

Call for scholarship application for Staff in the framework of the Intra Africa INTERACT-Africa project 2025 Admissions

The deadline for application is 19th May 2025 EAT by midnight.

1.0 INTERACT-Africa Project

Mobility in Innovative Green Technologies for Climate Change Mitigation and Sustainable Bioeconomy (INTERACT-Africa) is an [Intra-Africa Academic mobility project funded by the European Union \(EU\)](#). In this mobility programme five African partner institutions and one EU Technical partner embarked on mobility of staff in the thematic fields of Chemistry, Biology and Information Technology and administrative duties.

Emphasis of the training is on conversion of organic waste to valuable bioproducts for transitioning into environmental sustainable and socially inclusive economies

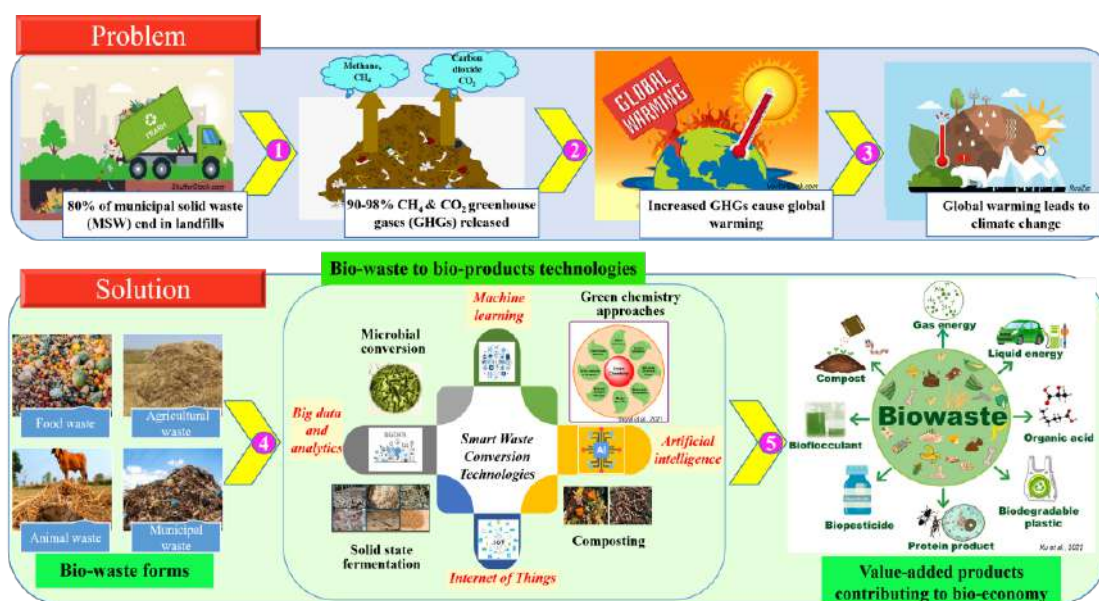


Figure 1: INTERACT-Africa project concept: Waste-to-Bioproducts for climate change mitigation and sustainable bio-economy

This program allows staff gain invaluable international experience. Therefore, INTERACT-Africa has opened the call for scholarship applications from suitable staff to apply for the available positions indicated in Table 1 before **16th May 2025**. The mobility may begin on any date between **1st August, 2025** and must end within a-months.

INTERACT-Africa **aims at:**

- 1) Promoting inclusive learning mobility opportunities by enhancing capacity building of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) by focusing on training and education in green Chemistry, Biology and Information Technology aimed at developing a skilled workforce capable of implementing sustainable practices
- 2) Fostering entrepreneurship and support the establishment of green technology businesses in Africa by providing mentorship, access to funding, and technical support to aspiring entrepreneurs and start-ups working in the field of green Chemistry, Biology and Information technology
- 3) Facilitating networking and knowledge sharing among businesses to promote innovation and sustainable economic growth through provision of internships, cooperative education programs, and hands-on learning opportunities.

2.0 Number of Scholarships and Type of Mobility

INTERACT-Africa is offering **one (1)** scholarship for staff per host institution.

