**INTRA-AFRICA ACADEMIC MOBILITY CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIPS YEAR 2021/22**

**Project: Collaborative training in fisheries and aquaculture in East, Central and Southern Africa (COTRA)**

**1.0 Introduction**

The EU, under the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme, provided funding to strengthen training and research in African universities from 1st November 2017 until 31st October 2022. In this mobility programme five African partner institutions and one EU Technical partner embarked on training of professionals to achieve sustainable fisheries management and aquaculture resources for increased fish production and enhanced food and nutritional security, and hence, improved livelihood and household revenue seeking. The programme is now supporting training of masters and Doctorates following two tracks: a) degree-seeking and b) credit seeking in Fisheries Management, Aquaculture, Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Ichthyology, Zoology and Biology. **COTRA has opened the call for application from suitable PhD and MSc degree/credit seeking candidates to apply for the available positions indicated in Tables 1 and 2 before 14th May 2021 (Midnight East African time).**

**2.0 Conditions for all applicants**

1. Applicants are only allowed to apply to study in an institution outside of their home countries.
2. Any applicant who has previously benefitted from EU funded mobility program and those who obtained the previous degrees from Europe does not qualify.
3. Females and candidates with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.
4. Applications must be submitted fully-filled scholarship application forms available on the programme website (<http://www.cotraintrafrica.org/>) either online through email or postal services.
5. In order to facilitate and fasten the mobility process, each applicant is advised to apply to the hosting university for admission. The admission criteria for each university can be found from their respective websites.
6. Applications must be received by host and home institutions through the **Country coordinator – see Tables 1 and 2 or found at** [**http://www.cotraintrafrica.org/contacts**](http://www.cotraintrafrica.org/contacts) with a copy to [contraintrafrica@gmail.com](mailto:contraintrafrica@gmail.com) by **14th May 2021 (Midnight East African time**).

**3.0 Special Conditions for Degree seeking applicants**

The scholarships are open to candidates from the two target groups seeking to study master’s degree in corresponding host institutions indicated in Table I.

1. **Target group I**: Applicant who have obtained bachelor’s degrees in Fisheries, Aquaculture, Limnology, Hydrobiology. Ichthyology, Aquatic Sciences, Biology or relevant natural sciences programmes from University of Eldoret (Kenya), Makerere University (Uganda), Rhodes University (South Africa), Mzuzu University (Malawi), and the Official University of Bukavu (DR Congo)
2. **Target Group 2**: Applicants who have obtained bachelor’s degrees in Fisheries, Aquaculture, Limnology, Hydrobiology. Ichthyology, Aquatic Sciences, Biology or relevant natural sciences programmes from any other institutions in West African region.
3. Candidates with bachelor’s degrees Fisheries, Aquaculture, Limnology, Hydrobiology. Ichthyology, Aquatic Sciences, Biology or relevant natural sciences programmes from University of Abomey Calavi, Benin are particularly encouraged.

**3.1 Benefits for Degree seeking successful applicants**

1. The candidates will register, study and complete the entire master’s degree programme at the host institution (Table 1).
2. The maximum study duration of the mobility for the master’s degree programme is two years (24 months).
3. All costs including tuition, research, for special training sessions, monthly allowance (€600 or its equivalence in dollars and/or local currency), travel and insurance are provided from the scholarship
4. Special allowance of (€600 or its equivalence in dollars and/or local currency for females is provided every 10 months of stay at host institution

