

**African Scientific, Research
and Innovation Council (ASRIC)
Call for Scholarship Scheme
2021**

in Partnership
with

Euromed University of Fes, Morocco

2nd Call

Introduction

The role of science, technology and innovation, as essential tools for Africa's socio-economic transformation cannot be overemphasized, and this is the bedrock of the ASRIC-UEMF partnership which birthed the ASRIC-UEMF PhD scholarship scheme.

The **African Scientific, Research and Innovation Council (ASRIC)** is a special advisory body to the African Union mandated to implement the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA-2024) and to promote scientific research and innovation in order to address the challenges of Africa's socio-economic development. It also mobilizes African research excellence and provides a platform for dialogue among African scientists and serves as a voice of the scientific community in building and sustaining continental research and innovation nexus, that including the building requisite technical capabilities. ASRIC was launched in 2018 and the African Union Scientific, Technical and Research Commission (AU-STRC) is the Secretariat of the ASRIC.

On the other hand, the **Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes (UEMF)**, was created in November 2012 and labelled by the Union for the Mediterranean (a union of 43 country members). UEMF is a University of a regional character and is located in the iconic city of Fes, which houses one of the oldest still-functioning universities in the world, "Al Karaouiyine". The University was created with aim to promote the values of leadership, entrepreneurship, innovation and solidarity, in furtherance, UEMF is a growing centre of excellence in higher education and research with more than one and half thousand students, 24% of which are scholarship recipients.

In 2019, these two prestigious institutions entered into a strategic partnership for Capacity Building for Africa's youths and to enhance research and innovation for Africa's development. Considering the comparative advantage and the common mandate of ASRIC and UEMF "building Africa's technical competences" the two institutions decided to engage on a long-term scientific collaboration and as of that the UEMF offered Scholarship for African Ph.D. students to undertake studies and research work at UEMF.

The 1st Call for PhD scholarships for African students was successfully held for the academic year 2019-2020, where eligible candidates passed through a rigorous screening and were awarded the scholarship. In furtherance to the success of the 1st Call, the ASRIC and UEMF are hereby launching the 2nd Call for the year 2021.

The Call

The ASRIC and UEMF offer 10 scholarship slots for the academic year 2020-2021 for African PhD students to carry out their doctoral research work at the Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes (UEMF), Morocco. The duration of the study and that of the scholarship is **three years**.

The scholarship includes; tuition fees of about \$9,000, accommodation, and annually one return ticket from your home country with a maximum contribution of \$1,000 during summer vacation, and stipend allowance of \$1,000 monthly for 11 months every year.

Fields of study

The candidate **MUST** be ready to undertake a research in the following areas:

- a. Artificial Intelligence;
- b. Additive Manufacturing
- c. Green hydrogen and Power-to-X
- d. Batteries
- e. Sensors

Eligibility Requirement

- Must be national of the one of the African Union Member State.
- Applicants must be less than 35years of age at the end date of this call;
- Must have Master's Degree (in science or engineering), Diploma or Engineering Diploma or any other equivalent diploma (baccalaureate + 5); and
- The candidate must demonstrate remarkable ability and devotion along with experiences in conducting research in the selected field of study.

Application Forms

The application form annexed to this call should be completed and submitted before the deadline of the call. The following also to be attached to the application form:

- a. an updated CV;
- b. A certified copy of the baccalaureate;
- c. A certified copy of the master's diploma or the engineering diploma or any

- other equivalent diploma (Bac + 5);
- d. A copy certified transcript(s) of all university-level coursework completed corresponding to the diploma or masters;
 - e. A copy of the Master (or equivalent) thesis or dissertation;
 - f. A certified copy of the international passport.
 - g. 2 personal passport size photographs

All application and supporting documents should be submitted to the ASRIC Secretariat electronically before the call deadline.

African Union Scientific, Technical and Research Commission
Plot 114 Yakubu Gowon Crescent,
Abuja, Nigeria

Email: asric.au@yahoo.com and CC austrc@africa-union.org

Telephone: +2348065891643

Deadline for Application

The call will be ended by the **30th of July, 2021 by 17th hour Rabat Local time**; any application received after the deadline will be rejected.

The ASRIC and UEMF Management team

Wish you the best of luck