

🌐 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS for AAM-CSD Project Scholarships under Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme (NDICI-2024-MOBAF) 🌐



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Empowering Africa through Academic Mobility for Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation, and Sustainable Development (AAM-CSD)

Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme



AAM-CSD-Project

Support Academics, Research that Fight Climate Change, and Encourage Sustainable Development in Africa.

Call for special needs individuals who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairments that prevent them from taking part in the action. MSc scholarship applications are welcome for the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme (NDICI-2024-MOBAF) of the Empowering Africa through Academic Mobility for Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation, and Sustainable Development (AAM-CSD) project. The AAM-CSD project offers a fully funded MSc position at Arba Minch Water Technology Institute (AWTI), Arba Minch University, Ethiopia (AMU), in Africa.

Opportunity Master's Degree-seeking Mobility full degree programs, 24 months (2 years) available. Programs are including-

1. The climate change and sustainable development thematic field is climate science
2. The sustainable water resource engineering thematic field is engineering

AAM-CSD Project Scholarships

Highly qualified and driven disability MSc applicant African countries are encouraged to apply for fully funded Master's (MSc) scholarships through the AAM-CSD Project, which is funded by the European Union under the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme (NDICI-2024-MOBAF). The goal of this initiative is to increase academic capacity throughout the continent in crucial areas pertaining to climate change adaptation and mitigation, and sustainable development. Additionally, the AAM-CSD project is to educate a new generation of African academic, researchers, and professionals who can suggest long-term solutions to the problems associated with climate change.

PROJECT VISION & GOALS

The AAM-CSD project aims to:

- Empower African academic institutions in the fields of climate change mitigation, adaptation, and sustainable development.
- Build long-term academic and institutional capacity among consortium partners.
- Promote inclusion, educational quality, and robust regional collaboration.
- Support Africa's sustainable development through vital academic mobility.

RESEARCH ALIGNMENT

- MSc research proposals must focus on sustainable development and climate change-related topics, such as:
 - Water, agriculture/irrigation, renewable energy, the environment, and natural resource management/conservation.
 - Alignment with the project's objectives, as well as Global Gateway flagship projects that are relevant to the nation and region,
 - Focus on mitigating, adapting to climate change, and sustainable development, as well as developing Africa's institutional and human capital.

⚠ Important: Your research plan must align with the AAM-CSD project aims and the Global Gateway flagship programs, as well as be relevant to the nation and region in question. Your research approach must also reflect where you plan to conduct research.

📍 RESEARCH FOCUS & THEMATIC AREAS

To be eligible for MSc programs, candidates must submit a research study title, introduction, statement of the problem, a main objective, specific objectives, methodologies, predicted outputs, research implications, and plans that highlight climate change with motivation. Climate change and water, climate change and agriculture/irrigation, climate change and renewable energy, climate change and the environment, climate change and natural resources management/conservation, or more general themes of climate change mitigation, adaptation, and sustainable development must be the main focus of this plan.

📍 AAM-CSD Project (Intra-Africa Mobility) AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS PARTNER UNIVERSITY LED UNIVERSITY ARBA MINCH UNIVERSITY

One of the partner University as led project, the University of Arba Minch, Arba Minch Water Technology Institute (AWTI), Ethiopia, in Africa, will accept successful applicants. The student is eligible for scholarships. Kindly choose a program that fits your educational background mentioned above.

Note: Mobility requires applying to an institution *outside* of Ethiopia, GT1 and GT partners institute country excluding Ethiopia applicants from the Ethiopia

✅ MANDATORY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

1. **Nationality & Residency:** Must be a **national and resident of an African country.**
2. **Academic Background:**
 - **MSc Applicants:** Must have obtained a relevant First Degree from a recognized African and other Higher Education Institution.

3. **Mobility Rule:** Applicants **must apply to an institution located OUTSIDE of the country of residence, excluding Ethiopian applicants.**
4. **Age Limit:** Applicants must be **less than 40 years old.**
5. **Academic Performance:**
 - Demonstrated academic excellence, with a BSc degree awarded with high grades, graduates must have a cumulative **GPA greater than or equal to 3.00 out of 4.0 or equivalent**, and have graduated no more than 4 years ago.
 - Demonstrated experience and knowledge in climate modeling, hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, **R, Python, and Machine Learning** are required.
 - Strong background experience of **publication in major journals** is highly valued for applicants.
6. **Language Proficiency/ Skills:** Verifiable proficiency in English (written and spoken) is essential. This can be demonstrated by:
 - A recent TOEFL or IELTS test certificate.
 - A letter from your university certifying that your BSc students were taught entirely in English.
7. **Commitment:** Willingness to be based primarily at Arba Minch, in Ethiopia, for the duration of the MSc study periods.