**Table 1: Degree seeking (student registers and completes the degree at the host institution)**

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| **S/N** | **Sending Institution** | **Host Institution** | **Programme** | **Number of positions & Gender** | **Contact person** |
| 1 | Rhodes University | Makerere University | MSc. in Zoology (Fisheries and aquatic Sciences) | 2 Female  2 Male | Dr. Peter Akoll  [pakoll@cns.mak.ac.ug](mailto:pakoll@cns.mak.ac.ug) |
| 2 | University of Abomey Calavi or any West African institutions of Higher Education | Rhodes University | MSc in Ichthyology | 1 Female | Dr. Cliff Jones  [c.jones@ru.ac.za](mailto:c.jones@ru.ac.za) |
| 3 | University of Abomey Calavi or any West African institutions of Higher Education | Mzuzu University | MSc. in Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences | 1 Female | Mr. Bob Jere  [bobjere@gmail.com](mailto:bobjere@gmail.com) |
| 4 | University of Abomey Calavi or any West African institutions of Higher Education | Official University of Bukavu | MSc. in Biology (Hydrobiology) | 1 Female | Prof. Mbalassa Mulongaibalu  [mbalassamulongaibalu3@gmail.com](mailto:mbalassamulongaibalu3@gmail.com) |
| 5 | University of Eldoret | Official University of Bukavu | MSc. in Biology (Hydrobiology) | 1 Female | Prof. Mbalassa Mulongaibalu  [Mbalassamulongaibalu3@gmail.com](mailto:Mbalassamulongaibalu3@gmail.com) |
| 6 | University of Abomey Calavi or any West African institutions of Higher Education | Makerere University | MSc in Zoology (Fisheries and aquatic Sciences) | 2 Female | Dr. Peter Akoll  [pakoll@cns.mak.ac.ug](mailto:pakoll@cns.mak.ac.ug) |

**4.0 Special Conditions for Credit seeking applicants**

* 1. The scholarships are open to credit seeking candidates from **target group I partner institutions only** (Table 2)
  2. The applicants MUST be registered at University of Eldoret (Kenya), Makerere University (Uganda), Rhodes University (South Africa), Mzuzu University (Malawi), and the Official University of Bukavu (DR Congo) to study at the corresponding host Institution (Table 2)
  3. The Masters students seeking credit **MUST** have completed **ONE Semester** at Home institution to qualify for credit seeking at the partner institutions
  4. The candidates should refer to the programme curricula at respective host institution and confirm the availability of courses he/she intends to study.

**4.1 Benefits for credit seeking successful applicants**

1. Credit seeking mobility students will undertake one semester courses at another university within a duration of not more than 10 months.
2. All costs including research, for special training sessions, monthly allowance (€600 for MSc and €900 for PhD or its equivalence in dollars and/or local currency), travel and insurance are provided from the scholarship
3. All students on credit seeking are exempted from payment of tuition at host institution

**Table 2: Credit seeking (student studies at a host institution for at least one Semester)**

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| **S/N** | **Sending Institution** | **Host Institution** | **Programme** | **Number & Gender** | **Contact person** |
| 1 | Makerere University | University of Eldoret | MSc in Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences (option: Fisheries Management or Aquaculture) | 2 Females | Dr Frank Masese  [f.masese@gmail.com](mailto:f.masese@gmail.com) |
| 2 | Mzuzu University | Makerere University | MSc in Zoology (Fisheries and aquatic Sciences) | 1 Female | Dr. Peter Akoll  [pakoll@cns.mak.ac.ug](mailto:pakoll@cns.mak.ac.ug) |
| 3 | Official University of Bukavu | Mzuzu University | MSc. in Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences | 1 Female  1 Male | Mr. Bob Jere  [bobjere@gmail.com](mailto:bobjere@gmail.com) |
| 4. | Makerere University | Mzuzu University | PhD in Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences | 1 Female | Mr. Bob Jere  [bobjere@gmail.com](mailto:bobjere@gmail.com) |
| 5. | Mzuzu University | University of Eldoret | PhD in Fisheries (option: Fisheries Management or Aquaculture) | 1 Female | Dr Frank Masese  [f.masese@gmail.com](mailto:f.masese@gmail.com) |
| 6. | Mzuzu University | Makerere University | PhD in Zoology (Fisheries and aquatic Sciences) | 1 Female | Dr. Peter Akoll  [pakoll@cns.mak.ac.ug](mailto:pakoll@cns.mak.ac.ug) |

All interested candidates should download the application form, fill it and submit either through email or postal services. The applications for scholarship should be submitted to the COUNTRY coordinator (found here: <http://www.cotraintrafrica.org/contacts>) with a copy to [contraintrafrica@gmail.com](mailto:contraintrafrica@gmail.com). Scholarship application form is available on the programme website (<http://www.cotraintrafrica.org/>).