



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: PhD SCHOLARSHIPS (RAMDDA PROJECT)

2 Full-Time PhD Positions

The RAMDDA (Research and Academic Mobility for Promoting Drug Discovery in Africa) project at the **University Of Botswana (UB)** invites applications for two (2) full-time PhD scholarships tenable at the University of Botswana (UB).

These scholarships are funded under an EU-supported Intra-Africa academic mobility framework and aim to strengthen doctoral training and research capacity in chemistry-related disciplines relevant to drug discovery. The duration of the scholarships is three years.

Fields of Study

Applicants may apply in one of the following areas:

1. **Organic Chemistry**
(Natural products chemistry, isolation, structural elucidation, and synthesis)
2. **Physical Chemistry**
(Computational chemistry and/or experimental physical chemistry with relevance to drug discovery)

Scholarship Benefits

Each scholarship includes:

- Monthly living allowance: EUR 1,230
- Full tuition fee coverage at the University of Botswana
- Health insurance for the full duration of the PhD programme.

The scholarship is awarded as a study grant and does not constitute an employment contract. Concurrent EU-funded scholarships are not permitted.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be nationals and residents of an African country
- Hold a Master's degree in Chemistry or a very closely related discipline
- Meet the PhD admission requirements of the University of Botswana
- Demonstrate strong academic merit and motivation for doctoral research
- Be available for full-time study at UB for the duration of the programme (three years)
- Comply with EACEA / Intra-Africa Action eligibility and mobility rules
- Never received a scholarship from other (current and previous) Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Programs.

As per the funder's requirements, applicants from Botswana are not eligible for these two scholarships. Applicants from Botswana can apply to the same scholarship call advertised by the University of the Free State, South Africa. In line with EU principles of equal



opportunity, applications from women and under-represented groups are strongly encouraged.

Selection Procedure

Selection will be competitive, transparent, and merit-based, and will consider:

- Academic excellence
- Relevance of background to the proposed field of study
- Motivation and research potential
- Compliance with project and EACEA eligibility requirements

Application Documents

Applicants will be required to submit (Mandatory documents):

- Completed Application Form (fill in the online form or download from the website)
- Copy of Passport (only biodata pages)
- Academic Transcripts (Student Copy) and Certificates, Diplomas and BSc Degree and MSc (certified)
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Research/Study Plan (use the attached template to write your research concept note and study plan)
- Motivation Letter (indicating UB and preferred field)
- Proof of Residence (National ID)
- Language Test Results (if available)
- Recommendation Letters Requested (2)
- Certificate of Work Experience
- List of Publications and conference presentations (If there are any)
- Proof of belonging to a disadvantaged group (if applicable)
- All other documents you consider useful to evaluate your profile (training certificates or others)

Application Deadline: February 28, 2026

Program Start Date: As soon as the completion of the overall process.

Application Submission

Applications can be submitted via the link provided at the RAMDDA website (www.ramdda.org) or via ramddaorg@gmail.com. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Submit all the documents in a single PDF file.

About RAMDDA

RAMDDA is a collaborative academic mobility and research capacity-building project 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.