

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EACEA/45/12**INTRA-ACP academic mobility scheme****Africa (Mwalimu Nyerere) and the Caribbean and Pacific**

(2013/C 47/11)

1. Objectives and description

The general objective of the programme is to promote sustainable development and poverty alleviation by increasing the availability of trained and qualified high-level professional manpower in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries.

The programme's specific objective is to strengthen cooperation between higher education institutions (HEIs) in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific in view of increasing access to quality education that will encourage and enable students to undertake postgraduate studies, and to promote student retention in the region along with mobility of staff (academic and administrative) while increasing competitiveness and attractiveness of the institutions themselves.

More specifically, the programme aims to:

- (a) provide access to higher education for students including those from disadvantaged groups;
- (b) facilitate cooperation on recognition of studies and qualifications;
- (c) contribute to the improvement of the quality of higher education through the promotion of internationalisation, and harmonisation of programmes and curricula within participating institutions;
- (d) enhance the international cooperation capacity of HEIs in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries;
- (e) promote cooperation between sending and hosting institutions;
- (f) enable students, academics and staff to benefit linguistically, culturally and professionally from the experience gained in the context of mobility to another country;
- (g) enhance, in the medium term, the political, cultural, educational and economic links between the participating countries.

2. Eligible applicants and partnership composition

Eligible applicants are higher education institutions (HEIs) in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific that provide courses at the graduate and/or doctoral level of higher education, recognised by the competent authorities in their own country. Only African, Caribbean and Pacific national HEIs accredited by relevant national authorities in Africa, in the Caribbean and in the Pacific are eligible. Branches of HEIs from outside Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific are not eligible.

The partnership will be constituted between 3 and 12 HEIs.

3. Eligible activities and duration

The project will entail the organisation and implementation of student and staff mobility in high-quality master and doctoral programmes, as well as the provision of education/training and other services to foreign students and teaching/training and research assignments and other services to staff from the country(ies) covered by the project. Mobility must take place in one of the eligible countries covered by this call for proposals.

The duration of the project must be between 48 and 60 months, based on planned activities.

4. Award criteria

All applications will undergo assessments by external independent experts according to the three award criteria listed below:

Criteria	Weight
1. Relevance	20 %
2. Quality	70 %
2.1. Academic quality	15 %
2.2. Partnership composition and cooperation mechanisms	20 %
2.3. Organisation and implementation of the mobility	20 %
2.4. Students'/staff facilities and follow-up	15 %
3. Sustainability	10 %
Total	100 %

5. Budget and grant amounts

The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposals is EUR 23,45 million for the following geographical windows and should allow around 800 mobility flows:

This call for proposals is divided into two lots:

Lot	Geographical windows	Indicative global amount (EUR)
Lot 1	Africa	17,85 million
Lot 2	Caribbean and Pacific	5,6 million

6. Submission of proposals and deadline

Only grant applications submitted on the correct form and accompanied by its annexes, duly completed will be accepted. The grant application has to be dated and signed in original by the person authorised to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant organisation.

All additional information considered necessary by the applicant can be included on separate sheets.

The grant application and its annexes must be sent by **10 June 2013** as evidenced by the postmark or the date of the deposit slip. In the case of hand-deliveries, the deadline for receipt is at 16.00 local time as evidenced by the signed and dated deposit slip.

The grant applications must be sent by registered mail to or hand-delivered at the following address:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
 Call for proposals EACEA/45/12 — 'INTRA-ACP academic mobility scheme'
 BOUR 02/29
 Avenue du Bourget/Bourgetlaan 1
 1140 Bruxelles/Brussel
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The grant application must be sent also by electronic version to the following mailbox:

EACEA-INTRA-ACP@ec.europa.eu

Only applications submitted by the deadline and in accordance with the requirements specified on the grant application form will be accepted. Applications submitted by fax or e-mail only will not be accepted.

All the necessary documents are available at the following address:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra_acp_mobility