



## The Intra-ACP academic mobility scheme: Opportunities for higher education institutions

The Intra-ACP academic mobility scheme was launched in December 2010. It promotes higher education cooperation between countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP). It funds partnerships between higher education institutions (HEIs) from different countries within these regions, and grants scholarships for students and academics to carry out studies, research or teaching in another country covered by the programme.

The partnerships strengthen inter-university cooperation in the regions, while the scholarships help develop highly-trained postgraduates and staff, who will benefit from mobility within their region.

This European Union funded programme builds on the African Union's Mwalimu Nyerere programme for Africa, granting additional funding, and setting up a similar scheme for the Caribbean and Pacific regions. Mobility of students (at masters and doctoral level) and staff will take place within Africa (Lot 1) and the Pacific and Caribbean regions (Lot 2).

HEIs from ACP countries are eligible to apply. Partnerships are selected under annual Calls for Proposals. EU higher education institutions can only participate as technical partners, supporting the organisation and implementation of mobilities but not sending and receiving students. In this respect, good practice and experience of European universities in managing mobility in similar schemes can be brought to the Intra-ACP partnerships.

### 2013 Call for Proposals

The Intra-ACP academic mobility scheme is launching its third Call for Proposals to fund partnerships between higher education institutions (HEIs) from different countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific. The Call for proposals EACEA/45/12 aims to support seven projects under Lot 1- Africa (EU budget available: € 17.85 million) and maximum three projects under Lot 2 - the Caribbean and the Pacific (EU budget available: € 5.6 million). The deadline for submission of applications is 10 June 2013. More information soon here:

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra\\_acp\\_mobility/funding/2013/call\\_eacea\\_45\\_12\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra_acp_mobility/funding/2013/call_eacea_45_12_en.php)

### Mobility and scholarships

Mobility of students (at masters and doctoral level) and staff takes place within Africa (Lot 1) and the Pacific and Caribbean regions (Lot 2). Nationals of any of the eligible countries of the relevant lot can apply for scholarships. Scholarships are designed to cover travel expenses, subsistence, insurance and participation costs for the duration of the study or assignment. For studies at masters and doctoral level, scholarships are awarded to:

- students registered at one of the HEIs included in the partnership or having obtained a degree by one of these HEIs;
- students who are registered at – or have graduated from – another HEI from a country covered by the lot.

Academic and administrative staff of the HEIs included in the partnership, nationals of the relevant lot, can also apply for scholarships to teach, carry out research activities, to follow training or for administrative cooperation in a different HEI within the partnership.

### More information:

#### Intra-ACP academic mobility scheme website

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra\\_acp\\_mobility/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra_acp_mobility/index_en.php)

#### African Union

<http://www.au.int/>

#### EuropeAid Development and Cooperation – European Commission

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index_en.htm)

#### ACP secretariat

<http://www.acp.int/>