

## **HEED-Africa**

### **Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme**

# **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

## **Apply for Masters Programme Mobility Scholarship**

### **First Cohort-2019/2020**

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION IS JUNE 15, 2019**

#### **The Intra-Africa Programme**

The Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scholarship Programme is a cooperation and mobility programme in the area of higher education. It promotes cooperation between higher education institutions and supports mobility in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific regions. The Programme aims to increase access to quality education that will encourage and enable students to undertake postgraduate studies, and to promote student retention in the region along with mobility of staff (academic and administrative), while increasing the competitiveness and attractiveness of the institutions themselves. Under this framework, HEED-Africa is one of the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Programme projects funded by the European Commission. Further details about the Programme can be found at the EACEA website:

<https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra-africa/>

#### **About HEED-Africa**

Harmonization of Entrepreneurship Education Delivery in Africa (HEED-Africa) project is made up of a consortium of partner universities from Africa and Europe. The consortium comprises of Addis Ababa University, Coordinating Institution (Ethiopia), the University of Ghana (Ghana), Milpark Education (South Africa), Makerere University (Uganda), Kyambogo University (Uganda) and the University of Wolverhampton (United Kingdom). HEED-Africa strives to foster the development of student and staff academic exchange

through a systematic academic mobility flows framework in joint study, researches, academic activities, and mobility agreements across five regional higher education institutions.

The main objective of HEED-Africa is to develop and implement harmonized knowledge ecosystems in entrepreneurship through embedding entrepreneurship education in the thematic fields of business, administration and law, through this enhance individual capacities and institutional capabilities for entrepreneurship education delivery in sub-Saharan Africa. It also aims to create the learning conditions to increase the ability of graduates to become job creators rather than job seekers. The expected outputs of HEED-Africa include training of 117 master's students, doctorate students, academic and administrative staff. Specifically, HEED-Africa project will:

- Promote increased adoption of entrepreneurship education in the higher education sub-sector.
- Stimulate socio-economic mobility through harmonised entrepreneurship education to mobilise the entrepreneurial potential of graduate.
- Contribute to the improvement of the quality of higher education, through the promotion of internationalisation and harmonisation of entrepreneurship programmes.
- Reinforce the roles of African higher education institutions in general as catalysts for socio-economic development.
- Increase access to quality higher education by enabling students, academics and staffs to benefit culturally and professionally.



## Mobility Programmes and Scholarship Offers

HEED-Africa calls for outstanding masters' students to apply for academic mobility scholarship-2019/2020 in the following master's programme field of studies on the basis of 6 months and 11 months mobility scholarship duration. Before choosing the master's programmes field of study and hosting university, it is strongly recommended that applicants should first check and go with the available 1 semester (6 months) or 2 semesters (11 months) based courses and masters' thesis work areas at each of the host universities' website and HEED website <http://www.heed-africa.org>.

Mobility Code	Mobility Field of Studies	Scholarship Mobility Type	Home Institution	Host Institution	Mobility Duration	Scholarship Offers
HEED KYU-MP/01	Masters in Business Administration	Credit Seeking/Degree Seeking	Kyambogo University	Milpark Education	6 Months	2
					11 Months	1
HEED MP-KYU/02	Masters in Business Administration	Credit Seeking/Degree Seeking	Milpark Education	Kyambogo University	6 Months	2
					11 Months	1
HEED AAU-UG/01	Masters in Business Administration	Credit Seeking (Courses/Thesis)	Addis Ababa University	University of Ghana	6 Months	2
HEED TG2-MU/02	Masters in Business Administration	Credit Seeking (Courses/Thesis)	Target Group 2	Makerere University	6 Months	2
HEED TG2-UG/01	Masters in Business Administration	Credit Seeking (Courses/Thesis)	Target Group 2	University of Ghana	6 Months	2
HEED UG-AAU/01	Masters in Public Administration	Credit Seeking (Courses/Thesis)	University of Ghana	Addis Ababa University	6 Months	2
					11 Months	1
HEED AAU-UG/02	Masters in Public Management	Credit Seeking (Courses/Thesis)	Addis Ababa University	University of Ghana	6 Months	2
					11 Months	1
HEED MU-AAU/01	MA in Economic	Credit Seeking (Courses/Thesis)	Makerere University	Addis Ababa University	6 Months	2
					11 Months	1
HEED AAU-MU/02	MSc in Economics	Credit Seeking (Courses/Thesis)	Addis Ababa University	Makerere University	6 Months	2
					11 Months	1

