

## FRAME Project Description

The project, Fostering Research and Intra-Africa knowledge transfer through Mobility and Education (FRAME) aims at strengthening research and education exchange to help finding solutions to the challenges of Food, Energy and Water Security (F.E.W.S) in Africa amid increased pressure from climate change, population, development and related impacts. FRAME has five African university partners (i.e. Buea, Cameroon; Hawassa, Ethiopia; KNUST, Ghana; Free State, South Africa and NUST, the applicant and coordinator, Namibia) with University of Twente, Faculty of ITC and Namibia Qualification Authority as technical and associate partners respectively.

The objective of FRAME is to implement mobility via a strong graduate research and studies programme (GRSP) on Food, Energy, and Water Security (F.E.W.S) with a suite of academic programmes that contribute to this topic. The GRSP model is based on the research plan built on the needs of partner countries and using university centres as hosts of the mobility beneficiaries. Using GRSP, FRAME seeks to foster an integrated approach that encourages multi and trans-disciplinarily research aimed at contributing to the capacity required to improve F.E.W.S in partner countries.

The composition of the graduate degree programmes on offer and the existing overlap in thematic fields allows for academic mobility and research in this scheme that is beneficial for each partner. For example, countries with a similar defined need in agricultural sciences (Namibia, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana) still offer different areas of specialisation within their programmes: Crop production/crop protection, Agronomy, Agroforestry, Soil Science, Agricultural economics, and Animal science. Ghana, South Africa and Namibia offer expertise in Energy technologies which others tap into while Namibia has a strong and proven natural resources management track record that is shared with partner universities.

Some of the programmes chosen are research based aimed to increase research skills and capacity of students and also increase research outputs. Through the combined areas within the consortium, the diversity of the programmes is targeted considerable so that students can either expand their study spectrum or to acquire specialisations. In case of non-degree mobility, mobility up to 9 months are offered to comply with an area that matches the previous degree of the applicant to enhance future academic career options and employability.

## Description and Number of Positions

Type: Masters

Number: 2 scholarships

Position Duration: 24 months

Mobility Scholarship duration: 24 months

### Position descriptions:

The successful candidate will be a full time Masters student in the field of Agricultural Economics in our department. He/she will be expected to complete the research, submit at least one article for publication in a peer reviewed journal, and submit the Masters dissertation for examination.

## Host Academic Programme



The candidate will enroll for a full-time research Master's degree in the field of Agricultural Economics. Certain honors modules may be prescribed to the candidate, based on his/her study record, to ensure that he/she does have the necessary foundation to successfully complete the Master's degree in the specified time period. The minimum duration is one year, and the maximum two years.

### Description of Host

Information regarding the Department of Agricultural Economics, UFS, can be found at: <https://www.ufs.ac.za/natagri/departments-and-divisions/agricultural-economics-home>

### Position requirements

In addition to the requirements contained in the General Rules (2019),

- i. student also has to comply with the following faculty requirements:a) All master's degrees are selection programmes and admission to these degrees is subject to approval by the Academic Head of Department.
- ii. Candidates must apply for admission to the master's degree. Selection will take place in the second semester, after which the results will be communicated. The master's programmes start on a date as determined by the relevant department. Each module in the learning programmes must be successfully completed.
- iii. Candidates must have an applicable bachelor honours degree or equivalent NQF exit Level 8 qualification as well as the additional requirements per discipline (see Reg. NAS3.5).
- iv. If a student does not meet the admission requirements, the Dean may, in exceptional circumstances, and after consultation with the Academic Head of Department, recommend to the Registrar (at the sole discretion of the Registrar) that concession with regard to the admission requirements be considered.
- v. Bachelor of Science Honours or relevant honours degree at NQF exit level 8 with an average of 60% in the exit year of the relevant degree may be recognised as meeting the minimum admission requirements for a master's degree programme.

Apart from the General Rules, the following apply:

- i. Students must convince the specific Academic Head of Department that he/she has sufficient knowledge of the subject to be admitted to the programme.
- ii. Admission to the programme is subject to the discretion and approval of the Academic Head of Department and a postgraduate selection committee.
- iii. Registration is only allowed after the research proposal was presented and approved by the postgraduate selection committee.

### Scholarship Position Benefits

- Settling Allowance  
600 €
- Monthly Subsistence Allowance  
600 €
- Allowance for female scholarship holders  
(per academic year only for mobility equal or longer than 2 academic years) 600 €
- Research Costs



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- (per academic year only for mobility equal or longer than 10 months) 600 €
- Insurance Costs  
75 €/ per month
- Travel and Visa Costs

### Who can apply (Scholarship Eligibility)

All applicants must have studied and obtained a qualification at any African Higher Education Institution. In addition:

- **Target Group 1 (TG 1):** Nationals and/residents of African countries who are staff, alumni and or students registered in one of the Partner Universities at the time of application
- **Target Group 2 (TG 2):** Nationals and residents of Africa, registered in or having obtained a university degree or equivalent in a higher education institution of such countries and not included in the Partnership.

### Application Documents

Documents that must be submitted for processing an application:

- Completed Application Form
- Your ID if you are a South African citizen
- Your passport if you are an international student
- Your parent's ID or passport if you are younger than 18
- National Senior Certificate if you already matriculated
- Your academic record, only if you are a current student at another institution of higher learning
- USAf accreditation from the examination board for South African universities. Apply to [mb.usaf.ac.za](http://mb.usaf.ac.za) for conditional exemption, foreign conditional exemption, or mature age conditional exemption.
- Research proposal

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