



GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS

RECLAIM FIRST MOBILITY CALL

Degree-seeking • Credit-seeking • Traineeships • Staff mobility

51 mobility opportunities across four host institutions in Cameroon, Kenya, Botswana and Ghana.

Applications opened: 12 August 2026

Deadline: 26 September 2026, midnight

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1. About this call

RECLAIM (Resilience-Building for Education and Climate Learning, Adaptation, and Innovation in Mitigation) invites students and staff to apply for mobility opportunities under the European Union-funded Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme.

The call supports study, research, traineeship and staff-mobility activities connected to climate-resilient education, research and innovation in Africa. Applicants should choose a pathway and host that fit their academic or professional background.

Key dates and contact

Applications opened	12 August 2026
Application deadline	26 September 2026, midnight at all participating institutions
Student application	https://www.reclaimeu.org/en/scholarship/082d70a2-1cc8-45d4-aa85-c6f02a546553
Staff application	https://www.reclaimeu.org/en/scholarship/8abe7314-6cb6-47f2-925f-cc6f18d92268
Full scholarship information	https://www.reclaimeu.org/en/scholarship
Enquiries	reclaimeu@mmust.ac.ke
Project website	https://www.reclaimeu.org/en

Important notices

- RECLAIM does not list an application fee in this call. Applicants should treat requests for unofficial payments or payments to individuals with caution and verify them through the project email.
- Personal information should be submitted only through the official application route. It will be used for application administration, eligibility checks, selection and mobility arrangements in line with applicable data-protection requirements.
- European Union funding does not mean that views expressed by project participants necessarily represent those of the European Union or its agencies.
- Mobility under this call applies only to a host institution outside the applicant's home country; applicants cannot apply for mobility to an institution located in their own country.
- The award of a RECLAIM scholarship is independent of admission to a degree programme. Degree-seeking applicants should check the admission requirements and application process of each host institution early, and prepare a separate application for admission once the scholarship has been awarded.
- Scholarship award is therefore conditional subject to the applicant's admission into the degree programme. (Degree-seeking mobility). Applicants should visit the relevant university's website for its specific admission requirements and application process.
- Applicants for credit seeking should have proof of enrolment and ongoing academic studies in the home country
- The language of instruction for programmes undertaken during the mobility is English; applicants should verify they meet the host institution's required proficiency level.

2. Mobility pathways and eligibility

Who should apply

Applicants must meet the admission and eligibility requirements of the selected host institution. The proposed study, research, traineeship or staff activity must align with the applicant's academic or professional background and with RECLAIM objectives.

- Degree-seeking applicants: candidates seeking admission to a full Master's or PhD programme offered in this call.
- Credit-seeking applicants: students already enrolled in a programme who wish to complete an approved period of study or research at a host institution and have the work recognised by their home institution.
- Traineeship applicants: students seeking a practical placement in an area relevant to RECLAIM and consistent with their programme.
- Staff applicants: staff members from partner universities proposing an approved mobility activity. Host selection is subject to consortium and institutional approval.

Equity and inclusion Women, persons with disabilities, applicants from vulnerable or disadvantaged groups and candidates from underrepresented regions are strongly encouraged to apply.

Target groups

Two categories of students will be supported:

- Target group 1: students registered/admitted in or having obtained a degree from one of the African applicant HEIs (beneficiaries) involved in the consortium.
- Target group 2: students registered/admitted in or having obtained a degree from another HEI which is not participating as applicant (beneficiary) but is established in Africa.

Basic eligibility check

- The selected programme or activity appears in the RECLAIM opportunity offer.
- The applicant meets the relevant host institution's academic, admission and language requirements.
- The proposed mobility is consistent with the applicant's current qualifications, study programme or staff role.
- The proposal clearly connects to RECLAIM's climate-learning, adaptation, mitigation, resilience, education, research or innovation objectives.
- For credit mobility, the home institution can confirm how the mobility will count toward the applicant's existing programme.
- For staff mobility, the home and proposed host institutions can support the planned activity.
- Please be aware that if you benefitted or are benefitting from an Intra-Africa scholarship you are not eligible to apply.
- If any requirement is unclear, contact the proposed host institution or RECLAIM before submitting.

RECLAIM thematic areas

Applicants should identify the thematic area that best fits their proposed study, research, traineeship or staff-mobility activity. The motivation statement and work plan should explain that connection clearly and use specific examples from the relevant key areas in Figure 1.

