



## Intra-Africa Mobility for Training Agribusiness and Food Systems Scientists for African Agriculture (TAFSA)

### Call for Credit Seeking Mobility, Cohort I (Readvertised with deadline extended to March 15, 2024)

#### About TAFSA Program

Intra-Africa Mobility to Train Agribusiness and Food System Scientists for African Agriculture (TAFSA) is funded by the European Union (EU). The program is run by 5 African Universities namely, Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique); Gulu University (Uganda); Makerere University (Uganda); University of Abomey Calavi (Benin), and University of Pretoria (South Africa). The goal of TAFSA project is to enhance synergetic cooperation amongst selected Agricultural Universities in Africa. Specifically, the project aims at supporting these African universities with research and training of skilful and competent professionals to contribute to the improvement of food systems, and agribusiness to respond to challenges associated with food insecurity and malnutrition, poverty and unemployment.

Through students training and staff mobility, TAFSA project is expected to contribute to:

- Improving the skills and competencies of students to increase their employability;
- Improving the quality of higher education in Africa and its relevance to Africa's development vision; and
- Strengthening partnerships and research collaboration amongst African higher education institutions and research collaboration.

#### Target beneficiaries

Beneficiaries of TAFSA scholarship are categorised into two target groups (TGs).

- TG-I include staff and students from TAFSA project hosting countries i.e., Benin, Mozambique, Uganda, and South Africa. To qualify for TG-I, a candidate must be either a former student (degree seeking) or current student (credit seeking) of a participating university.
- TG-II includes students from all other African countries, with priority being given to students from conflict-affected and disadvantaged countries, including Burundi, Cameroon, Liberia, Mali and Sierra Leone.
- Both TG-I and TG-II candidates are eligible to apply for either credit or degree seeking mobility.

#### Selection Criteria

For **admission** into the TAFSA Master's credit seeking programme, candidates must be enrolled and doing a Master's degree programme from an accredited and qualifying university and hold a Bachelor's degree within the fields of agriculture, agricultural economics, agribusiness, food science and technology, human nutrition and consumer science. Students applying for a PhD credit seeking programme must be enrolled and doing a PhD degree programme within the fields of agriculture, agricultural economics, agribusiness, food science and technology, human nutrition and consumer science from an accredited and qualifying university and hold a Master's degree in a field relevant to the area of PhD studies in the respective University. Further details on entry requirements into a specific course for study can be found on the host institution website or from the TAFSA project website (<http://www.tafsa.org>). Candidates are not allowed to apply to more than one mobility programme. Details of the programmes for mobility and numbers are summarised in the program summary table below.

Additionally, applicants **must be willing to study in an institution outside of their home country and must demonstrate proficiency in the language of instruction.**

## Selection for the credit seeking scholarship award

Selection of applicants will be carried out by a designated TAFSA selection committee. This committee will evaluate the eligibility of both TG-I and TG-II candidates based on TAFSA's selection criteria which include the student's academic profile, professional background, and motivation.

TAFSA selection criteria ensures equitable access and inclusion, and will give opportunity to participants from all backgrounds. Female candidates, candidates with disabilities, professional athletes, and candidates from disadvantaged backgrounds are highly encouraged to apply.

**Eligibility for the TAFSA credit mobility will be assessed based on the following criteria:**

- a) Proof that the candidate is from a qualifying university;
- b) The candidate fulfils the Target Group (TG) requirements;
- c) The application deadline is respected;
- d) The right application form is used;
- e) All required supporting documents are provided and are official and legible;

## Application Requirements

Interested candidates should download and fill the application form, and submit by email to the project coordination office at [tafsa21@gmail.com](mailto:tafsa21@gmail.com), with a copy to the project coordinator, [3ngiva@gmail.com](mailto:3ngiva@gmail.com). The application should be accompanied by the following supporting documents:

- (i) *Full academic testimonials (Signed and stamped by the home University)*
- (ii) *Copy of Passport Data page or National ID*
- (iii) *Curriculum Vitae (only for PhD Students)*
- (iv) *Proof of registration/enrolment at the home university*
- (v) *Letter of recommendation from your Head of department*
- (vi) *Detailed work plan signed by the research supervisor*
- (vii) *Statement of motivation for applying for TAFSA scholarship*
- (viii) *A recommendation letter from the research supervisor, indicating what the scholar will do(achieve) during the scholarship*
- (ix) *An invitation letter from the university you are applying to*

Additional information on admission criteria and application forms are available on the TAFSA website <https://www.tafsa.org> or can be accessed through the following link (see the program summary table).

