



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### MSc DEGREE-SEEKING SCHOLARSHIPS (24-MONTH RESEARCH MOBILITY)

⇒ **RAMDDA Project** – Drug Design and Discovery

The RAMDDA Project (Research and Academic Mobility for Drug Design and Discovery in Africa) invites applications for **twelve (12) MSc Degree-seeking research scholarships** to support a two-year research mobility in advanced areas of drug design and discovery.

These scholarships aim to strengthen postgraduate research capacity, promote inter-institutional collaboration, and enhance advanced training in experimental and computational chemistry across Africa.

Host Institutions	Available scholarships
1) <b>University of Botswana</b>	<b>2</b>
2) <b>Botswana International University of Science and Technology</b>	<b>2</b>
3) <b>Addis Ababa University</b> – Ethiopia	<b>3</b>
4) <b>Adama Science and Technology University</b> – Ethiopia	<b>2</b>
5) <b>University of Ghana</b> – Ghana	<b>2</b>
6) <b>University of the Free State</b> , South Africa	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

⇒ **Scholarship Duration**

- Twenty-four (24) months per scholarship
- After successful completion of the program, the candidates will receive MSc Degree from the host institution.

⇒ **Eligible Research Areas**

Applicants must propose research strictly aligned with drug design and discovery within one of the following disciplines:

- 1) Organic Chemistry
  - Natural Product Chemistry
  - Synthesis
  - Materials Chemistry
- 2) Physical Chemistry
- 3) Computational Chemistry



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- 4) Materials Science or related fields in drug design and discovery
- 5) Bioinorganic Chemistry

Interdisciplinary proposals are welcome only if they are clearly focused on drug discovery applications.

### ⇒ Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

1. Be African nationals and residents of an African country,
2. Be conducting research relevant to drug design and discovery, and drug delivery,
3. Demonstrate that the proposed research will contribute to their MSc thesis,
4. Be able to undertake a full-time, 24-month research stay at the host institution,

### ⇒ Required Application Documents

A complete application must include:

- Completed RAMDDA Scholarship Application Form (see the Downloads page)
- Copy of Passport (only biodata pages)
- Research Proposal prepared strictly using the RAMDDA Proposal Template
- Curriculum Vitae (max. 4 pages)
- Academic transcripts
- Motivation letter (max. 1 page)
- Proof of Residence (National ID)
- Language Test Results (if available)
- Certificate of Work Experience (if available)
- List of Publications and conference presentations (If there are any)
- Proof of belonging to disadvantaged group (if applicable)
- All other documents you consider useful to evaluate your profile

### ⇒ Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Scientific quality and feasibility of the proposed research
- Relevance to drug design and discovery
- Alignment with RAMDDA research objectives
- Applicant's academic background, preparedness, and research potential
- Expected contribution to capacity building and collaboration
- Full selection criteria can be found from [www.ramdda.org](http://www.ramdda.org)
- Be African nationals and residents of an African country
- Fulfilling the rules and regulations of admission of postgraduate students at each host university. Some host universities may request applicants to submit language test result (eg. GRE, ILTES or TOFEL)



As per the funder's requirements, applicants are not eligible for the scholarships from the country of their origin (e.g. Ethiopian nationals are not eligible to apply for AAU and ASTU scholarships). Applications from female candidates and under-represented groups are strongly encouraged.

### ⇒ **Financial Support**

Each scholarship will provide financial support in accordance with RAMDDA and EACEA mobility rules, covering eligible costs related to the 24-month research stay (details will be communicated to successful candidates).

### ⇒ **Application Submission**

Submission method: use the RAMDDA application portal <https://apply.ramdda.org/>

Application opens on: **March 26, 2026**

Application closes on: **May 5, 2026**

Notification of results: on or before **June 10, 2026**

- ⊗ Incomplete applications will not be considered.

### ⇒ **Additional Information**

For inquiries and additional information, visit [www.ramdda.org](http://www.ramdda.org) or email to [ramddaorg@gmail.com](mailto:ramddaorg@gmail.com) or [admin@ramdda.org](mailto:admin@ramdda.org)

### ⇒ **About RAMDDA**

RAMDDA is a collaborative academic mobility and research capacity-building project funded by the European Commission under the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility program, involving the University of Botswana, University of the Free State, Addis Ababa University, University of Ghana, Adama Science and Technology University, Botswana International University of Science and Technology, and University College Cork, aimed at advancing drug discovery, postgraduate training, and sustainable research partnerships in Africa.