

Mobility grants: African-German Network of Excellence in Science

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The AGNES Intra-Africa Mobility Grant for Junior Researchers call is now open, and all eligible candidates from sub-Saharan countries can apply for the African-German Network of Excellence in Science (AGNES) call. The aims of the call are to strengthen the scientific capacity and networking of young researchers in Africa through the active cooperation of AGNES and potential AGNES members. (<https://agnes-h.org/2024-agnes-intra-africa-mobility-grants-for-junior-researchers/>)

Scope of programmes:

AGNES is operating two Intra-Africa Mobility Grants for Junior Researchers, for which application may be submitted directly by interested and qualified candidates from sub-Saharan Africa:

- a) General AGNES Intra-Africa Mobility Grants for Junior Researchers (generally for **male** and **female** candidates)
- b) Special AGNES Intra-Africa Mobility Grants for Junior Researchers (for **female** candidates ONLY)

Female candidates may apply for any or both of the grants, while male candidates can only apply for General AGNES Intra-Africa Mobility Grants for Junior Researchers (generally for male and female candidates). AGNES encourages **applications from all research fields** (Sciences, Humanities, Law, and Social Sciences).

Budget maximum (all expenses included)

One month: up to **EUR 2 300**

One and a half months: up to **EUR 2 650**

Two months: up to **EUR 3 000**

The following should be included in your budget (part of online application):

- **Travel costs (by land or economy class flight)**
Provide two quotes for the journey (including return travel) between the applicant's country of residence and the country of the host institute).
- **Estimated cost of living**
*Should include rent, meals, local transport, health insurance at the host institute. **Applicants are expected to conclude a valid health insurance for the research stay.***

The AGNES Intra-Africa Mobility Grant enables **doctoral candidates** from sub-Saharan African countries to spend research stays of one to two months at a university/research institute in another sub-Saharan African country (hereafter referred to as host institution), where they will be collaborating with an experienced researcher (hereafter referred to as scientific host). The proposed research must be part of the work towards the doctoral research, including but not limited to bench work, laboratory studies, use of library resources, and a write-up of the thesis or part of the thesis.

Eligible junior researchers need to demonstrate the relevance of their work for the further development of their home countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

The grant aims to be as financially comprehensive as is reasonably possible for a short stay outside the borders of the applicant's country, covering travel and subsistence and including a research allowance to the host institute on request to cover some of the research expenses. A maximum grant amount of EUR 2 300 to EUR 3 000 is earmarked for one to two months' stay, respectively, depending on the length of stay.

Eligibility and application process

Direct applications from junior researchers who have published **at least one article from their thesis (in a non-predatory journal)** will be considered for both AGNES mobility grants. The applicant (a) may be from any academic discipline but must be officially registered for a doctoral degree at a university/tertiary institute in sub-Saharan Africa at the time of application, (b) must be a national of a sub-Saharan African country, and (c) must have at least one already published paper from his/her thesis work **(in a non-predatory journal)**. **For the avoidance of doubt, we will only consider journals indexed by SCOPUS and the Web of Science.** The applicant must clearly demonstrate that their work is relevant towards development in sub-Saharan African countries and cannot be conducted in the home country. **Only applicants with an identified scientific host and mutually agreed proposal/work schedule will be considered for the grant.**

Required documents (maximum size = 12MB)

Complete applications **MUST** include the following:

- a) A **short research/project proposal – which MUST be in ENGLISH** (not more than five pages) – by the junior scientist (applicant), with a short outline of the proposed research activity and a work schedule for achieving the aim(s) of the research project at the host institution. The scientific host must agree in writing to the proposal and time schedule.
- b) A standard **CV of the applicant**, which MUST be in ENGLISH (use the AGNES template). The AGNES CV template can be obtained here: [**Download AGNES Mobility Grant 2024 CV Template**](#).
- c) **Official proof of registration for the postgraduate degree** (only current doctoral students are eligible).
- d) A **copy of the official academic transcripts of the applicant**, reflecting the grades obtained in the undergraduate and any postgraduate studies. If your transcript is in another language, **please supply the official explanation of the grading system in English**.
- e) A **list of published articles in non-predatory journals** (include an e-copy or screenshot of at least the title/author page). AGNES will not consider articles that are not indexed in SCOPUS and the Web of Science.

- f) **Travel costs** (by land or economy class flight): provide two quotes for the journey (including return travel) between the applicant's country of residence and the country of the host institute).
- g) **Estimated cost of living** (rent, meals, local transport, health insurance) at the host institute. Applicants are expected to conclude a valid health insurance for the research stay. Scientific hosts and host institutes are expected to assist applicants in finding affordable accommodation and advise them on establishing subsistence estimates.
- h) **Letter of invitation from the scientific host (MUST be in English)** (i) confirming that a place to work will be available for the indicated period, (ii) with a binding declaration from the host institution requesting an amount of the research cost allowance. The amount of EUR 100 per month and EUR 200 per month, respectively, will be deducted from the total grant amount for Humanities and Social Sciences, and Natural and Life Sciences and Engineering Sciences, to cover bench fees.

How to submit your application

Interested junior scientists should apply by completing the online application form via the link below: <https://forms.gle/BULMyk3zHhQpG5KN8>