



TESIECS Staff Mobility Training Information



The TESIECS Intra-Africa Mobility project is pleased to host a 2 week intensive workshop that is designed to empower early career researchers/ academics and support personnel with tools to navigate the evolving global academic landscape. Hosted at the University of Johannesburg, this programme bridges the gap between traditional research and modern institutional leadership. The curriculum focuses on the following transformative pillars:

TESIECS Intra-Africa Mobility Thematic Groups: Staff Mobility Workshop

1.1 Communication, Digital Literacy & Global Connections

Universities: UJ, UB

Aligned topics:

- Marketing (UJ)
- Digital Literacy (UJ)
- AI Efficiency (UJ)
- Science Communication for Climate
 - Impact (UB)
- From Research to Policy Influence (UB)

Purpose: Build modern communication capacity (incl. AI and digital tools) to reach global audiences and influence policy.

1.2 Project & Financial Management (Full Project Lifecycle)

Universities: VU

Aligned topics:

- Scoping and identifying funding opportunities
- Grant preparation and negotiation
 - Project proposal writing
- Budgets and financial management
 - Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E), Quality Assurance
 - Project start-up & hand-overs
 - In-project management]
- Project reporting & completion

Purpose: End-to-end project cycle management for research and innovation projects.

1.3 Strategic Alliances & Industry/ Work-Integrated Learning

Universities: NUST

Aligned topics:

- How to identify and build relations with industries
 - Principles of placement
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Risk Management
- Testimonies from students and industry partners

Purpose: Structure and manage partnerships, placements, and risk across academia-industry.

1.4 Strategic Communication & Internationalisation for a Green Africa

Universities: UZ, UWC

Aligned topics:

- Positioning support staff in climate
 - change & sustainability
- Research opportunities in climate change & innovative environmental solutions
- Turning research into community impact projects/programmes

Purpose: Align institutional strategy, internationalisation, and staff roles with climate action and community impact

1.5 Contemporary Research Methodologies for Climate & Sustainability

Universities: UB

Aligned topics:

- Transdisciplinary research methods
 - Implementation science
- Participatory Action Research (PAR)
- Community-Based Adaptation Research
 - Learning hubs
 - Climate vulnerability assessments
 - Digital & spatial analysis tools
- Decolonial & justice-oriented methodologies

Purpose: Equip teams with rigorous, inclusive, and locally responsive research methods and tools.

1.6 Bridging Science, Policy & Stakeholder Engagement

Universities: UB, NUST

Aligned topics:

- Science Communication for Climate Impact
- Co-production & stakeholder engagement
- From research to policy influence

Purpose: Translate evidence into policy and societal change via co-creation and strategic engagement.

Application and Confirmation Process:

- Complete the online staff mobility application
- Provide all necessary documents and proof of 2 weeks leave
- Go through a TESIECS selection process
- Successful applicants are informed of the outcome and award of TESIECS Intra-Africa mobility funding

Contacts for Mobility:

The primary email that should be used for all communication and inquiries on the TESIECS staff mobility funding, is tesiecs@uj.ac.za.

For more details and applications, prospective applicants should visit: <https://tesiecs.uj.ac.za/>

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