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Pan-African Planetary and Space Science Network (PAPSSN) – Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Programme

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications are invited from African nationals for scholarships in the fields of Astronomy, Astrophysics, Space and Planetary Science, Planetary Geology and Remote Sensing.

The 6th PAPSSN Call offers the following scholarships:

STAFF MOBILITY

[Applicants currently employed by one of the partner Universities]

- One 1-month Admin Mobility to Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
- One 3-months Academic Mobility, to University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
- One 1-month Admin Mobility to University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN), Nigeria
- One 3-months Academic Mobility to University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN), Nigeria

MSc MOBILITY

[Applicants currently enrolled in ANY African University]

- 2x MSc Credit Seeking (6 months) to University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
- 2x MSc Credit Seeking (6 months) to University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN), Nigeria
- 1x MSc Credit Seeking (6 months) to CopperBelt University, Zambia

APPLY ONLINE

<https://www.papssnmobility.org>

DEADLINE 1st November 2025

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The PAPSSN scholarship includes a return air ticket and visa costs, participation costs such as tuition fees, registration and service fees, Insurance, settling-in allowance, monthly subsistence allowance and a contribution towards the research costs associated with student mobility of 10 months or longer.

The PAPSSN consortium is committed to offering 50% of its scholarships to women and candidates from disadvantaged or marginalized groups.

We are strongly committed to ensure a 50:50 gender balance: women will be entitled to an extra allowance upon arrival at the host institution.

Previous and current recipients of intra-ACP or Intra-Africa scholarships are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

PAPSSN scholarships are jointly administered by five (5) African partner institutions, where selected students and staff will be able to engage in postgraduate studies, research, teaching or training.

AFRICAN PARTNERS

Botswana International University of Science and Technology (**BIUST**), Botswana

Addis Ababa University (**AAU**), Ethiopia
Copperbelt University (**CBU**), Zambia
University of Nigeria Nsukka (**UNN**), Nigeria

University of the Witwatersrand (**Wits**), South Africa

Technical Partner: Università di Bologna, Italy

For more information email: info@papssnmobility.org

WHAT IS PAPSSN?

PAPSSN, The Pan-Africa Planetary and Space Science Network, it's an Intra-Africa mobility project funded by the European Commission.

PAPSSN aims to create a mobility scheme for MSc and PhD students across Africa working in the field of Planetary and Space Sciences (PSS), anything from astrobiology, planetary geology to cosmology and astrophysics is welcome.

WHAT IS PAPSSN OFFERING YOU?

PAPSSN includes up to 50 scholarships for full MSc, full PhD degrees as well as short mobility periods. If you are looking for ways of supporting your postgraduate studies and/or your research project get in touch with us.

WHERE CAN I GO WITH PAPSSN?

If your application is successful you can choose to perform your studies and research activities in one of the 5 partner institutions across Botswana, Nigeria, Ethiopia, South Africa and Zambia. You pick your host institution amongst the partners... as long as you are 'moving' away from your country. Remember, the goal is to promote mobility!

WHAT CAN I DO TO GET PAPSSN SCHOLARSHIP?

This call will be open until 1st of November 2025, start working at your research proposal and download all the application documents from our website and identify a potential research topic for your MSc (<https://www.papssnmobility.org/study-research-opportunities/>). But don't forget, the first step is always to get in touch with your potential supervisor at the host institution.



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