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GENES II INTRA-AFRICA Academic Mobility Scheme Project NDICI-MOBAF-2023, No: 101144312

Student/Staff/Trainee Agreement

Full official name of the Host Institution:

Address: [official address in full]:

Called hereafter "the Host Institution", represented for the purposes of signature of this agreement by, the Local Coordinator of the GENES Project, of the one part, and

Mr:

Date of birth:

Nationality:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Called hereafter "the scholarship holder" of the other part,

Have agreed the provisions below, which form an integral part of this agreement ("the agreement"):

1. THE AGREEMENT

The Host Institution shall provide support to the scholarship holder for undertaking a mobility activity for research/teaching/training under the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme, in the framework of the GENES II project (NDICI-2023-MOBAF, No. 101144312) – "Mobility of plant genomic scholars to accelerate climate-smart adaptation options for food security in Africa II"

The scholarship holder accepts the mobility conditions and the individual and travel support as specified in this agreement.

START OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

2. Nomination Letter



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The Nomination Letter specifies the details of the Intra-ACP – Mobility of plant genomic scholars to accelerate climate-smart adaptation options for food security in Africa II (GENES II) scholarship awarded to the grantee. It is an integral part of this agreement.

3. Duration of the scholarship

The maximum duration of the scholarship is stated in the Nomination Letter. By no means, the duration of the scholarship may exceed the maximum duration stated in the Nomination Letter nor that of the academic program itself.

The Transcript of Records or Teaching/traineeship certificate or statement shall provide the confirmed start and end dates of the mobility period.

4. Subsistence allowance

The monthly subsistence allowance depends entirely on the type of mobility and will be transferred on a regular basis. It will be calculated as follows:

890 € x month (Master)
1230 € x month (Doctorates)
1230 € x month (Trainees)
2370 € x month (Staff)

5. Payment and management of the scholarship

The hosting university is responsible for the management of the payment of the subsistence allowance.

Payments to the scholarship holder shall be made to the bank account indicated by the scholarship holder upon arrival at the Host Institution.

A copy of the bank document with the account details shall be attached to this agreement, indicating

- Bank account number
- Bank account holder (name of grantee)
- Bank name:
- Clearing/BIC/SWIFT number
- Account/IBAN number

Changes of the bank account or the contact email during the stay abroad are not allowed. If such a change cannot be avoided due to *force majeure*, the grantee has to inform the host university and the Project Management Unit (email address of the coordinating HEI) as soon as possible.

The conversion in local currency of any amount indicated in EURO will be done at the prevailing exchange rate at the bank.

The financial support or part thereof shall be repaid by the scholarship holder if she/he does not carry out the mobility activity in compliance with the terms of the agreement. If the scholarship holder terminates the agreement before it ends, he/she shall have to refund the amount of the grant already paid, except under the circumstances indicated in Art. 15.

The financial support shall be repaid by the scholarship holder in case of fraud or false declaration.

6. Travel arrangements & visa costs

The travel cost to and from host institution is covered by the grantee. This is, however, recoverable as part of the monthly allowances paid to the student while on mobility. On request and only in duly justified cases, a prepaid



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flight ticket may be provided by the host institution to the student who will reimburse upon arrival at the host institution.

The grantee should arrive and leave the host university on dates as close as possible to those stated in the Invitation/Acceptance Letter provided by the host university, within a margin of up to seven days. E.g., if the dates of the grantee's mobility are from September 8th to July 20th, the grantee should not arrive at the host university before June 1th and should have left by July 27th.

IMPORTANT: All travel documents (tickets, boarding passes, etc.) will have to be handed in to the host university coordinator within one week of arrival.

7. Insurance

The coordinating/home or host university will organize and pay full insurance coverage (accident, travel, health) for the full length of the duration of the scholarship.

It is the personal responsibility of the grantee to assure insurance coverage for any period exceeding the official duration of Intra-Africa scholarship.

STAYING ABROAD

8. Arriving at the host university

- 1) The grantee has to sign immediately this *student agreement*.
- 2) The grantee must open a bank account and fill in the *Bank Detail Form*. The *Bank Detail Form* must be handed in at the scholarship managing university.
- 3) The official contact person at the host university has to sign the *Confirmation of arrival/departure* form and to send it immediately to the Project Management Unit of the Coordinating University.

9. Tuition Fees

At the home university:

Students will continue paying the registration fees at their home university.

At the host university:

For short stays no tuition fees will be charged.

