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# AFRICA SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE MOBILITY

## ASIM Staff Mobility: Research Leave

Africa Sustainability Infrastructure Mobility (ASIM) is the consortium of four (4) Universities (Ardhi University, Covenant University, University of Johannesburg, University of Malawi – The Polytechnic) and an EU Technical partner (Leeds Beckett University), under the European Union Commission Grant on Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme Call Reference No. EACEA/07/2020. Further details about the project can be found @ <https://asim.uj.ac.za> The ASIM Project Supervisory Board (PSB) now invites applications from eligible academics for the Africa Sustainable Infrastructure Mobility (ASIM) staff mobility. The ASIM staff mobility programme focuses on capacity development and short-term mobility flows of 1 to 3 months. The project has two staff mobility pathways:

- Research leave programme: this will enable staff to visit another institution to develop specific research skills. All applicants will be required to provide a proposal that defines the research activities, its fit with the thematic areas of ASIM, benefits to the recipient and the sending institution, and a long-term plan.
- Academic programme management programme: staff mobility flows under this pathway will be ring-fenced to academic staff involved in managing postgraduate provisions designed to share best practices and enhance the postgraduate provision in their institution. Staff will be required to submit a proposal that demonstrates the value of their mobility to the recipient and the sending institution. We are now accepting applications under the ASIM Research Leave Pathway, and the deadline for submitting applications is 23:59 Hrs (CAT) on 30th June 2022.

### ASIM Staff Mobility research leave Programme

This is a competitive scheme that demands that applicants submit detailed proposals of how they will use their time and the outputs they will produce. The criteria against which applications will be judged are:

- 1) A close alignment with the ASIM's objectives.
- 2) A realistic assessment of what the applicant can achieve within the proposed timeframe.
- 3) The proposals must have outputs that are commensurate with ASIM's ambitions for research focusing on sustainable infrastructure delivery in Africa.
- 4) Proposals should consider the impact of the research activities being planned and outline plans to maximise that impact. In order to maximise the value of the research leave, scholars are expected to have done a proportion of the background work to their project prior to commencing their research leave. The proposed project programme should show this activity.

### What the mobility offers

- 1) Travel costs
- 2) Subsistence of EU1200 per month
- 3) Insurance cover

In addition, the host institution will support the scholars by providing them with working space.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible applicants must:

- 1) Be nationals of a member state of the African Union and being resident in Africa.
- 2) Currently hold a permanent position at one of the participating universities.
- 3) Have not benefited in the past from an Intra-Africa scholarship for the same type of mobility.
- 4) Academic and administrative staff can only benefit from one scholarship within the same project under the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme regardless of the type of mobility or the funding project.
- 5) Have completed a PhD relevant to this application.
- 6) Have proven research experience in their field related to sustainable infrastructure.
- 7) Have the support (including a brief supporting statement) from their institutions.
- 8) Have discussed and agreed the proposed research programme with an academic (collaborator) at the host institution.

For application form click the link <https://form.jotform.com/carinbe/asim-staff-mobility-research-leave>

**Deadline for Application** is 30th of September 2022 at 23:59 South African Standard Time (SAST)



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