Consolidated RECLAIM Thematic Areas

No.	Consolidated thematic area	Key areas covered
1	 Climate Resilience, Community Adaptation and Indigenous Knowledge	Climate hazards and disaster resilience; community adaptation; indigenous and ethno-ecological knowledge; sustainable agriculture; ecosystem restoration; mitigation and adaptation across systems.
2	 Climate Psychology, Inclusive Education and Learner Wellbeing	Climate anxiety, trauma and displacement; learner and teacher wellbeing; educational psychology; inclusive and gender-responsive education; supportive learning environments and resilience.
3	 Digital Learning, Artificial Intelligence and Geospatial Innovation	AI-supported and adaptive learning; digital pedagogy; educational technologies; GIS, remote sensing and Earth observation; environmental modelling; early-warning systems; data-driven decision-making.
4	 Environmental Quality, Natural Resources and Pollution Management	Water, sanitation and hygiene; waste management and circular economy; air, soil and water pollution; emerging contaminants; remediation; biodiversity conservation; sustainable natural-resource management.
5	 Policy, Economics, Governance and Leadership for Sustainable Transformation	Climate and environmental policy; education policy and leadership; institutional transformation; climate finance and green growth; environmental law; inclusive governance and cross-national frameworks.

Figure 1. Consolidated RECLAIM thematic areas and key areas covered.

Application tip Select the closest thematic area; do not try to force the proposal into every category. Explain the problem, the proposed activity and the expected contribution to that area.

3. Available degree and credit opportunities

Slot numbers are fixed. Applicants should confirm the detailed admission requirements for their chosen programme with the host institution.

Host institution	Master's opportunities	PhD opportunities
University of Buea Cameroon	Degree-seeking (3): M.Ed. Educational Psychology; MSc Geography; MSc Environmental Science Credit-seeking (4): M.Ed. Curriculum Studies & Teaching; M.Ed. Educational Psychology; M.Eng. Civil Engineering & Construction; MSc Anthropology	Credit-seeking (1): Plant Science
MMUST Kenya	Degree-seeking (2): MEd Educational Psychology; MEd Environmental Education Credit-seeking (5): MEd Management & Policy; MA Economics; MSc Chemistry; MSc Climate Change & Sustainable Development; MSc Natural Resource & Environmental Management	Credit-seeking (1): Educational Psychology
University of Botswana Botswana	Credit-seeking (4): MSc Environmental Science	Degree-seeking (2) + Credit (1): PhD Environmental Science
University of Ghana Ghana	Degree-seeking (3): MSc/MPhil/MA in Geography & Resource Development; Climate Change & Sustainable Development; Sustainability Science; Environmental Sanitation; Environmental Science; Educational Leadership & Management; Educational Technology	Credit-seeking (1): Geography & Resource Development; Environmental Science; Climate Change & Sustainable Development

Host institution	Master's opportunities	PhD opportunities
	Credit-seeking (4): Master's credit mobility in the programmes listed above, including Education where applicable	

4. Traineeship and staff opportunities

Category	Buea	MMUST	Botswana	Ghana	Total
Traineeships	2	2	3	2	9
Staff mobility	3	3	2	3	11

Traineeships

The traineeship area must be relevant to RECLAIM and align with the applicant's academic programme. Applicants should explain the practical skills, outputs and climate-related contribution expected from the placement.

- Identify the proposed host and focus area.
- Explain how the placement supports the applicant's programme and career development.
- Describe the expected tasks, learning outcomes and tangible outputs.
- Obtain home-institution support where required.

Staff mobility

Staff members from partner universities are eligible. Host selection is subject to consortium and institutional approval. A proposed activity should have a clear institutional purpose and a feasible work plan.

- Possible activity types may include teaching, research collaboration, training, curriculum work, benchmarking, technical exchange or administrative learning, subject to institutional approval.
- The work plan should identify objectives, activities, expected outputs, host counterparts and value to the home institution.

Check before applying The RECLAIM call does not state mobility durations or individual scholarship rates. Use only the duration and financial information confirmed in the official application form, award notice or scholarship agreement.

5. Preparatory & Support Measures

The table below lists preparatory and support measures — including accommodation, visa, insurance, inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities, language support, and mentorship — with the responsible contact and website for each participating institution. Columns for University of Buea, Ghana and Botswana are left blank for those institutions to complete.

Preparatory & Support Measures	Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (Kenya)	University of Buea (Cameroon)	Partner Institution – Ghana	Partner Institution – Botswana
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6. Recognition of Studies

The institutions in the RECLAIM consortium commit to:

- ☐ Ensure recognition of academic activities satisfactorily completed.
- ☐ Ensure that student and staff mobility for education or training purposes is based on a learning agreement for students and a mobility agreement for staff, validated in advance between the sending and receiving institutions.
- ☐ Accept all activities indicated in the learning agreement, or according to the learning outcomes of the modules completed at the host institution, as automatically counting towards the degree, provided these have been satisfactorily completed by the mobile student.
- ☐ Taking measures to ensure recognition of student and staff mobility upon their return, including:
 - Providing incoming mobile students and their sending institutions with free-of-charge transcripts. The documents will be in English and contain a full, accurate and timely record of the achievements at the end of the mobility period.
 - A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than 5 weeks after the assessment period has finished at the receiving HEI.
 - Providing students on traineeships and staff with a certificate for the activities completed. It is recommended to issue a certificate towards the end of the mobility period.

