

CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND CANDIDACIES

Short-term mobility scholarship applications for Students (Bachelor, Master, PhD) and Staff within the framework of the Africa MOVES Project

Africa MOVES first mobility call-2026/2027

Africa MOVES is a groundbreaking pilot initiative that will involve at least 46 students and trainees participating in exchange programs over four years. It also involves 7 African universities and the University of Santiago de Compostela acting as the Technical Assistance partner. The aim is to strengthen the skills and expertise of master's students, PhD students, trainees, and staff members, preparing the next generation of African technical professionals.

Background

Africa MOVES consists in a pilot and pioneering experience, embodying at least 46 students and trainees mobilities for a 4-year project to enhance Master and PhD students, as well as trainees' knowledge and know-how for preparing the new generations of African technical professionals.

Not in vain Africa's sociological patterns reflect over 400 million young people aged between 15 and 35 (OCDE & UE, 2021), which recognised the continent as the youngest population in the world. It is expected the number of young Africans completing secondary or tertiary education will double, from 103 million to 240 million (2020-2040). To steering upcoming business talents at higher education systems, the project puts a spell on cutting-edge competences, leading to societal challenges and EU global priorities, such as governance, education and research, twin-transition, or greening skills. Both beneficiaries, and cooperating partners shall thrive with professional portfolios and curricular development, as global changes increasingly require local solutions. In line to this, the project aligns with equivalence processes at third-educational programmes in 6 African HEIs to match concrete labour markets demands and support innovations and ventures driven-growth. Hence, beneficiaries and cooperating partners will tackle on future opportunities for students' quality jobs. To meet the demand and foster sustainable transformation of societies, in hand with RDI developments, the project deal with digital, climate and energy, or migrations among other critical issues international (e.g.: refugee status). Promoting stronger partnerships between academia and investors, living-labs, incubators and innovation facilities, the consortium seeks to prepare upcoming students for jobs and business development opportunities at emerging sectors, like greening and digital economies.



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To revitalise Africa's educational systems, the Global Gateway Fund shall contribute to nurture future talents in social sciences.

Participating Institutions

Université Assane Seck de Ziguinchor (UASZ)

Universidade de Santiago de Compostela (USC)

Universidade de Cabo Verde (Uni-CV)

Université Kurukanfuga de Bamako (UKB)

Université des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines de Bamako (ULSHB)

Université Abdou Moumouni de Niamey (UAM)

Universidade de São Tomé e Príncipe (USTP)

Universidade Púnguè (UNI PUNGUE)

Mobility Level

Traineeship mobility

An opportunity for **8 trainees to spend up to 6 months** abroad attached to industry partners/farms. To qualify, you must be enrolled in a Bachelor/Master/PhD program at one of the partner institutions in the Africa MOVES consortium.

Masters or Doctoral level mobility

Master's students will receive a scholarship for a maximum **period of 9 months** in order to do research for their master's theses or attend courses relevant to their study. The project will support a total of **18 Master's students** in the framework of the Africa MOVES project.

PhD candidates will receive a scholarship for a maximum **period of 9 months** to do research for their dissertation or attend courses relevant to their study program. The project will support a total of **20 PhD students** in the framework of the Africa MOVES project. Please note that this mobility scholarship is a short-term credit-seeking opportunity to either attend some courses relevant to the students' overall program or conduct research that contributes to the overall attainment of the degree. It is NOT a scholarship for a full Master/PhD program.



University Staff mobility

An opportunity for **20 staff members** to spend up to **3 months** abroad to strengthen internationalisation offices and institutional capacity for academic development. To qualify, you must be employed as a staff member at one of the partner institutions in the Africa MOVES consortium.

Mobility Flow:

The Mobility Flow explains the partnering universities that various groups of applicants can apply to. Applicants registered/admitted in or have obtained a degree (or equivalent) from one of the partnering universities cannot apply to the same university or country.

Scholarship Benefits

Participation costs (tuition and registration fees)

Medical Insurance for the duration of the stay at the host university

Monthly subsistence allowance (€890 for master's students,

€1,230 for PhD students and €1,230 for trainees, staff member (€2,370)

Additional support for scholarship holders with disabilities to participate in the mobility will be provided

Modest Research support as agreed between the research supervisors and the coordinator at the host institution

Please note that the scholarship holder will have to pay for his/her own Visa costs, flight tickets and accommodation while at the host institution

Eligibility

Interested candidates can only apply to approved specified programs in the appropriate university as indicated in the mobility flow.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all submitted documents are complete and accurate before the application deadline.

Selection Committee



Applications will be evaluated by a Selection Committee composed of representatives of the Africa MOVES consortium. The Committee shall ensure an independent, transparent and merit-based evaluation of all eligible applications.

