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MMoCRA

Multidisciplinary Mobility for a Climate Resilient Africa

COMPREHENSIVE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

Building Climate Resilience Capacity Across Africa

EU-Funded Consortium Project

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1. About MMoCRA

The Multidisciplinary Mobility for a Climate Resilient Africa (MMoCRA) project is an EU-funded consortium initiative designed to build climate resilience capacity across the African continent through academic mobility and knowledge exchange.

Project Vision

MMoCRA aims to improve the capacity of participating institutions in enhancing competencies of scholarship holders from across the African continent in the provision of climate resilient solutions for Africa.

Project Goals

The MMoCRA project addresses two major goals of Agenda 2063:

- "Well educated citizens and skills revolution underpinned by science, technology and innovation"
- "Environmentally sustainable and climate resilient economies and communities"

Contributing to Global Agendas

MMoCRA contributes to:

- Agenda 2063
- UN Agenda 2030
- UNESCO's Education for Sustainable Development initiative
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4, 5, 11, 13, and 17

2. Scholarship Opportunities

MMoCRA offers a total of 95 mobility scholarships distributed across four categories:

| Scholarship Type | Number | Duration |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Master's Degree Scholarships | 44 | Up to 24 months |
| Doctoral Scholarships | 12 | Up to 36 months |
| Short-term Traineeships | 20 | 3-6 months |
| Staff Mobility | 19 | 1-3 months |
| TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS | 95 | — |

Master's Degree Scholarships

Full scholarships for candidates pursuing Master's degrees in climate resilience-related fields at partner institutions.

- Duration: Up to 24 months
- Available positions: 44
- Target: Students from across the African continent

Doctoral Scholarships

Full scholarships for doctoral candidates conducting research in climate-related disciplines.

- Duration: Up to 36 months
- Available positions: 12
- Opportunity for advanced research and knowledge creation

Short-term Traineeships

Practical training opportunities for early-career professionals and researchers.

- Duration: 3-6 months
- Available positions: 20
- Focus: Hands-on skills development and capacity building

Staff Mobility

Opportunities for academic and administrative staff to engage in teaching, research, and institutional capacity building.

- Duration: 1-3 months
- Available positions: 19

- Purpose: Knowledge transfer and institutional collaboration

3. Thematic Focus Areas

MMoCRA adopts a multidisciplinary approach addressing climate resilience through two primary thematic fields:

Climate and Energy

This thematic area focuses on:

- Green energy production and distribution systems
- Renewable energy technologies and applications
- Climate change mitigation strategies
- Environmental sustainability practices
- Water and air pollution management
- Biodiversity conservation
- Sustainable critical raw materials management

Agrifood

This thematic area encompasses:

- Sustainable crop production systems
- Climate-smart agriculture
- Cocoa and coffee value chains optimization
- Food security and nutrition
- Climate-resilient agricultural practices
- Land degradation mitigation

Cross-cutting Themes

The project integrates several cross-cutting themes:

- Digital technologies and innovation
- Gender equality and social inclusion
- Science, technology, and innovation for development
- Sustainable development and climate action

4. Partner Institutions

MMoCRA brings together six leading universities from Africa and Europe:

African Partner Institutions

Busitema University (BU) - Uganda

Coordinating Institution

- Lead institution for sustainable critical raw materials
- Focus on agrifood systems with emphasis on cocoa and coffee value chains

Kyambogo University (KYU) - Uganda

- Expertise in agrifood production systems
- Focus on crop production for climate resilience

Strathmore University (SU) - Kenya

- Lead on green energy production and distribution
- Specialization in renewable energy technologies

Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) - Namibia

- Focus on biodiversity conservation
- Expertise in environmental sustainability

University of Cape Town (UCT) - South Africa

- Focus on environmental sustainability
- Expertise in water and air pollution management
- Lead on website development and bi-annual reporting

European Partner Institution

University of Twente (UT) - Netherlands

Technical Partner

- Extensive experience implementing projects on the African continent
- Technical expertise and guidance for the consortium
- Previous coordination of FRAME project in Africa

Geographic Coverage

The consortium represents three African sub-regions:

- **East and Central Africa:** Uganda, Kenya
- **Southern Africa:** South Africa, Namibia
- **Indian Ocean:** Regional collaboration networks

5. Eligibility Criteria

General Eligibility Requirements

- Citizenship: Nationals of African countries
- Field of study: Climate resilience, environmental sciences, renewable energy, agrifood systems, or related disciplines
- Commitment to return to home country/institution upon completion
- Demonstrated interest in contributing to climate resilience in Africa

Master's Scholarships - Specific Requirements

- Bachelor's degree with good academic standing (minimum Second Class Upper or equivalent)
- English language proficiency (TOEFL/IELTS or equivalent for non-native speakers)
- Admission or conditional admission to a Master's program at a partner institution
- Research proposal aligned with MMoCRA thematic areas

Doctoral Scholarships - Specific Requirements

- Master's degree with distinction or good academic performance
- Demonstrated research capability through publications or previous research work
- Admission or conditional admission to a doctoral program at a partner institution
- Comprehensive research proposal addressing climate resilience challenges
- Identified supervisor at host institution

Traineeships - Specific Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent in relevant field
- Early-career professional or recent graduate (within 5 years of graduation)
- Clear training objectives aligned with MMoCRA themes
- Endorsement from home institution or employer

Staff Mobility - Specific Requirements

- Academic or administrative staff at a partner institution
- Relevant expertise in climate resilience or related fields
- Clear mobility objectives (teaching, research collaboration, capacity building)
- Institutional endorsement and mobility plan

Gender and Inclusion

MMoCRA is committed to gender equality and encourages applications from women and underrepresented groups in STEM fields. The project aims to achieve gender balance across all scholarship categories.

