

## **SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOUNG WATER AND SANITATION PROFESSIONALS**

As part of its Capacity-Building Program for African stakeholders in the water, sanitation, and hygiene sector (AfriCap) funded by USAID West Africa, the African Water Association is awarding research scholarships to African Young Water and Sanitation Professionals. Target beneficiaries are master students and engineers at the end of their training. Each scholarship, with a maximum value of USD1,000 (one thousand), will make it possible to carry out a research work sanctioned by a scientific report on a theme related to the WASH sector.

During the 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 academic years, AfWA awarded sixty (60) scholarships to students from eleven (11) countries in West and Central Africa. For the 2021-2022 academic year, fifteen (15) scholarships shall be awarded.

### **Application process**

Candidates for the scholarship program will formulate their research topics in relation to one of the themes proposed in this call for applications. They will also be able to apply to one of the research topics proposed by one of the members of AfWA. Topics will be available on AfWA website. To apply, applicants must fulfill the following requirements:

- Be a citizen of a sub-Saharan African country eligible for USAID funding.
- be in good standing academically with respect to their institution.
- Submit a nomination file including :
  1. Student card or registration receipt for the current year
  2. Last completed degree
  3. Curriculum vitae,
  4. Three recommendation letters (one should be from the academic supervisor),
  5. Research proposal form to be downloaded from AfWA website ([www.afwa-hq.org](http://www.afwa-hq.org)).

### **Submission**

Applicants must submit their application electronically at the following addresses simultaneously: [vyao@afwa-hq.org](mailto:vyao@afwa-hq.org) and [gdjagoun@afwa-hq.org](mailto:gdjagoun@afwa-hq.org). For any request or clarification, please send an email to [vyao@afwa-hq.org](mailto:vyao@afwa-hq.org).

The list of successful candidates will be published on AfWA website: [www.afwa-hq.org](http://www.afwa-hq.org) and each beneficiary will receive an official notification from AfWA.

### **Submission deadline**

Students wishing to participate in the program are requested to submit their full application by April 15, 2022. The list of recipients for the 2021-2022 academic year shall be published by June 15, 2022.

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### **List of research topics**

The following themes were selected for this scholarship program for the 2021-2022 academic year:

1. Approaches to reducing Non-Revenue Water in water utilities
2. Improved Water Quality Control
3. Water services in low-income urban areas
4. Improvement of urban and peri-urban sanitation
5. ICT use in water and sanitation services
6. Water resources
7. Water, sanitation, and gender.

### **Financial aspect**

As part of this scholarship, the maximum amount allocated per recipient is US \$ 1,000. Sixty percent (60%) of this amount will be paid to the recipient once the detailed plan of the research project is finalized, approved by the research supervisor and received by AfWA Research and Capacity Building Program Coordinator. The remaining forty percent (40%) shall be paid once the recipient submits the electronic version of their final research report.

### **Reporting conditions**

Students receiving the AfWA grant will be required to regularly prepare and submit a monthly report on the status of their work and a final report at the end of the project.

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