Selection Criteria

Eligible applications will be assessed according to the following criteria :

- Academic merit and previous academic performance;
- Quality, feasibility and relevance of the proposed Activity Concept Note ;
- Motivation and expected impact of the mobility;
- Relevance to the applicant's academic or professional pathway ;
- Institutional endorsement;
- Geographical balance within the consortium;
- Gender equality;
- Inclusion of applicants with disabilities, where applicable.

Selection Procedure

- Administrative eligibility check.
- Academic evaluation by the Selection Committee.
- Ranking of candidates according to the published criteria.
- Validation of the final results by the Project Coordination.
- Notification of successful and reserve candidates.

Application Documents

Academic Transcripts and Degree Certificates: This includes the degree certificate or certificate of completion, together with the official academic transcripts from previous university studies (scanned copies duly certified as true copies by a competent authority, such as the Secretary General or the University's Registrar/Student Affairs Office).

Proof of Institutional Affiliation: An official letter or scanned certificate issued by the home university confirming that the applicant is currently enrolled as a student or employed as a staff member at an institution belonging to the Africa MOVES consortium.



Identity Document: A copy of the biometric data page of the applicant's national passport or, if unavailable, a copy of the national identity card (ID card). (Note: A passport is strongly recommended for international mobility.)

Detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV): Maximum length of 2,500 words. The CV should provide clear information on the applicant's academic background and professional experience directly relevant to the selected programme.

Motivation Letter: A personal statement (maximum 500 words) explaining how the mobility scholarship is aligned with the applicant's current study or research programme.

Two Letters of Recommendation: Preferably, one issued by a supervisor or another academic staff member from the university or institution where the applicant has studied, and the other issued by the applicant's employer.

Activity Plan / Concept Note: A one-page document providing a detailed description of the academic activities that the applicant intends to carry out during the mobility period.

Eligible candidates should not have already benefited from another MOBAF 2022- 2027 (Intra-Africa Mobility) scholarship.

How to Apply for the Scholarship

To apply: www.africa-moves.org

Indicative Timeline

Publication of the Call: 30 September 2026

Application Deadline: 30 October 2026 (23:59 GMT+1)

Evaluation Period: November-December 2026

Publication of Results: December 2026

Mobility Start: From January 2027 onwards

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Women and inclusive targets such as refugees and disadvantaged groups are strongly encouraged to apply



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For general inquiries about the Africa MOVES project, please visit the project website at site Africa Moves (www.africa-moves.org)

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Appendix 1:

MOBAF Mobility program at UASZ in Senegal

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Mobility exchanges at UASZ will target *Uni-CV (Cape Vert)*, and *ULSHB (Mali)*. At least 13 participants benefiting from the program:

- 4 PhD students from the following educational programs, already registered at UASZ

<i>UASZ (Senegal)</i>	<i>Uni-CV (Cape Vert)</i>	<i>ULSHB (Mali)</i>
École Doctorale Espace Sociétés et Humanités	Doctorale Program in Rural Economy for Intelligent Agriculture	Doctorale School of Law, Economy Social Sciences Litt. And Arts (DESSLA)
École Doctorale Sciences, Technologie et Ingénierie		

- Up to 5 Master's students from the following educational programs, already registered at UASZ

UASZ (Senegal)	Uni-CV (Cape Vert)
Master en Coopération Internationale et Développement local	Master in Education and Sustainable Development
Master en Finances et Développement	Master in Applied Economics
Master en Lettres Modernes	Master in Teaching French as a Foreign Language
	Master in Cap Verdean and Portuguese Linguistics
Master en Aménagement en Systèmes d'Information	Master in Computer Engineering
Master en Informatique et Génie Logiciel et Réseaux Systèmes	Master in Pure Mathematics
Master Mathématiques et Applications	
Mathématique pure et Mathématique Appliquée	

- Up to 4 staff mobilities (technical and administrative staff) from UASZ (Senegal) to Uni-CV (Cap Vert)



Appendix 2: MOBAF Mobility program at UAM in Niger

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Mobility exchanges at UAM will target ULSHB and UKB (Mali). At least 10 participants benefiting from the program:

- 4 PhD students from the following educational programs, already registered at UAM:

ULSHB (Mali)	UAM (Niger)	UKB (Mali)
Doctorale School of Law-Economy-Social Sciences-Litt., and Arts of Mali (DESSLA)	Doctorat en Sociologie et Anthropologie Doctorat en Anthropologie de la Santé Doctorat en Anthropologie Visuelle	
	École Doctorale LARSHS : Sciences Juridiques et Politiques Géographie et Histoire	Doctorate Programme Droit Économie, Sciences Sociales, Lettres et Arts (ED DESSLA)

- Up to 3 Master's students from the following educational programs, already registered at UAM:

ULSHB (Mali)	UAM (Niger)	UKB (Mali)
Master's Degree in Anthropology Master's Degree in Sociology	Master Sociologie et Anthropologie à finalité Recherche Master en Anthropologie Visuelle Master en Anthropologie de la Santé. Recherche.	
	Master Professionnel Genre et Développement	International Master's Degree on Gender and Development

- Up to 3 staff mobilities (technical and administrative staff) from UAM (Niger) to ULSHB or UKB (Mali).