Disclaimer on privacy statement on collection & processing of data

The European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), in the context of managing the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme, collects and processes the personal data of some of the candidates. Certain data of the scholarship holders (students and staff members) and reserve list candidates is shared with the Agency through the EACEA Mobility Tool and treated according to the following privacy statement.

Disclaimer on attempted frauds

Please be cautious when receiving any publicity inviting you to apply for an Intra-Africa scholarship or a message to pay a fee to be selected as a scholarship holder. We have been informed of numerous attempted scams. Before giving out any personal data, please always verify that the information comes from a trustworthy source. Please also note that candidates do not have to pay any fees to benefit from an Intra-Africa scholarship.

7. Preparing and submitting an application

Preparation steps

1. Choose one mobility pathway: degree, credit, traineeship or staff mobility.
2. Select a host institution and an eligible programme or activity from this guide.
3. Check the host institution's admission, academic, language and document requirements.
4. Discuss credit recognition, supervision, traineeship arrangements or a staff work plan with the relevant home and host contacts, as applicable.
5. Prepare clear, legible documents and ensure names, dates and programme titles are consistent across the application.
6. Complete the official form in English unless the official application route states otherwise.
7. Review the full application before submission and keep the submission confirmation or a saved copy.

Recommended document checklist

The official form and host institution requirements are controlling. Applicants should prepare the following, as applicable:

- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Valid passport or national identification document
- Academic certificates and transcripts
- Proof of current registration or enrolment for credit mobility or traineeships
- Motivation letter explaining fit with the host programme and RECLAIM objectives
- Study plan, research proposal, learning agreement, traineeship plan or staff mobility work plan
- Recommendation, supervisor-support or institutional-approval letters requested by the host or official form
- Evidence of language proficiency where required by the host institution
- Supporting documentation for any declared disability, vulnerability or disadvantaged status, if the applicant wishes this to be considered

Document quality Upload complete, readable files in the format requested by the official form. Missing, inconsistent or unreadable material may prevent eligibility or academic requirements from being verified.

8. How applications may be reviewed

The RECLAIM call confirms that applicants must satisfy host-institution requirements and demonstrate alignment with RECLAIM. Applicants should therefore make the following evidence easy to verify:

Review area	What to show
Completeness and eligibility	All required fields and documents; correct mobility category; evidence that host requirements are met.
Academic or professional fit	Relevant qualifications, current programme or staff role, and a credible match with the selected host.
Quality of the plan	Clear objectives, feasible activities, appropriate methods or learning tasks, and specific outputs.
RECLAIM relevance	A direct link to climate resilience, climate learning, adaptation, mitigation, education, research or innovation.
Expected benefit	Academic, professional, institutional or societal value, including how knowledge or skills will be used after mobility.
Equity and inclusion	Any relevant context the applicant chooses to disclose, supported by documentation where requested.

Write a focused motivation statement

- Name the exact host institution, programme and mobility category.
- State the academic or professional problem the mobility will help address.
- Connect previous experience to the proposed study, research, placement or work plan.
- Give concrete expected outputs and explain their value to the home institution or community.
- Use specific evidence; avoid generic claims about climate change or international exposure.

Selection information The attached RECLAIM call does not publish scoring weights, interview arrangements,

result dates or an appeal procedure. Applicants should rely on any later instructions issued through the official application route or by the consortium.

9. Final submission checklist

- ☐ I selected an opportunity listed in this call.
- ☐ I checked the host institution's admission and eligibility requirements.
- ☐ My proposed activity matches my academic or professional background.
- ☐ My application explains how the mobility supports RECLAIM objectives.
- ☐ All required documents are complete, readable and consistently named.
- ☐ My study, research, traineeship or staff work plan is feasible and specific.
- ☐ I obtained home- and host-institution support where required.
- ☐ I reviewed dates and submitted before midnight on 26 September 2026.
- ☐ I saved proof of submission and will monitor the email address used in my application.

Contact and authoritative information

Enquiries	reclaimeu@mmust.ac.ke
Student application	https://www.reclaimeu.org/en/scholarship/082d70a2-1cc8-45d4-aa85-c6f02a546553
Staff application	https://www.reclaimeu.org/en/scholarship/8abe7314-6cb6-47f2-925f-cc6f18d92268
Scholarship information	https://www.reclaimeu.org/en/scholarship

Where this guide and the official application form or a host institution's admission rules differ, follow the official application form and the host institution's published requirements.

Deadline 26 September 2026, midnight at all participating institutions

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Take your academic journey beyond borders and contribute to building a more resilient future across Africa.