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## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EACEA/03/2019

## Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme

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**1. Objectives and description**

The overall objective of the programme is to enhance human capital development in Africa, while strengthening intra-African collaboration as called for by Agenda 2063.

The programme's specific objectives are to:

- increase the employability of students,
- improve the quality of higher education in Africa and its relevance to Africa's development vision,
- strengthen the modernisation and internationalisation of African higher education institutions, and promote the development of an African higher education and research space.

Mobility of students and staff between Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) is expected to help them acquire stronger knowledge and skills and contribute to improve the quality and relevance of teaching and learning through exchanges of practices. In addition, the scheme will contribute to strengthen the modernisation and internationalisation strategies of HEIs through the establishment of mechanisms to manage the mobility flows. This will in turn increase HEIs' capacity to forge partnerships with other institutions to undertake joint collaboration and research.

Furthermore, the programme is bringing together partners from different regions, which will have to set up adequate mechanisms to organise the exchanges, such as arrangements to compare curricula and recognise the study periods abroad. It is therefore expected that the programme will enhance harmonisation and standardisation of higher education and make a substantial contribution to regional integration.

**2. Eligible applicants and partnership composition**

The partnership must be constituted of minimum four and maximum six African HEIs as partners (including the applicant) and one technical partner from the EU.

Eligible applicants and partners are HEIs registered in Africa that provide courses at postgraduate level (master level and/or doctorate degree) of higher education leading to a qualification recognised by the competent authorities in their own country. Only HEIs accredited by relevant national authorities in Africa are eligible. Branches of HEIs from outside Africa are not eligible.

The technical partner has to be a HEI from one of the EU Member States having been awarded an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

**3. Eligible activities and duration**

The project will entail the organisation and implementation of student mobility in high quality master and doctoral programmes and academic/administrative staff mobility, as well as the provision of education/training and other services to foreign students and teaching/training and research assignments and other services to staff from the countries covered by the project. Mobility must take place only in one of the eligible countries covered by this Call for proposals.

The duration of the project must be 60 months.

#### 4. Award criteria

All applications will undergo assessments by external experts according to the three award criteria listed below:

Criteria	Points
<b>1. Relevance</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>2. Quality</b>	<b>70</b>
2.1. <i>Academic quality</i>	15
2.2. <i>Partnership composition and cooperation mechanisms</i>	15
2.3. <i>Organisation and implementation of the mobility</i>	20
2.4. <i>Students'/staff facilities and follow-up</i>	10
2.5. <i>Gender balance</i>	10
<b>3. Impact and sustainability</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

To be considered for funding, proposals must score at least 50 points out of a total of 100.

#### 5. Budget and grant amounts

The overall indicative amount made available under this Call for proposals is estimated at EUR 9 800 000 and should allow around 350 mobility flows.

Each grant will amount to between EUR 1 000 000 (minimum grant size) and EUR 1 400 000 (maximum grant size).

The EU grant is based on the application of lump sums for the organisation of mobility and unit costs for the implementation of mobility.

#### 6. Submission of proposals and deadline

The submission deadline for the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme is **12 June 2019** at 12.00 (noon), Brussels time.

Grant applications must be submitted using the electronic form (eForm) and its annexes specifically designed for this purpose, which will be available on the website of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency ([https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra-africa/beneficiaries-space/intra-africa-academic-mobility-scheme-2019\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra-africa/beneficiaries-space/intra-africa-academic-mobility-scheme-2019_en)).

Only the electronic submission (eForm including annexes) will be considered as the formal valid application.

Additionally, applicants must send by e-mail a copy of their application (eForm including annexes), clearly indicating the project registration number received when submitting the eForm, to the following mailbox: EACEA-IntraAfrica-IntraACP@ec.europa.eu

Only applications submitted by the deadline and in accordance with the requirements specified in the Call for proposals will be accepted. Applications submitted by e-mail only will not be accepted.

#### 7. Full information

The Call for proposals Guidelines as well as all relevant information and documents for the submission of proposals under the present Call are available on the Agency's website: [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra-africa/beneficiaries-space/intra-africa-academic-mobility-scheme-2019\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra-africa/beneficiaries-space/intra-africa-academic-mobility-scheme-2019_en)