Appendix 3: MOBAF Mobility program at UKB in MALI

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Mobility exchanges at UKB will target UAM (Niger) and UASZ (Senegal). At least 10 participants benefiting from the program:

- 4 PhD students from the following educational programs, already registered at UKB:

UKB (Mali)	UAM (Niger)
Doctorate Programme Droit Économie, Sciences Sociales, Lettres et Arts (ED DESSLA)	Doctorat en Sociologie et Anthropologie Doctorat en Anthropologie de la Santé Doctorat en Anthropologie Visuelle
	École Doctorale LARSHS : Sciences Juridiques et Politiques Géographie et Histoire

- Up to 3 Master's students from the following educational programs, already registered at UAM:

UKB (Mali)	UAM (Niger)
Master's Degree in Electoral Engineering Master's Degree in Human Rights and Culture of Peace Master's Degree in Political Sciences	Master à finalité professionnel : Conception, Gestion et Évaluation des Politiques, Programme et Projet Éducatif
International Master's Degree on Gender and Development	Master Professionnel Genre et Développement

- Up to 3 staff mobilities (technical and administrative staff) from UKB (Mali) to UAM (Niger).



Appendix 4: MOBAF Mobility program at ULSHB in MALI

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Mobility exchanges at ULSHB will target UASZ (Senegal) and UAM (Niger). At least 10 participants benefiting from the program:

- 4 PhD students from the following educational programs, already registered at ULSHB:

ULSHB (Mali)	UASZ (Senegal)	UAM (Niger)
Doctorale School of Law-Economy-Social Sciences-Litt., and Arts of Mali (DESSLA)	École Doctorale Espace Sociétés et Humanités	Doctorat en Sociologie et Anthropologie Doctorat en Anthropologie de la Santé Doctorat en Anthropologie Visuelle

- Up to 3 Master's students from the following educational programs, already registered at ULSHB:

ULSHB (Mali)	UAM (Niger)
Master's Degree in Anthropology	Master Sociologie et Anthropologie à finalité Recherche
Master's Degree in Sociology	Master en Anthropologie Visuelle Master en Anthropologie de la Santé. Recherche.

- Up to 3 staff mobilities (technical and administrative staff) from ULSHB (Mali) to UASZ (Senegal) or UAM (Niger)



Appendix 5: MOBAF Mobility program at Uni-CV in Cape Vert

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Mobility exchanges at Uni-CV will target UASZ (Senegal) and USTP (St. Tome and Principe). At least 12 participants benefiting from the program:

- 4 PhD students from the following educational programs, already registered at Uni-CV:

Uni-CV (Cape Vert)	UASZ (Senegal)
Doctorale Program in Rural Economy for Intelligent Agriculture	École Doctorale Espace Sociétés et Humanités École Doctorale Sciences, Technologie et Ingénierie

- Up to 4 Master's students from the following educational programs, already registered at Uni-CV:

Uni-CV (Cape Vert)	UASZ (Senegal)
Master in Education and Sustainable Development	Master en Coopération Internationale et Développement local
Master in Applied Economics	Master en Finances et Développement
Master in Teaching French as a Foreign Language	Master en Lettres Modernes
Master in Cap Verdean and Portuguese Linguistics	
Master in Computer Engineering	Master en Aménagement en Systèmes d'Information
Master in Pure Mathématiques	Master en Informatique et Génie Logiciel et Réseaux Systèmes Master Mathématiques et Applications Mathématique pure et Mathématique Appliquée

- Up to 4 staff mobilities (technical and administrative staff) from Uni-CV (Cap Vert) to UASZ (Senegal) and USTP (St. Tome and Principe)



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Appendix 6 : MOBAF Mobility program at USTP in St. Tome and Principe

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Mobility exchanges at USTP will target Uni-CV (Cape Vert). At least 11 participants benefiting from the program:

- 8 trainees students from the following educational program, already registered at USTP:

USTP (St. Tome and Principe)	Uni-CV (Cape Vert)
Mestrado em Agroecologia e Desenvolvimento Rural	International Master Program in Biological Agriculture and Rural Development. Master's in Eneregy Decarbonization of Emerging Countries
Mestrado e n Educação e Inovação	Master in Education and Sustainable Development

- At least 3 staff mobilities (technical and administrative staff) from USTP (St. Tome and Principe) to Uni-CV (Cape Vert).

