

TESIECS MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIPS




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Application guideline for prospective students



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Abstract

This guide will help you complete the application for the TESIECS mobility scholarship, tenable at the University of Johannesburg, the University of the Western Cape, the University of Zimbabwe, the University of Botswana, and the Namibia University of Science & Technology.

NB: *Women, the disadvantaged, the differently-abled, and minority groups are encouraged to apply. Additional support is available to meet the needs of the physically challenged.*

1. COMPLETING THE ONLINE APPLICATION: DEGREE SEEKING

Minimum Requirements for Application:

1.1. Grades

1.1.1. Master's degree programs:

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.

1.1.2 PhD degree programs:

Master's Degrees from any recognized university in Africa. 65% average or its equivalent in MA, M.Sc./M.Eng/M.Tech.

1.2 Target groups

Candidates are selected first in target group one and then target group two:

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

NB: Students may not apply for scholarships for programmes in their current participating institutions or in their current country of study and/or original home country. E.g., former and current University of Johannesburg students cannot apply for scholarships to study further at the University of Johannesburg or the University of the Western Cape. However, if they are South African citizens, they qualify to apply as target group one students at the University of Zimbabwe, University of Botswana, and Namibia University of Science & Technology.

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

NB: Applicants should not be Intra - Africa Academic Mobility Scheme 2022-2027 scholarship beneficiaries.

2. Citizenship

Only Africans who are citizens of the participating countries, as well as any other African country, qualify to apply for the TESIECS scholarship. Applicants should be resident on the continent at the time of application.

3. Application and Confirmation Process

- a) Complete the online mobility scholarship application;
- b) Select preferred university and programme (Programmes are available in degree and credit seeking mobilities);
- c) Submit/upload requested university application documentation;
- d) Get confirmation of receipt of both applications;;
- e) Institutions accept or reject application for admission;
- f) Successful candidates are informed of the outcome and award of scholarship.

4. Duration of Programs:

Confirm programme duration with relevant partner institution. Duration of scholarships: 24 Months for Masters and 36 months for PhD. Short term credit seeking Mobility duration 4 - 6 months.

5. Completing the online application

Please read the Expression of Interest and Disclaimer first.

Make sure you have the information and documents below before you start your application:

5.1 Personal details

- Basic personal information, eg names, contact details.
- Education history information, such as highest qualification, research record and published articles (for PhD only).
- English proficiency confirmation letter from previous or current higher education institution

5.2 Documentation

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Proof of nationality
- Highest qualification
- Academic record
- English proficiency confirmation letter from former or current higher education institution
- Research proposal and personal statement

For PhD Applicants: A sample paper or article where you have been the main author or co-author, preferably in the study area that you have selected. If you do not have a published article, please provide one that has been submitted for publication, or the draft of an article.

At least two letters of recommendation sent by the referees directly to the TESIECS Coordinator UJ – at: tesiecs@uj.ac.za

5.3 Selecting your academic program

On the applications page of the TESIECS website, you will need to make selection on the following:

- Preferred university;
- Type of mobility;
- Academic program;

6. Contacts for Mobility:

6.1 Communication

The primary email that should be used for all communication and enquiries on the TESIECS scholarships, is **tesiecs@uj.ac.za**.

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

Contact persons

- 6.1.1 University of Johannesburg: Dr. Sinethemba Sidloyi
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- 6.1.2 University of the Western Cape: Prof. Fatima Moolla
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- 6.1.3 University of Zimbabwe: Dr. Nyasha Mutsindikwa
Email address: tesiecs@uz.ac.zw
- 6.1.4 Namibia University of Science & Technology: Dr. Hilma Amwele
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- 6.1.5 University of Botswana: Dr Latang Sechele
Email address: tesiecs@ub.ac.bw and sechelelt@ub.ac.bw

7. Supporting Documents

7.1 The research proposal:

Please prepare a proposal for full degree applications. (PhD, approximately 5 000 words; MA, approximately 2 000 words.)

The following key elements should be included in the proposal:

- i. Title
- ii. Summary/Abstract (250 words)
- iii. Keywords
- iv. Signed plagiarism declaration, including acknowledgement of an AI use.
- v. Research aims and objectives.
- vi. Research problem, questions, or hypotheses (based on a robust literature review).
- vii. Literature review (This is a detailed systematic review that should exhibit critical and analytical thinking, show trends, key themes, thought leaders and gaps in the field. The studies must be recent. The applicant should demonstrate knowledge of the field and how well they have identified the gap that they intend contributing knowledge to. The literature review will be the basis for aims, objectives, questions, and hypotheses.)

- viii. Proposed research methods. (Justification is needed for the chosen methods in data collection and analysis.)
- ix. Project schedule/timeline/workplan.
- x. Project cost and other resources that will be needed for the study.
- xi. References – **Use one style**. Indicate what citation and referencing style you are using after your keywords.

8. Academic institutions and Programs

8.1 Master’s Programs – degree seeking

University	Programs
University of Johannesburg https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/humanities/departments-2/sociology/courses-and-programmes/postgraduate-masters/	MA in Social Impact Assessment
University of Western Cape https://ap.uwc.ac.za/ViewProgrammeModules.aspx?year=2023&faculty=ART&gradtyp=P&programme=2801&stream=WGS&costtyp=L	MA in Women's and Gender Studies
	MA in Development Studies
University of Zimbabwe https://www.uz.ac.zw/index.php/social-studies-research	MSc in Sustainable Urban Planning and Development
	MSc in Smart Settlements Designs and Amenities
University of Botswana https://www.ub.bw/study	Masters in Development Practice
	MA in Development Studies
Namibia University of Science and Technology https://www.nust.na/programmes/doctor-philosophy-natural-resource-sciences	Master of Natural Resource Management

8.2 Doctoral Programs (Incl. PhD) – degree seeking

University	Programs
University of Johannesburg https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/humanities/departments-2/anthropology-and-development-studies/development-studies/	Doctorate in Development Studies
University of Western Cape https://ap.uwc.ac.za/ViewProgrammeModules.aspx?year=2023&faculty=ART&gradtyp=P&programme=2801&stream=WGS&costtyp=L	PhD in Women's and Gender Studies
	PhD in Development Studies
University of Zimbabwe https://www.uz.ac.zw/index.php/social-studies-research	DPhil in Climate Change and Development
University of Botswana https://www.ub.bw/programmes/social-sciences/sociology/mphilphd-sociology	PhD in Sociology

8.3 Short-term Credit seeking 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/	Advanced Social Research Methodology	5 months
University of Botswana https://www.ub.bw/study	Advanced Social Science Research Methods Proposal Writing and Presentation Environmental Sociology	5 months 5 Months 5 Months
Namibia University of Science and Technology https://www.nust.na/programmes	Research Methodology	5 Months