

# SHE-CREEDS

Strengthening Higher Education for Climate-Responsive Agriculture,  
Energy-Efficient Technologies and Digital Innovation in Sub-Saharan Africa

## CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS — COHORT 1

*MSc and PhD Scholarships in Climate-Responsive Agriculture & Energy-Efficient  
Technologies*

6

PhD Positions

(5 degree-seeking + 1 credit-seeking)

10

MSc Positions

(degree-seeking)

5

Host HEIs

across 5 African countries

Up to EUR  
890 / 1,230

Monthly stipend: MSc / PhD

 **APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (23:59 GMT)**

Applications must be submitted via Google Form: <https://forms.gle/ni1Cqoacac238k1T7>


## ABOUT THE SHE-CREEDS PROJECT

**SHE-CREEDS** is a four-year (2025–2028) EU-funded academic mobility project under the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme (NDICI-2024-MOBAF), managed by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA). The project is coordinated by the **Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST), Tanzania**, in partnership with universities in Ethiopia, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Zambia, with Ghent University (Belgium) as the EU Technical Partner and CSIR (Ghana) as Associated Partner.

The project aims to strengthen collaborative capacity of African HEIs by improving training quality in **Climate-Responsive Agriculture (CRA)** and **Energy-Efficient Technologies (EET)**, and to advance the digitalisation of higher education across Eastern, Central, Southern, and Western Africa, directly supporting EU Global Gateway flagship projects.

## CONSORTIUM PARTNERS

Acronym	Institution	Country	Role	Language
NM-AIST	Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology	Tanzania	Lead Coordinator & Beneficiary	Anglophone
JU	Jimma University	Ethiopia	Beneficiary	Anglophone
UOB	Université Officielle de Bukavu	DRC	Beneficiary	Francophone
UFHB	Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny	Côte d'Ivoire	Beneficiary	Francophone
UNZA	University of Zambia	Zambia	Beneficiary	Anglophone
UGent	Ghent University	Belgium	EU Technical Partner	—
CSIR	Council for Scientific & Industrial Research	Ghana	Associated Partner	Anglophone

 **Language Mobility Advantage:** Applicants from **Anglophone countries** applying to **Francophone HEIs** (UOB or UFHB) will receive a cross-language selection bonus — and vice versa. Language support services will be available upon arrival at the host Institution; however, no structured language courses will be provided during the mobility period.

### IMPORTANT: THIS IS NOT AN IN-COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants CANNOT apply to study at a host Institution located in their own country of nationality or current country of residence. The mobility MUST take place in a different African country from the one in which you are currently living and hold citizenship.

This cross-country mobility requirement applies to ALL applicants, including those from countries not directly represented in the consortium (Target Group 2 applicants). Applications that propose in-country study will be declared ineligible and will not be considered, regardless of academic and other merits.

## AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS — COHORT 1

### PhD SCHOLARSHIPS | 6 Positions | Monthly Stipend: up to EUR 1,230

#	Host HEI	PhD Programme	Sub-Theme	Type
1.	NM-AIST (Tanzania)	PhD Sustainable Agriculture	Agro-Ecological Farming Systems and Sustainable Land Management	Credit-Seeking (6 months)
2.	JU (Ethiopia)	PhD in Natural Resources Management (Specialization Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation)	Smart Irrigation, Water-Energy-Food Nexus, and Precision Agriculture Technologies	Degree-Seeking

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3.	*UOB (DRC)	*PhD Environmental Science – Natural Resource Management	*Agro-Industrial Waste Valorisation, Biodiversity-Positive Farming, and Sustainable Mining for Land Rehabilitation in the Albertine Rift	*Degree-Seeking
4.	UFHB (Côte d'Ivoire)	PhD in Climate Change and Biodiversity	Climate-Smart Cocoa Landscapes	Degree-Seeking
5.	NM-AIST (Tanzania)	PhD Hydrology and Water Resources Engineering	Smart Irrigation, Water-Energy-Food Nexus, and Precision Agriculture Technologies	Credit-Seeking (6 months)
6.	NM-AIST (Tanzania)	PhD Sustainable Energy Science & Engineering	Renewable Energy Systems, Green Manufacturing, and Solar-Driven Technologies	Degree-Seeking
7.	UNZA (Zambia)	PhD Integrated Water Resources Management	Energy Efficiency in Transport, Water, Infrastructure, and Urban Systems (Energy-Efficient Water Systems)	Degree-Seeking