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## Scholarship Types and Host Universities

The HEED-Africa academic mobility scholarship supports master's degree programme exchange students to attend 1 semester or 2 semester's courses or to undertake their master's thesis work at one of the partner host universities. Hence, applicants should check and choose the available semester based courses at the host universities before submitting applications. Priority will be given to master's student academic mobility scholarship participant to pursue their studies in a form of:

- **Credit-seeking** master's student mobility scholarship of 6 or 11 months in one of the host university, leading to academic recognition of the study period abroad towards a master's degree programme at the home university.
- **Degree-seeking** master's student mobility scholarship of 11 months in one of the host university, to complete a full master's degree at the host or home university.

The master's academic mobility scholarship can only be conducted in one of the 5 following universities:

- Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia ([www.aau.edu.gov.et](http://www.aau.edu.gov.et))
- Kyambogo University, Uganda ([www.kyu.ac.ug](http://www.kyu.ac.ug))
- Makerere University, Uganda ([www.mak.ac.ug](http://www.mak.ac.ug))
- Milpark Education, South Africa ([www.milpark.ac.za](http://www.milpark.ac.za))
- University of Ghana, Ghana ([www.ug.edu.gh](http://www.ug.edu.gh))

## Mobility Scholarship Duration

<b>6 Months Scholarship</b>	Selected scholarship holders with 6 months mobility duration should <i>start their academic studies at the HOST universities in early August, 2019 and end or return to their HOME universities in late January, 2020</i> . Up on the student's successful completion of 1 semester based master's programme courses or thesis work, the host university will transfer courses grades and results to his/her the home university as <i>credit seeking student</i> .
<b>11 Months Scholarship</b>	Selected scholarship holders with 11 months mobility duration should <i>start their academic studies at the HOST universities in early August, 2019 and end or return to their HOME universities in late June, 2020</i> . Up on the student's successful completion of the master's programme 2 semesters courses or thesis work, the host university will transfer courses grades and results to his/her the home university as <i>credit or degree seeking student</i> .

## Scholarship Awards and Benefits

In this first cohort call, HEED-Africa will offer 24 partial master's students academic mobility scholarships on a competitive basis to outstanding African candidates meeting the selection criteria. For selected master's students, the HEED-Africa scholarship will cover:

- Economic class roundtrip flight ticket and visa costs;
- Insurance (Health, accident and travel);
- A monthly subsistence allowance of 700 Euro per month for the mobility duration;
- One-off settling in allowance of 700 Euro upon arrival to cover installation costs;
- An extra 700 Euro allowance to female master student's per academic year for mobility durations equal or longer than two academic years;
- Participation cost of 3,500 Euro to be managed by the host institution per academic year only for mobility durations equal or longer than 10 months;
- Research costs of 600 Euro to be managed by the host institution per academic year only for mobility durations equal or longer than 10 months;
- Where possible, the applicant's home/sending institution can supplement the grant from their own budget.

## Eligibility

In order to be eligible for a HEED-Africa scholarship, applicants can apply from the Target Group 1 and Target Group 2 countries explained below. To be eligible for a scholarship, master students must meet the following criteria at the time of their applications.

- **Be a national and resident** in any of the eligible countries covered by the Programme.
- **For Target Group I:** Be registered or admitted in or having obtained a Higher Education Institution degree or equivalent from one of the five partner institution. These eligible institutions and countries are:

<b>Target Group I</b>
Ethiopia (Addis Ababa University), Uganda (University of Makerere and Kyambogo University), Ghana (University of Ghana), South Africa (Milpark Education)

- **For Target Group II:** Be registered or admitted in or having obtained a Higher Education Institution degree or equivalent from a Higher Education Institution not included in the partnership but established in an eligible country of the Programme. These eligible African countries are:

<b>Target Group II</b>
Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Congo (DRC), Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and São Tomé and Príncipe, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania, Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia and Morocco, Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Cape Verde, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo

- Students can only benefit from one scholarship within the same project under the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme-2017 regardless of the type of mobility.
- Students having benefitted from scholarship(s) under the previous Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme cannot receive scholarships under the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme.
- No mobility flows for student between institutions located in a country associated with HEED-Africa a partner is eligible. (For example, mobility from/to Makerere University or Kyambogo University).
- Female applicants and applicants with disabilities are highly encouraged to apply.