About Staff Mobility

- Staff mobility involves academic, administrative, and technical staff engaging in innovative teaching assignments, research activities and administrative tasks that foster critical thinking, problem-solving, and green entrepreneurship skills while abroad
- Staff may also participate in attendance in/delivery of training courses (or part of a course), giving seminars, curriculum development activities, or offer technical support abroad to participating institutions.
- The duration of the staff mobility must be a **minimum of 2 weeks and maximum of 1 month (30 days inclusive of travel dates)**.

3.0 Scholarship Programmes and Host Institutions

Table 1: Staff Mobility

S/ No.	Staff category	Sending institution	Host institution	Available research projects and / or programmes units under which visiting staff can participate	Contact
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Technical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moi University Mbarara University of Science and Technology Sokoine University of Agriculture Addis Ababa University IFA Yangambi University 	Sokoine University of Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agroecology Chemistry Work with INTERACT-AFRICA Project coordinators to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish areas of collaboration in basic and applied green Chemistry related to agroecology and crop protection Build collaboration and networks for research and consultancy between the host and visitor institutions establishment possible green technology businesses Establish possibilities in teaching exchange in areas of green technologies and climate change Present at least one public lecture as knowledge sharing platform Add value on mentorship through visiting the trainee industrial site and students research sites to provide technical insights on the chemistry aspects. 	SUA: Prof. Faith Mabiki Project Coordinator interact.africa@sua.ac.tz Cc: fmabiki@sua.ac.tz ; fmabiki@gmail.com
			Addis Ababa University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analytical Chemistry Visit the NMR unit to establish collaboration in the utilization of analytical capacity between institutions 	AAU: Prof. Feleke Zewge Project Coordinator, feleke.zewge@aau.edu.et
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moi University Mbarara University of Science and Technology Addis Ababa University IFA Yangambi University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sokoine University of Agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in reporting process of INTERACT-Africa and other programmes that have International participants Process including issues of projects financial management Seminar on management and administration of university services Foster new relationships Strengthen existing partnerships or build on new ones Establish strong connections with like-minded staff in similar positions Sharing of ideas and trends from one institution to another (perhaps apply) Improve professional development – feedback to home institution after mobility Benchmark practices, internationalization strategies, policies 	<p>SUA: Prof. Faith Mabiki Project Coordinator; fmabiki@gmail.com interact.africa@sua.ac.tz</p> <p>AAU: Prof. Feleke Zewge Project Coordinator, feleke.zewge@aau.edu.et</p>

4.0 Application Requirements

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria for Staff

- At the time of scholarship application, candidates must be **full-time** faculty member/Technical/Administrative staff members of one of the HEIs involved in the INTERACT-Africa project consortium.
- Belong to one of the INTERACT-Africa Thematic fields (Applications from other thematic-related fields will be considered).

Other Requirements for the Applicants

- The scholarships are open to applicants in any of the partner institutions (*Target Group 1*).

Target group 1: Applicants who are members of staff at Moi University (Kenya), Mbarara University of Science and Technology (Uganda), Sokoine University of Agriculture Tanzania), Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia) and Institut Facultaire Des Sciences Agronomiques De Yangambi (IFA-Yangambi) (DR Congo).

- Proof of Nationality.
- Applicants to declare not to have already benefited from a previous EU funded scholarship scheme under the projects selected in the framework of the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme 2022-2027 to implement the same activity during their Intra-Africa mobility period.
- Recommendation letters and/ reference letter from administrative supervisor.
- Applicant must be willing to stay not in his/her country of citizenship or residence but within the eligible countries for the maximum duration of the mobility (including travel dates)
- Must conform to the set guidelines by both sending and hosting institutions during the mobility
- Must be willing to return back home immediately after the mobility period
- Must already be in possession of a valid travel Passport
- Candidates must possess an adequate knowledge of the foreign language, which** the host organisation identifies as the main language to be used during the staff-ship.

- Female, disadvantaged, marginalized groups and/ or **candidates with disabilities** (subject to documentation of disability) are particularly encouraged to apply.

Language Requirements

Evidence of a minimum language level in the main language of the staff-ship must be given in order to apply; the *language level* will be assessed during selection and compilation of the ranking list.