## 🎓 MSc SCHOLARSHIPS | 6 Positions | Monthly Stipend: up to EUR 890

#	Host HEI	MSc Programme	Sub-Theme	Type
1.	NM-AIST (Tanzania)	MSc Sustainable Agriculture	Agro-Ecological Farming Systems and Sustainable Land Management	Degree-Seeking
2.	JU (Ethiopia)	MSc Agronomy	Agrifood Value Chain Development and Rural SME Empowerment	Degree-Seeking
3.	*UOB (DRC)	*MSc Natural Resource Management	*Agro-Industrial Waste Valorisation, Biodiversity-Positive Farming, and Sustainable Mining for Land Rehabilitation in the Albertine Rift	*Degree-Seeking
4.	UFHB (Côte d'Ivoire)	MSc Climate Change, Biodiversity & Sustainable Agriculture	Agro-Ecological Farming Systems and Sustainable Land Management	Degree-Seeking
5.	UNZA (Zambia)	Master of Science in Geology	Mineral Systems, Hydrogeology, and Geological Hazard Assessment in Zambia's Critical Resource Landscapes	Degree-Seeking
6.	NM-AIST (Tanzania)	MSc Sustainable Energy Science & Engineering	Renewable Energy Systems, Green Manufacturing, and Solar-Driven Technologies	Degree-Seeking

*\*Please note that all scholarship positions tenable at the Université Officielle de Bukavu (UOB), Democratic Republic of Congo, are subject to reallocation to an alternative consortium partner institution should circumstances beyond the control of the SHE-CREEDS consortium so require.*

## SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE & BENEFITS

<b>MSc Scholarship — up to EUR 890/month</b> Duration: Up to 24 months (degree-seeking)	<b>PhD Scholarship — up to EUR 1,230/month</b> Duration: Up to 36 months (degree-seeking)   6 months (credit-seeking)
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**NM-AIST (TZ) | JU (ET) | UOB (DRC) | UFHB (CI) | UNZA (ZM) | UGent (BE) — EU Technical Partner | CSIR (GH) — Associated Partner**  
[www.she-creeds.eu](http://www.she-creeds.eu) | [she-creeds.scholarships@nm-aist.ac.tz](mailto:she-creeds.scholarships@nm-aist.ac.tz) | Apply: <https://forms.gle/ni1Cqoacac238k1T7>

♀ **GENDER AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Female applicants are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to apply. SHE-CREEDS targets at least 50% female scholarship holders. Female applicants receive a 5-point bonus in the selection scoring. Additional support includes dedicated mentorship, female peer networks, annual family visit allowance for degree-seeking PhD holders, and flexible arrangements for nursing mothers.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### ☑ **MANDATORY — ALL APPLICANTS**

- Be a national **AND** resident of a sub-Saharan African country at time of application.
- Submission of valid **PASSPORT** and national ID card is **MANDATORY** for nationality verification.
- Mobility must be in an African country different from your country of nationality and residence.
- For credit-seeking applicants, they must be registered at a consortium-member Institution.
- NOT currently receiving or have previously received an EU-funded scholarship for the same period.
- NOT previously benefited from a student scholarship under the Intra-Africa Mobility Scheme 2022–2027.
- Commit to return to your home country/institution after completion of mobility.
- Sign declaration of no concurrent EU scholarship and no prior MOBAF award.

### 🏠 **MSc-SPECIFIC CRITERIA**

- BSc/BA/BEng degree: at least Upper Second Class Honours (or equivalent) in a climate-responsive agriculture or energy efficient technologies-related field.
- A motivation letter or statement of purpose detailing research topic aligned to SHE-CREEDS sub-themes of the respective programme.
- Maximum age 30 years at application deadline.
- Proficiency in the language of instruction at the host Institution (English or French).
- Two academic reference letters (on institutional letterhead, signed by referee).