TARGET GROUPS (TG)

- **Target Group 1:** Staff or students currently registered at, or recently graduated from, one of the partner universities (University for Development Studies (**UDS**), Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (**LUANAR**), and Njala University (**Njala**))
- **Target Group 2:** Students who have graduated from **any other African university.**

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

The scholarship is fully funded and covers:

- **Monthly Allowance:** €890 to cover travel, installation, subsistence costs, and visa.

- **Special needs allowance:** Based on historical evidence has payment of the special needs allowance
- **Participation Contribution Costs:** Full coverage of academic tuition and/or registration fees at the host institution
- **Research Contribution Costs:** Research activities and other related research costs.
- **Insurance:** Comprehensive health, accident, and travel insurance will be provided for the duration of the scholarship within the limits of the grant requirements

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DOCUMENTS

Applicants must submit the **Scholarship Application Form** along with the following (in PDF and Word format):

1. **Detailed Curriculum Vitae** (Europass format recommended). Include a list of any publications.
2. **Academic Certificates and Transcripts:** Certified copies of academic degrees and official transcripts authenticated (Bachelor's for MSc study).
3. **Proof of Nationality copy of your Passport** (Passport data page)
4. **Motivation Letter** detailing why you are applying (max 2 pages) and clearly stating which degree program you are applying for, research focus & thematic areas. Explain why you are interested in this specific project, how your background and skills make you a suitable candidate, and what your future career aspirations are.
5. **Research Proposal** (Mandatory for MSc study, max 8-10 pages recommended. For MSc study: Propose some initial research ideas, introduction, Problem of the statement, research main and specific objectives, potential methodologies, and expected outcomes/output. This will be used to assess your understanding of the topic and your research creativity. Must clearly demonstrate alignment with the project objective, **Thematic Areas**, and **Global Gateway flagship projects** mentioned above, and research alignment.
6. **Proof of English Language Proficiency:** As specified in section 6
7. **Letter of recommendation from sending HEIs** (For TG1 Applicants).
8. **Two Letters of Recommendation (at least two academic referees).**: From academic referees who can attest to your qualifications. These can be included in your application or sent directly

by the referees to the same email address before the deadline. If sent separately, please mention this in your cover letter.

9. Passport-sized one photograph

Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Note: Please combine all documents into a single PDF file.

8. Selection Process

1. **Eligibility Check:** All applications will be screened for completeness and eligibility.
2. **Shortlisting:** A joint selection committee from AMU will review all complete applications and shortlist the most promising candidates based on academic merit, motivation, and the quality of the research proposal and plan.
3. **Interviews:** Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an online interview with the screening and selection committee in mid-May 2026
4. **Final Notification:** All applicants will be informed of the final decision by the end of May 2026 2026.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR DIVERSITY and SPECIAL

Female disabled student applicants are strongly encouraged to apply. Students with disabilities (e.g., long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairments) are also strongly encouraged to apply.

Note: Disabled student applicants are strongly encouraged to provide **long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory** impairments, natural evidences and a supporting letter from a known government office, government hospital, and national authority.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply Online: <https://forms.gle/AxSPQVZKub82vPDy8> or

Download the Application Form:

<https://aam-csd.amu.edu.et/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/aplaction-form1.docx>

Crucial Note: This is an **Intra-Africa Mobility Scheme**. You must apply to the partner university AMU for non-Ethiopian applicants from outside the country of origin.

1. **Visit Host University Websites:** Go directly to the official websites of the intended host university (Arba Minch).
2. **Locate the AAM-CSD Call:** Find the specific scholarship announcement page (AAM-CSD project website: <https://aam-csd.amu.edu.et/category/call-for-application/>)

Submit your completed application form and all supporting documents as a **single PDF file** to:

✉ **Email:** aamcsdscholarships@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: May 13/04/2026 at 23:59 GMT

Do not delay! Review the specific requirements and deadlines posted by the host university immediately.

3. **For more information, visit:-** <https://aam-csd.amu.edu.et/>

The AAM-CSD Project promotes equal opportunities. Female candidates and candidates with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.