6. Scholarship Benefits

MMoCRA scholarships provide comprehensive support to ensure successful academic mobility and knowledge transfer:

Financial Support

- **Tuition and Registration Fees:** Full coverage of tuition and registration costs at host institution
- **Monthly Stipend:** Living allowance to cover accommodation, food, and personal expenses
- **Travel Costs:** Round-trip international airfare between home and host institution
- **Insurance:** Comprehensive health and travel insurance coverage
- **Research/Training Costs:** Support for research materials, laboratory fees, field work, and training-related expenses
- **Conference Participation:** Funding for presenting research at relevant academic conferences

Academic Support

- Access to world-class facilities and laboratories at partner institutions
- Supervision by experienced faculty members specializing in climate resilience
- Participation in seminars, workshops, and training programs
- Access to digital libraries and research databases
- Mentorship and career development support

Networking Opportunities

- Connection with leading researchers and practitioners in climate resilience
- Participation in MMoCRA consortium activities and events
- Access to pan-African and international networks in environmental sciences
- Collaboration opportunities with partner institutions

Additional Benefits

- Publication support for research outputs
- Skills development in multidisciplinary climate resilience approaches
- Certificate of completion from host institution and MMoCRA consortium
- Alumni network membership for continued collaboration
- Cultural exchange and international exposure

7. Application Process

Step-by-Step Application Guide

Step 1: Prepare Required Documents

Gather all necessary documentation:

- Completed MMoCRA application form
- Current curriculum vitae (CV)
- Certified copies of academic transcripts and certificates
- Proof of English language proficiency (if applicable)
- Research/training proposal (2-5 pages)
- Two academic reference letters
- Copy of passport or national ID
- Motivation letter explaining alignment with MMoCRA objectives

Step 2: Identify Host Institution

Select your preferred host institution based on:

- Thematic area alignment
- Available programs and expertise
- Research interests and facilities
- Potential supervisors or collaborators

Step 3: Develop Research/Training Proposal

Your proposal should include:

- Clear objectives aligned with MMoCRA themes
- Methodology and approach
- Expected outcomes and impact on climate resilience
- Timeline and work plan
- Relevance to African climate challenges

Step 4: Submit Online Application

- Visit the MMoCRA application portal: [website URL]
- Create an account and complete the online form
- Upload all required documents
- Review and submit before the deadline
- Receive confirmation email with application reference number

Step 5: Application Review

- Initial screening by MMoCRA secretariat
- Academic review by evaluation committee
- Shortlisted candidates may be invited for interview
- Final selection by consortium selection committee

Step 6: Award Notification

- Successful candidates notified via email
- Award letter with terms and conditions
- Acceptance deadline specified
- Pre-departure orientation and arrangements

8. Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Academic Excellence (30%)

- Academic performance and qualifications
- Quality of previous research or professional work
- Publications and scholarly contributions (where applicable)
- Academic reference letters

Relevance to MMoCRA Objectives (30%)

- Alignment with MMoCRA thematic areas
- Contribution to climate resilience in Africa
- Potential impact of proposed research/training
- Innovation and originality of approach

Quality of Proposal (25%)

- Clarity of objectives and methodology
- Feasibility and realistic work plan
- Coherence and logical structure
- Multidisciplinary approach

Potential and Commitment (15%)

- Demonstrated leadership and initiative
- Commitment to returning and contributing to home country/institution
- Potential for long-term impact
- Motivation and career aspirations

Gender and Regional Balance

MMoCRA is committed to achieving gender balance and equitable regional representation across all scholarship categories. Applications from women and candidates from underrepresented regions will receive special consideration.

9. Important Dates

| Activity | Date/Period |
|---------------------------|---|
| Call Opening | [To be announced] |
| Application Deadline | [To be announced - typically 8-12 weeks from opening] |
| Application Review | [4-6 weeks after deadline] |
| Interviews (if required) | [6-8 weeks after deadline] |
| Selection Results | [10-12 weeks after deadline] |
| Award Acceptance | [Within 2 weeks of notification] |
| Pre-departure Orientation | [2-4 weeks before commencement] |
| Program Commencement | [Aligned with academic calendar of host institution] |

Note: Specific dates will be communicated through the MMoCRA website and official announcements. Applicants are advised to regularly check the website for updates.

10. Contact Information

MMoCRA Consortium Secretariat

Hosted at Busitema University, Uganda

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