### 📖 **PhD-SPECIFIC CRITERIA**

- ▶ MSc degree (or equivalent) in a climate-responsive agriculture or energy efficient technologies-related field with good academic standing.
- ▶ Maximum age 35 years at application deadline.
- ▶ A motivation letter or statement of purpose.
- ▶ Preliminary Research Concept Note: 1,000–1,500 words aligned to SHE-CREEDS sub-themes of the respective programme.
- ▶ Two academic reference letters (on institutional letterhead, signed by referee).
- ▶ Research outputs (publications, reports) are an advantage.

⚡ **Priority Groups:** Priority is given to: (a) applicants from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds; (b) applicants from fragile/conflict-affected regions; (c) underrepresented groups in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); (d) cross-language applicants (Anglophone ↔ Francophone); (e) persons with disabilities — accessible support will be arranged.

**X NOT ELIGIBLE:** EU country nationals; current EU scholarship holders for the same period; staff of Ghent University (EU Technical Partner) for student scholarships; prior recipients of student scholarships under the Intra-Africa Mobility Scheme 2022–2027.

## HOW TO APPLY — STEP-BY-STEP

	Stage	Details
Step 1	<b>Review Programmes</b>	Review the PhD and MSc programmes listed in this advertisement and on the SHE-CREEDS website ( <a href="http://www.she-creeds.eu">www.she-creeds.eu</a> ). Identify positions aligned with your academic background and respective academic programme in the five host African higher education institutions.
Step 2	<b>Prepare Documents</b>	Assemble ALL mandatory documents (see next Section, below) BEFORE opening the application form. All documents must be in PDF format (max. 10 MB each).
Step 3	<b>Complete Google Form</b>	Submit your application via the following Google form: <a href="https://forms.gle/ni1Cqoacac238k1T7">https://forms.gle/ni1Cqoacac238k1T7</a> .
Step 4	<b>Submit by Deadline</b>	Submit no later than 28 June 2026 at 23:59 GMT. Late or incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered under any circumstances.
Step 5	<b>Shortlisting &amp; Interview</b>	Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for a virtual interview after completion of the selection process. All applicants will receive feedback on their application outcome.
Step 6	<b>Award &amp; Mobility Commencement</b>	Final selections will be announced by July 2026.

## MANDATORY APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

### ALL APPLICANTS (MSc and PhD)

- Completed application via Google Form
- Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- Motivation Letter — max. 2 pages.
- Valid PASSPORT copy — showing name, nationality & date of birth.
- National Identity Card copy.
- Certified copies of ALL previous academic certificates/degrees.
- Official academic transcripts from all previous qualifications.
- Language proficiency evidence (if host HEI language is not your native language).
- Signed self-declaration: no concurrent EU scholarship; no prior MOBAF award

### PhD APPLICANTS (additional)

- Research Concept Note (1,000–1,500 words) aligned to SHE-CREEDS sub-themes.
- TWO signed academic/ professional reference letters on institutional letterhead.
- Evidence of research outputs (publications list, conference papers, reports) — if available.

### MSc APPLICANTS (additional)

- TWO signed academic/professional reference letter on institutional letterhead.
- Statement of purpose, which may be included in motivation letter (not more than two pages).

### All documents submitted via Google Form:

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**⚠ Submission of false or fraudulent documents will result in immediate disqualification and may be reported to the relevant authorities and academic institutions.**

## CONTACT INFORMATION & IMPORTANT LINKS

✉ **SHE-CREEDS Scholarship Office**  
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🔗 **Online Resources**

Project Website: [www.she-creeds.eu](http://www.she-creeds.eu)

Apply Online (Google Form):  
<https://forms.gle/ni1Cqoacac238k1T7>

LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/in/she-creeds-project-a22001406](https://www.linkedin.com/in/she-creeds-project-a22001406)

Applicants are advised to thoroughly read all the information available on the project website prior to filling in the Application Form.

**Send in your application before deadline: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

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SHE-CREEDS is an equal opportunity project. We do not discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, race, religion, or national origin.

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