**INSTRUCTIONS to prepare your PAPSSN Research project proposal**

**STEP 1**: Check the Academic offer available within PAPSSN at the Host University/ies of your interest under “Studies and Research opportunities” web page: https://www.papssnmobility.org/study-research-opportunities/.

**STEP 2**: Write your research project proposal addressing the following points:

1. Goals and objectives of your research project
2. State of the art and originality of your proposal
3. Methodology including the reason for choosing the host institution and the facilities available at the host institution
4. Structure: define here the work plan to be developed and the tools needed
5. Bibliography

The project should be of no more and no less than 2 to 3 pages, maximum 2.000 words.

**STEP 3:** If applicable, tell us why and how your research project proposal addresses the overarching goals of “PanAfrican Planetary and Space Science Network”.

**STEP 4**: Sign your Research project proposal.

**STEP 5**: Prepare the document as PDF file and upload it with your online application form. If your Research project proposal consists in more than 1 page please save them together as a single PDF file.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

1. If you apply for **two host universities**, you need to fill in and upload **two separate and different research project proposals**. Submit them together and upload them as a single PDF with your online application.
2. No signature is required from the Home or Host Universities nevertheless in order to design a successful Study Plan you are strongly advised to discuss your project proposal plan with both home and host institutions’ supervisors.

**These instructions are only for your information. DON’T UPLOAD this page in the online application. Only upload the below Research Project Proposal template duly filled out and signed.**

**RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL**

**for MASTER FULL, DOCTORATE FULL, MASTER EXCHANGE and DOCTORATE EXCHANGE**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022**

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| Name of applicants:  Type of mobility: □ Master full □ Doctorate full □ Master Exchange (6 months) □ Doctorate Exchange (12 months)  Home University:       Country:  Host University:       Country: |

Write here your brief research proposal addressing the following points:

1. Goals and objectives of your research project
2. State of the art and originality of your proposal
3. Methodology
4. Structure: define here the work plan to be developed and the tools needed
5. Bibliography

Masters: The project proposal should be no more than 1.000 words

Doctorate: The project proposal should be no more than 2.000 words

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| **RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL** |
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Why and how your research project proposal does address the PAPSSN priority topic (Not more than 500 words for both Master and Doctorate applicants):

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| **APPLICATION OF PLANETARY SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR COUNTRY** |
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The above is the research project I would like to carry out during a prospective PAPSSN mobility at the relevant Host University.

I hereby declare to have check the activities proposed can be developed at the Host University.

FOR DOCTORATE EXCHANGE ONLY: I hereby declare to have check these activities may be recognized within my domestic study plan at my Home University.

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