



Intra-Africa Mobility for Training Agribusiness and Food Systems Scientists for African Agriculture (TAFSA)

Call for Credit Seeking Mobility, Cohort II

(Deadline January 15th, 2025)

About TAFSA Program

Intra-Africa Mobility to Train Agribusiness and Food System Scientists for African Agriculture (TAFSA) is funded by the European Union (EU). The program is run by (five) 5 African Participating Universities namely, Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique); Gulu University (Uganda); Makerere University (Uganda); University of Abomey Calavi (Benin), and University of Pretoria (South Africa). The goal of TAFSA project is to enhance synergetic cooperation amongst selected Agricultural Universities in Africa. Specifically, the project aims at supporting these African universities with research and training of skilful and competent professionals to contribute to the improvement of food systems, and agribusiness to respond to challenges associated with food insecurity and malnutrition, poverty and unemployment.

Through students training, TAFSA project is expected to contribute to:

- Improving the skills and competencies of students to increase their employability;
- Improving the quality of higher education in Africa and its relevance to Africa's development vision; and
- Strengthening partnerships and research collaboration amongst African higher education institutions and research collaboration.

Target beneficiaries

Beneficiaries of TAFSA scholarship are categorised into two target groups (TGs).

- TG-I include students from TAFSA consortium Institutions; University of Abomey Calavi (Benin), University of Eduardo Mondlane (Mozambique), Makerere University or Gulu University (Uganda), and University of Pretoria (South Africa).
- To qualify for TG-1, an applicant must be either a former student (degree seeking) or current student (credit seeking) of a participating university.
- TG-II includes students from all other African countries, with priority being given to students from conflict-affected and disadvantaged countries, including Burundi, Cameroon, Liberia, Mali and Sierra Leone.
- Both TG-I and TG-II applicants are eligible to apply for either credit or degree seeking mobility.

Selection Criteria

To be awarded to the TAFSA Master's or PhD credit seeking scholarship programme, the applicant must be enrolled for a Master's or PhD degree programme from an accredited university within the fields of agriculture, agricultural economics, agribusiness, food science and technology, human nutrition and consumer science.

Further details on entry requirements into a specific course for study can be found on the **host institution** website or from the TAFSA project website (<http://www.tafsa.org>). Applicants are not allowed to apply to more than one mobility programme. Details of the mobility programmes and available placements are summarised in the table on the last page of this advert notice.

The Host Institution must be outside of the student (applicant) home country and must demonstrate proficiency in the language of instruction.

Selection for the credit seeking scholarship award

A designated TAFSA selection committee carries out the selection process of the applicants. This committee will evaluate the eligibility of both TG-I and TG-II candidates based on TAFSA's selection criteria which include the student's academic profile, professional background, motivation and the scope of the research.

TAFSA selection criteria ensures equitable access and inclusion, and will give opportunity to participants from all backgrounds. Female candidates, candidates with disabilities, professional athletes, and candidates from disadvantaged backgrounds are highly encouraged to apply.

Eligibility for the TAFSA credit mobility will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Proof that the applicant is from an accredited university;
- The applicant fulfils the Target Groups (TG) requirements;
- The application deadline is respected;
- The right application form is used;
- All required supporting documents are provided and are official and legible;

Application Requirements

Interested applicants should download and fill the application form, and submit by email to the project coordination office at tafsa21@gmail.com, with a copy to the project coordinator, 3ngiva@gmail.com. The application should be accompanied by the following supporting documents:

- Full academic testimonials (Signed and stamped by the home University)*
- Proof of registration/enrolment at the home university*
- Letter of recommendation from your Head of department*
- Statement of motivation for the mobility and applying for TAFSA scholarship*
- Detailed work plan signed by the research supervisor*
- Invitation letter from the responsible person at host institution*
- Copy of Passport Data page or National ID*
- Curriculum Vitae (only for PhD Students)*

Additional information on admission criteria and application forms are available on the TAFSA website <https://www.tafs.org> or can be accessed through the following link (see the program summary table).

Expectations of the scholar

Once awarded a TAFSA credit seeking scholarship, the scholar shall be expected to:

- Sign a learning agreement at the host institution
- Attend a prescribed course/program at the host institution
- Be available for the entire duration of the mobility
- Participate in cultural and social activities organised at the host institution
- Prepare and submit a monthly progress report to the TAFSA project focal person at the host institution

Language of instruction

The language of instruction varies with the TAFSA project hosting institution/country. This will range from English (Uganda, South Africa), Portuguese (Mozambique) and French (Benin). Details of the language of instructions are provided in the program summary table.



6. Application Deadline

Application for TAFSA credit seeking scholarship shall be received until **January 15, 2025, 12:00GMT**.

Late and incomplete applications will not be considered

Scholarship Package

TAFSA project offers full board scholarship that includes **a monthly stipend, insurance (health) and travel facilitation**

For additional information about TAFSA scholarship please contact Dra. Nícia Givá (tafsa21@gmail.com) or visit TAFSA website: <https://www.tafsa.org>

Host institution	Courses offered	Credits	Term	Language of instruction	University Website	University Contact person
University of Abomey-Calavi	Laboratory work including: a. Development and standardization of processing method of foods and beverages, b. Food sample analysis on sensory, Nutritional and microbiological aspects, c. Food safety and risk assessment d. Predictive microbiology and food shelf-life prediction	PhD (30-60) MSc (15-30)	PhD (6 to 12 months) MSc (6 months) Any time between Sept-Dec 2025 and Jan-July 2025 PhD (6 to 12 months) MSc (6 months) Any time between Sept-Dec 2025 and Jan-July 2025	French (proficiency certificate required)	https://fsa-uac.bj/	Dr. Pélagie B. Agbobatinkpo pelagie.agbobatin kpo@uac.bj
	Research Methodology	4	Aug -Dec 2025 and Jan - May 2025	English	https://ww	Assoc. Prof. Jackline Bonabana;



Makerere University	Research Methods	4	Aug - Dec 2025 and Jan - May 2025		w.mak.ac.ug	jackline.bonabana@mak.ac.ug jbexim@gmail.com
	Seminars	2	Aug - Dec 2025 and Jan - May 2025			

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Gulu University	Scholarly Writing and presentation skills	3	2 nd Semester Jan-April, 2025	English	www.gu.ac.ug	Dr. Odongo Walter Odongo78@gmail.com
	Graduate Community attachment	5	3 rd Semester (May-August, 2025)			
	Scholarly Writing and presentation skills	3	1 st semester, (August-Dec, 2025)			
University of Pretoria	Research Methodology and seminars FST 700	15	1 st Semester (February - June)	English	https://www.up.ac.za	Dr. Gerrie du Rand gerrie.durand@up.ac.za or gerrie.durand12@gmail.com
	Sensory Evaluation FST 712	10	1 st Semester (February - June)			
	FNH 420 Advanced Food Nutrition and Health	20	2 nd Semester (July to November)			
	FST 720 Advanced Food Science	15	1 st Semester (February - June)			
Eduardo Mondlane University	Agribusiness Management	4	3 rd term [Mar-May 2025]	English or Portuguese		Prof. João Mutondo joaomutondos@gmail.com
	Natural Resource Economics	4	3 rd term [Mar-May 2025]			
	Seminars	2	2 nd and 3 rd terms [May-Aug] or [Sep-Dec]			