5.0 Funding provided by the European Union through the Intra-Africa for the Scholarship Holders

- Comprehensive health and accident insurance cover
- Monthly stipend/allowance;
 - a) Staff will receive a monthly stipend of 2,370 Euros. This also includes (i) travels cost to and from the host institution, (ii) Visa costs, and (iii) settling allowance. For a partial month, a pro-rata unit cost will be reimbursed for each day.

6.0 Inclusion Support

- The Intra-Africa Mobility Project funded by the EU encourages the participation of individuals with fewer opportunities, such as **participants with special needs**.
- A person with special needs is a potential participant whose personal physical, mental, or health condition, if not for additional financial support, would prevent their participation in the mobility activity. This includes participants with physical mobility, hearing, sight and learning / intellectual impairments, psychiatric and psychological difficulty, and those diagnosed with disabilities or chronic conditions that might negatively affect their studies or work.
- Additional financial support covers costs such as those related to the acquisition of special items or services (e.g., assistance by third persons, adaptation of work environment, additional travel / transportation costs) needed to overcome learning /working barriers resulting from disabilities.

7.0 How to apply for the scholarship

- Each candidate may submit **ONLY ONE** application.
- Eligible candidates interested in these mobility scholarships are invited fill the online scholarship application form using the link <https://forms.gle/6AxWVMg4Bo2Rap3Y9>.

Applications open on 3rd April 2025. The deadline is 19th May, 2025.

To apply, candidates must:

- Upload the following as part of the application (on penalty of disqualification):
 - ✓ A pdf file containing **updated curriculum vitae**, written in English;
 - ✓ A pdf file containing **motivation letter** to participate in the mobility.
 - ✓ A pdf file containing any **language certificate/evidence** as specified in the call for applications;
 - ✓ Any other certificates considered useful for assessment purposes. These documents must be uploaded in pdf format.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ONCE PRESENTED, APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE ALTERED OR WITHDRAWN.

- Once an application has been submitted, an email will be sent to the applicants's email address (provided in the scholarship application form) to confirm that the application was uploaded correctly.
- For more information visit <https://interactafrica.mu.ac.ke/>

8.0 Selection Criteria

Submitted applications will be assessed by assigning points out of a total of 100, based on the below criteria and scores. The following will be considered while selecting the applicants:

- a) Fulfillment of relevant requirements for Target 1 participation
- b) Academic merit and/or staff rank
- c) Motivation letter
- d) Language certificate/evidence
- e) Thematic areas of study/subjects/work
- f) Equity and inclusion based on gender, special needs, disadvantaged and marginalized groups
- g) Equal geographic representation of the partner universities in the mobility scheme
- h) **Number of scholarship opportunities available**

Providing incorrect or misleading information in your application will be a reason to withdraw your scholarship, should your application be successful.

9.0 Procedure for appeals

Unsuccessful applicants who do not accept the selection outcome can decide to lodge an appeal. The purpose of the appeal is to verify that the procedure has been applied correctly and in accordance with the scholarship selection criteria communicated to the candidate and that no error has been made while processing the candidate's application.

Information on the appeals procedure is provided in the INTERACT-Africa Applicant's Scholarship Appeal Guide (<https://shorturl.at/wHR5N>). The INTERACT-Africa Scholarship Appeal Form (<https://shorturl.at/wHR5N>.) is to be completed and should be sent to the Project Co-ordinating Office at interact-africa2023@mu.ac.ke.

A Scholarship Notice of Appeal sent without including the INTERACT-Africa Scholarship Appeal Form will not be accepted.

10.0 Important Dates

Event	Date
Application start date:	31 st March 2025
Information Webinar	14 th April 2025
Application deadline:	16 th May 2025
Notification of interviews for shortlisted candidates:	30 th May 2025
Online interviews for the shortlisted candidates:	6 th June 2025
Announcement of results:	13 th June 2025
Appeal deadline:	20 th June 2025
Estimated mobility dates:	1 st August 2025

11.0 Data Protection Statement

Please note that the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), in the context of managing the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme, collects and processes the personal data of some of the candidates. In particular, certain data of the scholarship holders is shared with the Agency through the mobility tool under EU Funding and Tenders Portal and treated according to the following [privacy statement](#).

12.0 Contacts for further enquiries

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