

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

Scholarship Advertisement

About the 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 i.e., 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:

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

Through this project, a total of 39 fellowships are available for training(28 Masters and 11 PhD students). Of these, 13(10 MSc, 3 PhD) are short-term credit seeking mobilities, while 26 (18 MSc, and 8 PhDs) are degree seeking mobility in the areas of agribusiness, consumer science, food security, nutrition, agricultural economics and agricultural policy. This programme will run from 1st February 2022 until 15th November 2024 (MSc) and up to November 2025 (PhD).

Target beneficiaries

Beneficiaries of TAFSA scholarship are categorized into two target groups (TGs). TG-I include staff and students from TAFSA's hosting countries i.e., Mozambique, Uganda, Benin and South Africa). To qualify for TG-1, a candidate must be either a former student (degree seeking) or current student (credit seeking) of a participating university. TG-II includes all students from other African countries, priority being given to students from conflict-affected disadvantaged countries, including Mali, Cameroon, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Burundi. Both TG-I and TG-II candidates are eligible to apply as credit and degree seeking students. TG-I is allocated 16, and 6, while TG-II 13 and 5 slots for Masters and PhD, respectively. Candidates are eligible to apply to more than one academic programme of their choice. Details of the programs for mobility and numbers are summarised in the mobility table below.

Selection Criteria

Selection of applicants will be carried out by a designated TAFSA admission committee. This committee will evaluate the eligibility of both TG-I and TG-II candidates based on TAFSA's

selection criteria which includes the student's academic profile, professional background, and motivation. TAFSA selection criteria will ensure equitable access, inclusion, and will give opportunity to participants from all backgrounds, including those with fewer opportunities such as junior academic staff, professional athletes, disadvantaged people, people living with disabilities and women. The identification of beneficiaries of the Mobility Program will be through a 2- step process which will first include admission of the candidates to the host institution program applied to, and second, selection of mobility program beneficiaries.

The **assessment of eligibility** of candidate will follow the following criteria:

1. Proof that the candidate is from an eligible country;
2. The candidate fulfils the Target Group requirements;
3. The application deadline is respected;
4. The right application form is used;
5. All required supporting documents are provided and are official and legible;
6. The application is in the language of instruction for that country (see table below)

For **admission into the TAFSA** Master's degree program students must hold a Bachelor's degree of at least a second class or equivalent from an accredited university. Students applying for a PhD degree must hold a Master's degree from an accredited university in a field relevant to the area of PhD studies. Further details on entry requirements into a specific course for study can be found on the host institution website or the TAFSA project website (<http://www.tafsa.org>). Additionally, applicants **must be willing to study in an institution outside of their home countries** and **must demonstrate proficiency in the language of instruction**. Females and candidates with disabilities are highly encouraged to apply.

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 is provided in the program summary table. **Language proficiency is required** for students to be considered for the training. For those students with **language deficiency** in the language of instruction, they will be offered a **language course before** the mobility at their home university (short-term mobility), and for long-term mobility students they will be offered a **language course at the beginning** of the mobility at the host university.

Application Deadline

The call for applications and scholarship is open from 1st October and will close on the 15th November 2021. Interested candidates should download the application form, fill it and submit through email to the project coordinating office, TAFSA@gmail.com, with copy to the project coordinator, 3ngiva@gmail.com. Additional information on admission criteria and application forms are available on the TAFSA website (<http://www.tafsa.org>) or can be accessed through the following link. All applications must be submitted before or by the deadline date (November 15th 2021, before midnight). Late applications will not be considered.

Scholarship Package: TAFSA grant will cover all student costs, during the training period, which include a **monthly allowance**, **insurance** (accident, travel and health), **travel costs**, **tuition fees** and **Research associated costs**.

Programmes of Study:

Host institution	Programme	Degree seeking scholarships	Credit Seeking Scholarship	Language of instruction	University Website	Contact person
Eduardo Mondlane University	PhD in Management and Agri-Food Policies	2	0	Portuguese/ English	https://www.uem.mz	Prof. João Mutondo joao.mutondos@gmail.com
	Master in Agricultural Economics	3	2		-	
Gulu University	PhD in Agricultural and Applied Biosciences	2	0	English	www.gu.ac.ug	Dr. Odongo Walter Odongo78@gmail.com
	Master of Science in Agri-enterprises Development	2	1			
	Master of Science in Food Security and Community Nutrition	1	1			
Makerere University	Regional PhD in Agricultural and Applied Economics	2	1	English	https://www.mak.ac.ug	Assoc. Prof. Jackline Bonabana; jackline.bonabana@mak.ac.ug
	Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied economics	2	2			
	Master of Agribusiness Management; Uganda;	1	1			
	Master in Applied Human Nutrition	1	0			
University of Pretoria	PhD in Consumer Science and Food Management	2	2	English	https://www.up.ac.za	Dr. Gerrie du Rand garrie.durand@up.ac.za

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