



## Call for MSc and PhD scholarships under the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme (NDICI-2023-MOBAF) through COCREATE-Africa project

A consortium of six prestigious African Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Ethiopia and an esteemed EU technical partner from Portugal have acquired funding for the COCREATE-Africa project under the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme (NDICI-2023-MOBAF) to support the training of graduate students and staff mobility in the areas of Climate Smart Agriculture and Biodiversity Conservation in Eastern and Central Africa.

These scholarships are designed to support the academic and professional development of next generation of scholars and professionals from various African countries, emphasizing a collaborative approach to education and research. The COCREATE-Africa project not only aims to enhance academic capacities but also to promote sustainable agricultural practices and biodiversity management, ultimately contributing to the resilience and prosperity of the region.

A total of 30 Masters and 10 PhDs will be trained in the areas of Climate Smart Agriculture; Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management; Agrometeorology and Natural Risk Management; Food Security; Soil Science; Forestry and Biodiversity Management; Disaster Risk Management; Informatics, Artificial Intelligence and Innovations; Monitoring and Evaluation; Agroecology and Food Systems; and Sustainable Agriculture.

The project will provide scholarships for degree and credit-seeking PhD and MSc applicants. In the degree seeking mobility, the scholar is expected to complete his/her study at the institution where he/she registered. However, in the credit seeking mobility, the scholar will be staying at the preferred host institution for a period of six to twelve months. Hence, the applicants must specify whether they are applying for degree seeking or credit seeking mobility. The project runs from 2024 to 2027. There will be one and two rounds of applications for PhD and MSc graduate training, respectively.

The scholarships are open to candidates from:

- **Target Group 1:** This is for applicants who are nationals of one of the following countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Partner institutions from these countries will host students from other countries (Target Group 1 and Target Group 2 countries) and send their students to train in other Target Group 1 institutions.
- **Target Group 2:** This is for applicants from countries in Africa, especially those that are home to Associate Partner institutions. Note that Target Group 2 institutions/ countries can only send students to train in Target Group 1 institutions/ countries and will NOT host students from other countries.

**Note:** Applicants are only allowed to apply to study in an institution outside their home country. Female applicants are particularly encouraged to apply.

For detailed information about the call for scholarships and how to apply, visit <https://www.createafrica.org/index.php/scholarship/#call-for-applications> and/or <https://www.createafrica.org/index.php/2024/06/19/call-for-applications/#>.

Scholarship application forms can be downloaded/obtained from <https://www.createafrica.org/index.php/key-documents/#forms> or can be downloaded from <https://www.createafrica.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/COCREATE-Africa-MSc-and-PhD-application-Form-June-19-2024-Final-2.docx>.

More information about the COCREATE-Africa project can be obtained from <https://www.createafrica.org/>.

Important dates:

**Date of release of the Call: June 19, 2024**

**Deadline for submission of application: August 02, 2024**