



Co-funded by
the European Union



Call for scholarship applications for TESIECS MA/MSc and PhD Mobilities

Apply for MA/MSc and PhD credit seeking mobilities:
2026/2027 study year



TESIECS: Towards Enhancing Sustainable and Innovative Environmental Change Solutions

Background:

Co-funded by the European Union, the TESIECS Intra-Africa mobilities project facilitates degree seeking and credit seeking student academic mobilities among its African partner institutions to promote creative, locally contextual solutions to climate and environmental challenges. **Women, the disadvantaged, the differently-abled, and minority groups are encouraged to apply. TESIECS encourages inclusive learning through provision of additional support to people with special needs.**

TESIECS Aims to:

- Promote equal learning opportunities for Master's and doctoral students in Southern Africa with a focus on climate change and adaptation.
- Encourage inclusive learning opportunities for Master's and doctoral students with a focus on social and environmental impact assessment to overcome gender and vulnerable population learning disparities in Southern Africa.
- Contribute to sustainable and equitable environmental development by building competent Master's and PhD students capable of influencing socio-economic development.
- Create a sustainable interdisciplinary university exchange programme that will serve as a catalyst for research and learning, based on sustainable and innovative environmental change solutions.

To meet its goals TESIECS provides the following credit seeking and full degree programmes at the University of Johannesburg, University of Western Cape, University of Botswana, University of Zimbabwe and Namibia University of Science and Technology:





Co-funded by
the European Union



Call for scholarship applications for TESIECS MA/MSc and PhD Mobilities

Short-term Credit seeking MA/MSc and PhD Programs

University	Programs	Duration
University of Johannesburg https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/humanities/departments-2/sociology/courses-and-programmes/short-courses/advanced-social-research-methodology/ (Masters and PhD)	Advanced Social Research Methodology	5 Months (1st semester module) NB: Please apply for SAQA verification
University of Botswana https://www.ub.bw/study (Masters and PhD)	Advanced Social Science Research Methods Proposal Writing and Presentation	5 Months (August 2026- 1st semester module) 5 Months (January 2027- 2nd semester module)

Scholarship Eligibility criteria

- For Master’s level - Second Class Upper (3.5 CGPA or its equivalent or at least 70% average in all modules) in the relevant fields of study from any recognized university in Africa.
- English proficiency confirmation letter from a former or current higher education institution.





Co-funded by
the European Union



Call for scholarship applications for TESIECS MA/MSc and PhD Mobilities

- Applicants must be registered at a Higher Education Institution at the time of funding application
- A draft proposal of approximately 2 000 words – See the TESIECS MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES DOCUMENT FOR MORE DETAILS ([TESIECS MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES](#)).
- All applicants must commit to complete programmes within the scholarship durations - Duration of scholarships: 5 - 6 months for MA/ MSc and PhD.
- Applicants should be African students, resident on the continent at the time of application.
- Applicants to declare not to have already benefited from a previous student scholarship under the projects selected in the framework of the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme 2022-2027.
- Applicants to commit not to benefit from another EU funded scholarship scheme to implement the same activity during their Intra-Africa mobility period.
- Recommendation letters and/ reference letters (two). One from an academic advisor or professor/lecturer - See the TESIECS MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES DOCUMENT FOR MORE DETAILS.
- Applicants must be willing to study not in their country but within the eligible TESIECS countries.
- Provide proof of Special needs where applicable.

Scholarship provision covers:

- Tuition fees and research costs for the duration of the study
- Comprehensive health and insurance cover
- Monthly stipend/allowance.

MA/ MSc and PhD students will receive a monthly stipend to cover travel costs to and from the host institution, Visa costs, and settling allowance.

Target beneficiaries

The beneficiaries of the scholarship are categorized into two target groups.

- **Target group one:** Students currently registered at, admitted to or who have obtained a degree (or equivalent) from one of the four TESIECS participating institutions namely: the University of Johannesburg, the University of the Western Cape, the





Co-funded by
the European Union



Call for scholarship applications for TESIECS MA/MSc and PhD Mobilities

University of Zimbabwe, the University of Botswana, and Namibia University of Science & Technology.

- **Target group two:** Students of any other public university in Africa. Students in this category may apply to any of the five TESIECS institutions.

How to apply for the scholarship

Eligible candidates interested in these programmes are invited fill the online scholarship application form at <https://tesiecs.uj.ac.za/> Applicants are encouraged to read the **TESIECS mobility scholarship guidelines document for more details** before completing their application form.

Note that each applicant is advised to apply concurrently to the host University for admission: [TESIECS -information-Pamphlet.pdf \(uj.ac.za\)](#). **The scholarships will only be awarded to candidates with admission letters from the host university.**

Application deadline

The deadline for application is **26 April 2026**.

View and Download the TESIECS mobility scholarship guidelines document on this link: <https://tesiecs.uj.ac.za/>

Contacts for Further Enquiries

For any other clarification or guidance required kindly contact:.

- University of Johannesburg: Dr. Sinethemba Sidloyi
Email address: tesiecs@uj.ac.za
- University of the Western Cape: Dr. Laurian Lesch
Email address: tesiecs@uwc.ac.za





Co-funded by
the European Union



Call for scholarship applications for TESIECS Masters/MSc and PhD Mobilities

- University of Zimbabwe: Dr. Nyasha Mutsindikwa
Email address: tesiecs@eng.uz.ac.zw
- Namibia University of Science & Technology: Dr. Hilma Amwele
Email address: tesiecs@nust.na
- University of Botswana: Dr Pearl Lefadola
Email address: tesiecs@ub.ac.bw

Additionally, there are resources available on this link <https://tesiecs.uj.ac.za/resources/> to guide your application process. **Incomplete applications and documents submitted after the closing date will not be considered.**

NB: Candidates need to apply simultaneously for the TESIECS student study scholarship and for the accredited short courses, to the relevant universities so that you do not miss the university application deadline.

SAQA Registration required for South African Universities. Registration Link below:

<https://www.saqa.org.za/services/%20evaluation-of-foreign-qualifications/>