## Application Procedure

Master's students' mobility scholarship applicants must fulfil the following application procedures depending on the type of mobility programmes and target groups.

- Target Group I applicants must be enrolled in a master's program at one of the partner institutions and Target Group II applicants must be enrolled in a master's program at any institutions of the eligible African countries.
- Must fulfil all scholarship eligibility criteria. If a candidate does not fulfil a specific scholarship eligibility criteria, even if is just one.
- Read carefully the **Guidelines for Applicants** and the **FAQ's**.
- Identify the **Target Group** to which he/she belong and the available scholarships.
- Identify and select **your host institution** among the project partner universities.
- Identify your study area and check the courses that the host university offers.
- Collect all **mandatory application documents** to fill in the online Application Form. If these mandatory documents are not uploaded in the Application Form, the application cannot be submitted. In case of unreadable documents, the application will be considered invalid.
- Must have not resided nor have carried out his or her main activity (e.g., studies, work, etc) for more than a



total of 12 months over the last five years in one of the host institution countries.

- Create a log in and password in order to access your online Application Form and submit your application with all mandatory documents.

### Required Documents

The applicants must submit the online application from together with a digital copy of all the required documents. If an applicant fails to do so, his or her application will be immediately excluded without any possibility of appeal. The following mandatory documents must be submitted in English language without any exceptions.

- **Online Application Form:** Submission of an online application form with all the applicable sections fully completed;
- **Photo:** A digital copy of your photo;
- **Passport:** A copy of formal identification document or passport issued by a national authority;
- **Curriculum Vitae:** Applicant's curriculum vitae prepared in Europass format not exceeding 4 pages;
- **Diploma Certificate:** Copies of diploma certificates issued by a higher education institution, dated, signed and stamped;
- **Transcript of Records:** Transcript of academic records for degrees completed, stating in detail all courses taken and grades obtained in the course. Documents must be dated, signed and stamped by the higher education institution;
- **Motivation Letter:** A statement of motivation indicating the perceived benefits of the mobility scholarship to the applicant (This must not exceed 500 words);
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation from instructors/supervisors from your home institution;
- **Confirmation of Enrollment:** A letter of confirmation issued by the home university regarding the applicant's enrollment in the master's degree programme and approval of courses or thesis work that will be undertaken at the hosting university. This letter of confirmation must be dated, signed and stamped by head of the academic department at the applicant's home university;
  - **For Credit-Seeking Mobility Applicants:** This confirmation of enrollment statement should include approval of proposed number of courses and the number of credits per course to be undertaken at the hosting university;
  - **For Degree-Seeking Mobility Applicants:** The admission requirements of the hosting institution should be met for degree-seeking mobility applications.
- **For Master's Thesis Work Mobility Applicants:** Applicant who wishes to undertake his/her master's thesis work at the host university should submit a brief description of research proposal or plan with detailed activities to be performed;
- **For Target Group II Applicants:** A *Letter of Support* from the academic department of any higher education institution in an eligible country stating description of the degree programme, the number of credits per course and endorsing the acceptance of courses results after the completion of the mobility period at the host university. Target Group II applications should also submit a *Letter of Invitation* from their choice of host university endorsing to host the applicant for the mobility period.

### How to Apply

Application must be submitted online through <http://www.heed-africa.org/apply>. An electronic copy of the application documents shall be submitted in English. Applicants should carefully read the application instructions. Applications must be submitted by the given deadlines. Incomplete and/or e-mailed applications will not be accepted and late applications will not be considered.

### Application Period

The HEED-Africa Master's Students Academic Mobility Scholarship application will remain opened from **April 29, 2019 to June 15, 2019. The final application deadline is June 15, 2019 and will be closed at 14.00 GMT.** Applicants will be notified about the application selection decisions within four weeks after the application deadline. Selected master's students will also receive letter of scholarship offer award accompanied by the first steps to take immediately following the reception of this letter and to start the mobility.

### Further Information

For further information please visit the HEED-Africa website <http://www.heed-africa.org>. If you have any queries please contact the HEED Coordinator or Local Operative Unit Heads at each partner universities. All the HEED-Africa partner universities have contact person responsible for assisting and counselling applicants. To access the right support, it is strongly recommended that applicants regularly consult Local Operative Unit Heads.

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**The HEED-Africa is looking forward to receiving your application.**