Degree seeking students will not pay tuition fees at the host university. If applicable, the Intra-Africa – scholarship scheme will cover the costs of the fees following the rules and regulations agreed by the partnership.

* A small fee might be applied to the incoming students in order to cover library fees, student trade unions fees, laboratory consumable costs, etc. which should be paid out of the scholarship from the grantee.

10. Academic commitment

For exchange students (Master exchange, Doctorate exchange):

It is the grantee's responsibility to hand in the Learning Agreement or Study/Research Plan including possible changes made to the originally proposed Learning Agreement or Study/Research Plan signed by him/herself and the



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- official project contact person at the home university (if applicable)
- academic coordinator at the home university
- official project contact person at the host university
- academic coordinator at the host university

four weeks after the starting date of academic activities at the host university, the latest. A copy of this document must be submitted to the Project Management Unit (email address of the coordinating HEI).

For Staff:

Staff grantees are responsible for submitting the Study/Research/Work Plan including possible changes made to the originally proposed Study/Research/Work Plan signed by them and the

- official contact persons at the home and host universities
- academic coordinator/head of department or faculty at the home and host universities

ten days after the starting date of mobility, the latest. A copy must be submitted to the Project Management Unit (e-mail address of the coordinating HEI).

11. Regular reports

Regular progress reports will have to be submitted if the mobility flow is longer than one semester. In any case a final report will have to be submitted at the end of the mobility period at the host university.

Progress report (for mobility flows longer than one semester):

The first one is due after one semester and the following reports have to be submitted at the end of the first and, if applicable, the second year. Each report has to be accompanied by a short-standardized statement of the supervisor evaluating the grantee's performance and, based on that recommending the renewal or termination of the scholarship. The reports will have to be sent to the Project Management Unit (email address of the coordinating HEI).

Final report:

At the end of the mobility period at the host university, each grantee has to prepare a detailed final report which has to be submitted with the written consent of the supervisor and the official contact person at the host university to the Project Management Unit (email address of the coordinating HEI).

12. Interruption of the mobility or drop out from the scholarship

If the grantee is not involved in any academic activity at the host university for more than 1 month, no subsistence allowance will be paid out for this period. This does not apply for regular vacation periods at the host university. As soon as academic activities continue at the host university, the grant will continue to get transferred.

However, if the duration of the academic activities plus the vacation periods, adds up to more than the maximum duration of the grant awarded, the vacation periods normally covered by the grant will necessarily be reduced to allow the grantee to successfully complete all the academic activities at the host institution.

If the grantee resigns from the scholarship or abandons the host university before the official end of the mobility period, the payment of the scholarship will be stopped immediately. In this case, the grantee might be requested to pay back the whole or a part of the grant already received.



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END OF MOBILITY

13. Before leaving the host university

The following documents need to be submitted to the contact person at the host institution at scholarship managing university and the Project Management Unit at the coordinating institution (ngnkwuda@gmail.com with a copy to genes2@genes-intra-africa.org and h.oselebe@ebsu.edu.ng) at the end of the mobility.

1. *Final Report*
2. *Confirmation of arrival and departure* duly completed and signed by the official contact person at the host university
3. *Confirmation of Payment / Confirmation of Participation* signed by the grantee
4. *only for exchange grantees*: Updated and signed Learning Agreement or Study/Research Plan (only applicable if changes occurred for 4 weeks after the start of mobility) and transcript of records (if applicable)
5. *only for staff*: Updated and signed Study/Research/Work Plan (only applicable if changes occurred since the start of mobility)
6. *only for degree students*: all transcripts of records and all documents detailing the academic achievements including a copy of the degree awarded

Last instalment (not applicable for staff)

The last instalment of the scholarship may be retained and transferred only when the scholarship managing university has received all necessary documents which the grantee must submit no later than one month after the end of my mobility.

These documents are:

1. *Final report*
2. *Confirmation of Arrival and Departure* signed by the grantee and the official contact person at the host university
3. *Confirmation of Payment / Confirmation of Participation* signed by the grantee
4. Updated *Learning Agreement* or *Study/Research/Work Plan* (if applicable)
5. Only for Master, Doctorate exchange students: Scanned versions of the *transcripts of records* (or equivalent proof of successful participation (e.g., proof of research activities))

Hereby I confirm to have carefully read, be fully aware of and accept the scholarship guidelines laid down in the present agreement.

Name of grantee: _____

Host University: _____

Date

Signature of the grantee