## Expectations of the scholar

Once awarded a TAFSA credit seeking scholarship, the scholar shall be expected to:

- a) Sign a learning agreement at the host institution
- b) Attend a prescribed course/program at the host institution
- c) Be available for the entire duration of the course
- d) Participate in cultural and social activities organised at the host institution
- e) Prepare and submit a monthly progress report to the project focal person at the host institution



### Language of instruction

The language of instruction varies with the TAFSA project hosting institution/country. This will range from English (Uganda, South Africa), Portuguese (Mozambique) and French (Benin). Details of the language of instructions are provided in the program summary table.

### 6. Application Deadline

Application for TAFSA credit seeking scholarship shall be received until **March 15, 2024, 12:00GMT**.

**Late and incomplete applications will not be considered**

### Scholarship Package

TAFSA project offers full board scholarship that includes **a monthly stipend, insurance (health) and travel facilitation**

For additional information about TAFSA scholarship please contact Dr<sup>a</sup>. Nícia Givá (tafsa21@gmail.com) or visit TAFSA website: <https://www.tafsa.org>

Host institution	Courses offered	Credits	Term	Language of instruction	University Website	University Contact person
University of Abomey-Calavi	Laboratory work including: a. Development and standardization of processing method of foods and beverages, b. Food sample analysis on sensory, nutritional and microbiological aspects, c. Food safety and risk assessment d. Predictive microbiology and food shelf-life prediction	60	10 to 12 months  Any time between Feb -July and Sep-Dec 2024 and Jan-July 2025	French (proficiency certificate required)	<a href="https://fsa-uac.bj/">https://fsa-uac.bj/</a>	Dr. Pélagie B. Agbobatinkpo <a href="mailto:abpelagie@yahoo.fr">abpelagie@yahoo.fr</a>
Makerere University	Research Methodology	4	Aug -Dec 2024 and Jan - May 2025	English	<a href="https://www.mak.ac.ug">https://www.mak.ac.ug</a>	Assoc. Prof. Jackline Bonabana; <a href="mailto:jackline.bonabana@mak.ac.ug">jackline.bonabana@mak.ac.ug</a> <a href="mailto:jbexim@gmail.com">jbexim@gmail.com</a>
	Research Methods	4	Aug - Dec 2024 and Jan - May 2025			
	Scholarly Writing and presentation skills	3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Jan-April, 2025	English	<a href="http://www.gu.ac.ug">www.gu.ac.ug</a>	Dr. Odongo Walter
	Graduate Community attachment	5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester (May-August, 2024)			

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Gulu University	Scholarly Writing and presentation skills	3	1 <sup>st</sup> semester, (August-Dec, 2024)			<a href="mailto:Odongo78@gmail.com">Odongo78@gmail.com</a>
University of Pretoria	Research Methodology and seminars FST 700	15	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (February – June )	English	<a href="https://www.wup.ac.za">https://www.wup.ac.za</a>	Dr. Gerrie du Rand <a href="mailto:gerrie.durand@up.ac.za">gerrie.durand@up.ac.za</a> or <a href="mailto:gerrie.durand12@gmail.com">gerrie.durand12@gmail.com</a>
	Sensory Evaluation FST 712	10	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (February – June )			
	FNH 420 Advanced Food Nutrition and Health	20	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (February – June )			
	FST 720 Advanced Food Science	15	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (February – June )			
Eduardo Mondlane University	Agribusiness Management	4	3 <sup>rd</sup> term [Mar-May 2024]	English or Portuguese		Prof. João Mutondo <a href="mailto:joaomutondos@gmail.com">joaomutondos@gmail.com</a>
	Natural Resource Economics	4	3 <sup>rd</sup> term [Mar-May 2024]			