

African Scientific, Research and Innovation Council (ASRIC) Call for Scholarship Scheme 2023

in Partnership
with

Euromed University of Fes, Morocco

4th Call

Introduction

The role of science, technology and innovation, as essential tools for Africa's socio-economic transformation cannot be overemphasized, and this is the bedrock of the ASRIC-UEMF partnership which birthed the ASRIC-UEMF PhD scholarship scheme.

The **African Scientific, Research and Innovation Council (ASRIC)** is a special advisory body to the African Union mandated to implement the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA-2024) and to promote scientific research and innovation in order to address the challenges of Africa's socio-economic development. It also mobilizes African research excellence and provides a platform for dialogue among African scientists and serves as a voice of the scientific community in building and sustaining continental research and innovation nexus, that including the building requisite technical capabilities. ASRIC was launched in 2018 and the African Union Scientific, Technical and Research Commission (AU-STRC) is the Secretariat of the ASRIC.

On the other hand, the **Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes (UEMF)**, was created in November 2012 and labelled by the Union for the Mediterranean (a union of 43 country members). UEMF is a University of a regional character and is located in the iconic city of Fes, which houses one of the oldest still-functioning universities in the world, "Al Karaouiyine". The University was created with aim to promote the values of leadership, entrepreneurship, innovation and solidarity, in furtherance, UEMF is a growing centre of excellence in higher education and research with more than one and half thousand students, 46% of which are scholarship recipients.

In 2019, these two prestigious institutions entered into a strategic partnership for Capacity Building for Africa's youths and to enhance research and innovation for Africa's development. Considering the comparative advantage and the common mandate of ASRIC and UEMF "building Africa's technical competences" the two institutions decided to engage on a long-term scientific collaboration and as of that the UEMF offered Scholarship for African Ph.D. students to undertake studies and research work at UEMF.

The 1st 2nd and 3rd Call for PhD scholarships for African students was successfully held for the academic year 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, where eligible candidates who passed through a rigorous screening and were awarded the scholarship. In furtherance to the success of the 1st 2nd and 3rd Calls,

the ASRIC and UEMF are hereby launching the 4th Call for the academic year 2023-2024.

The Call

The ASRIC and UEMF offer 10 scholarship slots for the academic year 2023-2024 for African PhD students to carry out their doctoral research work at the Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes (UEMF), Morocco. The duration of the study and that of the scholarship is **three years**.

The scholarship includes; tuition fees of about \$9,000 annually, one return ticket from your home country with a maximum contribution of \$1,000 during summer vacation, and stipend allowance of \$1,000 monthly for 11 months every year.

Fields of study

The candidate **MUST** be ready to undertake research in the one of following areas:

- a. Digital and Artificial Intelligence;
- b. Chemistry, Functional Materials and Additive Manufacturing;
- c. Renewable Energy, Green Hydrogen, Power-to-X and Batteries
- d. Robotics, Cobotics and Sensors (4.0);
- e. AI and Agriculture;
- f. Bio-Agro and Biomedical;
- g. AI and Medical Sciences;
- h. Health Sciences;
- i. Inter-Cultural Dialogue;
- j. Water.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be national of the one of the African Union Member State.
- Applicants must be less than 35 years of age at the end date of this call;
- Must have Master's Degree (in science or engineering), Diploma or Engineering Diploma or any other equivalent diploma (baccalaureate + 5); and
- The candidate must demonstrate remarkable ability and devotion along with experiences in conducting research in the selected field of study.

Application Forms

The application form annexed to this call should be completed and submitted before the deadline of the call. The following also to be attached to the application form:

- a. an updated CV;
- b. A certified copy of the baccalaureate;
- c. A certified copy of the master's diploma or the engineering diploma or any other equivalent diploma (Bac + 5);
- d. A copy certified transcript(s) of all university-level coursework completed corresponding to the diploma or masters;
- e. A copy of the Master (or equivalent) thesis or dissertation;
- f. A certified copy of the international passport.
- g. 2 personal passport size photographs

All application and supporting documents should be submitted to the ASRIC Secretariat electronically before the call deadline with the subject “ASRIC Scholarship 2023-2024”.

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Deadline for Application

The call will be ended by the **1st of September, 2023 by 17 hours Rabat Local time**; any application received after the deadline will be rejected.

The ASRIC and UEMF Management team

Wish you the best of luck

Application Form ASRIC and UEMF Scholarship 2023

For official use only	
Candidate name	
Candidate number	
Research area	

Administrative check	Legible		Illegible	
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	Revisor one	Revisor two	Revisor three
Candidate score			
Candidate accumulative score			

Final recommendation	Recommended		Not recommended	
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Final decision by the ASRIC and UEMF	Granted		Not granted	
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This part of the application is to be filled by the applicant him/herself

Applicant personal information			
Name of the Applicant:	Given name		Surname
Date of birth	(DD, MM, YY)		
Age on the deadline of the call			
Name of the country of citizenship			
Name of the country of residences	(if other than your country)		
Passport number			

Gender	Male		Female	
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Address	
Email address	
Phone number	
Mobile number	
WhatsApp number	

Applicant Career information

List all the institutions you have worked for starting from Current institution:

Job title/position	
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Name of the Institutions	
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Applicant Educational Background

List all learning institutions you have been enrolled in, kindly start from the latest degree you had.

Degree/grade	Learning Institute name	Time		Major
		From	To	

Applicant Publications

List all publication that you published if any, kindly attach copy of the publication to this application:

Publication Title	Journal (name, year of publication, volume No, date of acceptance if yet to be published)

General Part of the Application
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a. What motivated you to apply for the ASRIC-UEMF Scholarship and why do you want to study at UEMF? (Kindly write not less than 150 words).	
b. How your study can result in changing your future/ country's future and Africa at large? (Kindly write not less than 150 words).	

Recommendation Letters

Kindly attach two (2) recommendation letters to this application:

Research Area

Kindly select one of the following research areas:

Digital and Artificial Intelligence;

Chemistry, Functional Materials and Additive Manufacturing;

Renewable Energy, Green Hydrogen, Power-to-X and Batteries

Robotics, Cobotics and Sensors (4.0);

AI and Agriculture;

Bio-Agro and Biomedical;

AI and Medical Sciences;

Health Sciences;

Inter-Cultural Dialogue;

Water.

Commitment Statement

I hereby declare that all the information I submitted and/or attached to this application form are genuine to the best of my knowledge, and the ASRIC and/or UEMF had the right to investigate any of this information.

I commit myself to work hard to ensure that I got my degree within this scholarship time frame (three years) and I understand there is no possibility to extend this scholarship. I also commit to abide by all the rules and regulations of the UEMF and the Kingdom of Morocco while undergoing my studies.

Name of the Applicant:

Signature:

Date:

The ASRIC and UEMF Management team

Wish you the best of luck

