



CoSTClim - NORPART CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MASTERS STUDENT MOBILITY TO NORWAY 2025

Collaborative Action for Strengthening Training Capacities in Climate Risk and Natural Resource management (CoSTClim)

1. Introduction

Makerere University (MAK) in collaboration with Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Uganda Martyrs University (UMU) and Regional Universities Forum (for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) are implementing a five-year CoSTClim project (Collaborative Action for Strengthening Training Capacities in Climate Risk and Natural Resource management). The main goal of the project is to improve the quality of training, education and research at the partner institutions with a dedicated focus on **climate risk, disaster risk management and natural resource management**. CoSTClim builds on a range of other capacity development projects funded by the Norwegian Government at the partner institutions, and has a specific focus on education.

One of the components of CoSTClim is student mobility from Uganda to Norway and from Norway to Uganda. Therefore, we are inviting applicants from Makerere University and Uganda Martyrs University for **Masters student mobility scholarships** to NTNU for the Autumn semester in 2025. There are **five** mobility scholarship slots available for this year. The scholarship will cover 5 months (August-December 2025) stay at NTNU in Trondheim, Norway. The successful candidates can enroll in selected course units at NTNU as well as leveraging the stay to write their master's thesis. The width and breadth of available course units from which the candidates can select are found:

<https://www.ntnu.edu/geography/exchange-students>. Limited research supervision will also be given by NTNU staff but the primary supervision responsibility stays with the allocated supervisors at Makerere University or Uganda Martyrs University.

2. Eligibility and requirements for the mobility applicants

- The applicant should be a **fully registered student** in a relevant Masters programme at Makerere University or Uganda Martyrs University, which aligns to the CostClim thematic focus area.
- The focus of the research of the applicant should align strongly to climate risk, disaster risk management, natural resource management or agriculture.
- The applicant should be progressing well on the masters programme and within the stated duration of the programme (2-3years).
- Students who are receiving support from NORAD through other collaboration projects may not apply.

3. Application procedure

Interested and eligible Masters students should send the following;

- a) A one page application letter
- b) A motivation statement and plan for the time at NTNU (1-2 pages)
- c) A letter from the Head of Department attesting to your registration, study status and progress on your programme.
- d) Copies of your undergraduate transcript and partial transcript or HOD endorsed results for your current studies.

Application with all the required documents should be submitted by email to *the contacts below* in one message. The application deadline is **Friday 28th February 2025**.

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Short listed applicants will be invited to complete educational procedures at NTNU under the exchange arrangement. A scholarship award will be issued once formalities have been successfully completed at NTNU.

Beginning of the mobility and scope of the scholarship

The selection process and acceptance at NTNU are expected to be completed by **1st April 2025**. This will give adequate time for preparation including accommodation arrangements and VISA processing. Successful applicants are expected to begin their tenure at NTNU in **August 2025** spending a maximum of 5 months. The scholarships will cover:

- a. One return air ticket from Entebbe (Uganda) to Trondheim (Norway).
- b. Monthly stipend at Norwegian standard rates covering a maximum of 5 months. The stipend will cater for accommodation and living expenses while in Norway.
- c. Visa/residence permit processing and airport transport costs