testimonials and Certificates (transcript of records)
   - iii Recommendation letter from the home university (for TG1 category only)
   - iv. Curriculum vitae/resume (for PhD applicants only).
   - v. Certificate of language proficiency where the language of instruction in the programme applied for is different from that used in your previous studies.
2. All documents mentioned above must be attached to the application form. It is important to emphasise the fact that **incomplete applications or with blank or unreadable documents or uncertified documents** will not be considered eligible and will immediately be excluded.

Applications Evaluation and Selection

The following process will apply in the evaluation and selection of the applicants;

A. Eligibility criteria

Eligibility check for TG1 will be conducted by the home/sending HEI while that of TG2 will be conducted by the SHARE Secretariat. The criteria for eligibility include:

a) Proof that the candidate is from a legible country (See application guidelines)
b) The candidate fulfills the Target Group requirements
c) The application deadline is respected
d) The right application form is used
e) All required documents are submitted and are legible
f) The application is in English

B. Evaluation of the applications

A committee comprising of representatives of all the partner institutions will evaluate the applications. A panel of three members selected from the committee will assess and score each application independently based on the criteria outlined in the table below. Members of the panel for each candidate exclude the home/sending Univesity and include a member from the host University.

Scoring of Applications (MSc and PhD)

Criteria	Max. points for MSc/MPhil	Max. Points for PhD
(i) Academic merit	10	10
(ii) Quality of motivation statement	5	5
(iii) Language abilities	3	5
(iv) Work experience	2	5
(v) Quality of the concept note	-	10
(vi) Publications	-	5
Total Max points	20	40

C .Selection of the candidates

The results of the independent assessment will be compiled and aggregated. The final selection by the committee will be based on the aggregated scores and other cross-cutting criteria such as gender. Applicants currently in the diaspora will have an added advantage.

D. Communication of the selection results

After the final selection by the committee, the SHARE Secretariatwill communicate to all applicants (by email) regarding the outcomes of the selection process. A candidate may be selected outright, put on the reserve list or rejected. The communications will also be copied to the respective home/sending and host Universities as necessary. Only the successful candidates will be published on the project website unless a written objection from the candidate is received by the project secretarial.

What Should I expect after getting the SHARE Scholarship?

Successful candidates will be entitled to the following:

1. Tuition and other university charges (participation costs)
2. A monthly subsistence allowance of EUR 600 and EUR 900 for Masters and PhD respectively
3. Settling in Allowance of EUR 600 and of EUR 900 for Masters and PhD respectively paid once
4. Health Insurance worth EUR 75 per month
5. A return Air-Ticket
6. A refund for Visa costs

Please note that the scholarship does not provide a separate budget for research.

SHARE Supported Programmes

Programme	Country	HEI	Language of Instruction
PhD in Agricultural and Rural Innovation	Uganda	Makerere University	English
PhD in Plant Breeding and Biotechnology			
MSc in Plant Breeding and Seed Systems			
PhD in Agricultural Sciences	South Africa	Stellenbosch University	English
MSc in Food Science			
MSc in Research Methods	Kenya	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology	English
Master of Philosophy in Agricultural Extension	Ghana	University of Cape Coast	English
MSc in Aquaculture and Fisheries	Malawi	Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources	English
MSc in Agricultural Economics	Mozambique	Eduardo Mondlane University	English / Portuguese
MSc in Agrometeorology and Risk Management	Ethiopia	Haramaya University	English