EXCEL-PHARM

Scholarship Application and Selection Process — Information for Applicants

Background

The EXCEL-PHARM consortium consists of the University of Cape Coast (coordinating partner, Ghana), Makerere University (Uganda), University of Port Harcourt (Nigeria), Université Cheikh Anta Diop (Senegal), Stellenbosch University (South Africa) and the Faculdade de Farmácia da Universidade de Lisboa (Portugal). Under the EXCEL-PHARM programme, students are supported in completing postgraduate degrees at one of the consortium partners.

- **Target Group 1:** applicants registered at, or holding a degree from, one of the consortium institutions. The majority of scholarships are awarded in this group.
- **Target Group 2:** applicants from outside the consortium institutions. A smaller number of scholarships are available.

How to apply

- Your scholarship application, including all supporting documents, is submitted online via the consortium website.
- Your application to the university and the degree programme is submitted **separately**, using the admission process of the institution in question (links are provided on the EXCEL-PHARM website).
- Eligibility for the degree programme is determined by the institution, not by the scholarship selection committee.
- If you are awarded a scholarship but are not accepted into the degree programme, the scholarship offer will be withdrawn and offered to an applicant on a standby list.

Documents required

Upload each document individually — a PDF or a clear photo/scan of each is accepted. You do not need to combine them into a single file.

- **Curriculum vitae (CV)** — no longer than 4 pages, including education and training, research outputs (conference presentations and peer-reviewed publications), teaching/supervision experience, and other relevant activities.
- **Your most recent degree certificate** and the **corresponding academic transcript**.
- **A copy of your passport or national ID** to confirm nationality and readiness to travel.
- **A letter of motivation** (no more than 350 words) — written directly in the online form — explaining why you wish to pursue the degree and your career plans afterwards.
- **A signed declaration** that you have not been the beneficiary of any other EACEA-funded African Mobility scholarship in the 2022–2027 cycle.
- **PhD applicants only:** a short concept note (no more than 1 page) outlining the proposed research project. This is not the final PhD project; it is used to assess your ability to develop a research concept note.

If any required document is missing or incomplete, the application will not be considered.

Selection

Selection is based on academic merit, together with requirements to ensure gender equity and diversity, and adequate geographic and institutional representation among the successful applicants.

Outcome

- All applicants — successful and unsuccessful — are informed of the outcome in writing by email. Detailed explanations for an unsuccessful outcome are not provided.
- The names of successful applicants are published on the website.
- Successful applicants receive a letter of award and are required to sign its terms and conditions.
- Unsuccessful applicants have 10 days from the outcome notification in which to lodge an appeal.

Appeal process

Appeals are lodged through the appeals section of the website. For an appeal to be considered, you must show clear evidence of unfairness or other procedural flaws. Because the selection must also consider gender, geographic, and institutional equity, appeals based on the fact that an unsuccessful applicant has better marks or a better CV than a successful applicant will not be entertained.

Your appeal must document your name and surname, the date of your application and the date of the outcome, your contact details, and a detailed description of the reason for your appeal. Any supporting evidence should be included as clearly numbered and described appendices, uploaded as a single PDF.