



Extended Call for scholarship applications for TESIECS Masters/MSc Short Credit Seeking

Apply for Master's/MSc Short Credit-Seeking mobilities: 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 the 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:



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Short-term Credit seeking Masters/MSc 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 (1st semester - Term 2 module) NB: Please apply for SAQA verification as soon as possible.
University of Botswana https://www.ub.bw/study	Methods Proposal Writing and Presentation	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.

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- All applicants must commit to complete the programme within the scholarship duration – i.e., within 5 months.
- 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/or 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 own country but in one of 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.

Masters/ MSc 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 categorised 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



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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 www.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. **The scholarships will only be awarded to candidates with admission letters from the host university.**

Application deadline

The deadline for application is **25th September 2026**.

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

Register for Attendance

TESIECS Scholarship Information Session:

When: **Friday 24th July 2026**, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM.

Where: Virtual; link will be shared in due course.

Contacts for Further Enquiries

For any other clarification or guidance required, kindly contact:

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- Namibia University of Science & Technology: Dr. Hilma Amwele

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- University of Botswana: Dr Pearl Lefadola

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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 degrees and accredited short courses, to the relevant universities so that you do not miss the university application deadline.

University application deadlines:

UB – On a rolling basis.

UJ - 31 October 2026 at 12:00

SAQA Registration is required for South African Universities. Registration Link

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

