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### AFRICAN WATER RESOURCES MOBILITY NETWORK (AWaRMN)

BUILDING TRANSDISCIPLINARY CAPACITY FOR SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT  
IN AFRICA

Secretariat: Institute for Water Research, Rhodes University, Makhanda (Grahamstown),  
South Africa

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**SECOND COHORT SECOND TARGETED CALL: MSc (2022-2023)**

**Application deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021**

### Scholarship Mobility Programmes

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and outstanding candidates for full-time study in any of the Postgraduate academic mobility scholarship programmes of the AWaRMN under the following Higher Education Institutions in the AWaRMN partnership: .

#### 1. Makerere University, Uganda (MU)

- M.Sc. Chemistry

#### 2. Rhodes University (Rhodes)

- M.Sc. Water Resource Science
- M.Sc. Hydrology

#### Type of Mobility (Scholarships)

- 1. Degree-seeking Mobility** (long-term study that leads to an award of a MSc degree). **ONLY AVAILABLE AT INSTITUTIONS NUMBER 1 and 2 (MU and Rhodes) under this call.**

## **Target Groups**

Group 1: Students who are registered or have previously obtained a degree from any of the AWaRMN partner institutions: RU, UNIKIN, FUTMINNA, MU, ENSH.

## **Value of Scholarship**

For successful applicants, AWaRMN funding will cover the following areas:

- Participation costs (e.g. tuition/registration fees) of students.
- Research costs (e.g. field work, laboratory consumables).
- Subsistence allowance: MSc/MTech: 600 Euro per month.
- Special allowance to female students for mobility equal or more than 2 academic years, viz – MSc/MTech: 600 Euro per year.
- Economy class roundtrip flight ticket and visa costs
- Insurance (Health, accident and travel) • One-off settling-in allowance upon arrival to cover installation costs, viz – MSc/MTech: 600 Euro.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

### **General eligibility**

To be eligible for support from AWaRMN, applicants must:

- be a national of an African Union member state and resident in Africa at the time of application.
- meet both institutional and partnership requirements for admission.
- not have benefited from a previous scholarship under the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme, or Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme.
- must be registered/admitted in or have previously obtained a degree (or equivalent) from any of the AWaRMN partnership institutions: RU, ENSH, UNIKIN, FUTMINA and MU.
- must be prepared to move from home country to another country where AWARM has a partner institution. Scholarships are attached to mobility and therefore you cannot apply to an institution in the country where you are a citizen or where you reside.

### **Academic eligibility**

Applicants must also fulfill the academic eligibility

criteria of the partner institution(s) of their choice: I.

## **Makerere University (Department of Chemistry), Uganda**

Applicants from countries where the language of instruction is not English are required to provide evidence of proficiency in English Language.

### **MSc Chemistry (2 academic years)**

Candidates should be in possession of at least an upper second-class honors degree in **Chemistry** from any of the AWaRMN partner institutions. Candidates with lower qualifications will be considered for admission provided they have demonstrated academic growth in chemistry or in one of the specified options. The language of instruction is English.

## **II. Rhodes University (Institute for Water Research), South Africa**

### **MSc Water Resources (2 academic years; Degree Seeking)**

Candidates are required to have at least a second-class Bachelor Honours degree in the field of natural sciences especially Biological Sciences (**Microbiology, Zoology, Botany, Ecology**), Water Resource Science/Management, Chemistry, Environmental Science, or a closely related field. *Experience in sampling and analysing river water samples, collecting qualitative data, conventional and RT-PCR, basic microbiology techniques (such as culturing, differential staining, and biochemical tests)*. The language of instruction is English. A working knowledge of English Language is required.

### **MSc Hydrology (2 academic years; Degree Seeking)**

Candidates are required to have at least a second-class Bachelor Honours degree in the field of hydrology, physical sciences, geography, geology, environmental science, water engineering, or a closely related field from a recognized institution. The language of instruction is English. A working knowledge of the English Language is required.

### **To apply:**

- Read the guidelines carefully here: <https://www.ru.ac.za/intra-africa-awarmn/scholarships/>
- Carefully complete the application form available here: <https://www.ru.ac.za/intra-africa-awarmn/> (click APPLY NOW)

- **Submit:** Certified copies of academic degrees official transcripts, 2 paged CV, a formal identity document e.g. passport, national identity card, driver license or any other officially recognized form of identification indicating your nationality, 250 words motivation stating why you should be awarded a scholarship, two reference letters (one academic and one non-academic). The academic referee must be able to attest to your academic standing.
- **Note:** Due to the COVID-19 situation, at the time of application, we will accept unofficial document detailing all your courses and grades/marks obtained, including final grade point average or marks). However, if you are selected, we will require the official transcript, without which we will be unable to make a final offer to you.
- Due to the COVID-19 and closure of international borders, the partnership may elect not to award scholarship in some partner institutions depending on the prevailing circumstances.
- Visit the AWaRMN website and apply. AWaRMN website: <https://www.ru.ac.za/intra-africa/awarmn/>
- Due to the COVID-19 situation, successful candidates will be expected to resume their study for the 2022 academic session on a rolling basis depending on the institutional circumstances.
- **Where the mobility start date is substantially delayed due to COVID-19** travel restrictions to a chosen host institution, the project management committee (PMC) reserves the right to allocate a student to another host University to overcome these delays.

**Note:**

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

***Female applicants, people with disability(ies) or people from a socio-economically disadvantaged background are strongly encouraged to apply.***

- [Click here on this link to apply:](https://ru.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1858265)

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**Application Deadline:**

The deadline for submission of applications is **22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021**. Submitted applications will be acknowledged within three working days. Applicants will be informed about the outcome of the competitive selection process by email on or before **27<sup>th</sup> December 2021**.

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**Enquiries:**

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