

## THE PASET REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AND INNOVATION FUND

### Call for Applications

### MOBILITY GRANTS FOR DOCTORAL SCHOLARS

### (COHORT 3 & 4)

**Opening Date: October 20, 2025**

**Closing Date: November 03, 2025**

### Summary

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| Purpose of the Call                  | To support ongoing Rsif PhD scholars (Cohort 3 & 4) in disseminating their research through <b>conference participation</b> and/or <b>peer-reviewed publications</b> , thereby advancing their academic careers, building visibility for African research, and strengthening global scholarly networks. |
| Eligible applicants                  | Rsif doctoral scholars (Cohort 3 & 4) who have an invitation for an upcoming international or regional conference or have a submitted publication that requires funding to cover publication costs                                                                                                      |
| Grant budget per applicant           | USD 5,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Grant Period                         | Within 12 months of award                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Number of grants available for award | 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Submission Deadline                  | Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis until end of October 2025.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

### A. Introduction

The Partnership for skills in Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology (PASET) is an African-led initiative to strengthen skills in the Applied Science, engineering and Technology to further socio-economic transformation in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). The Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund (Rsif) is a flagship program of PASET. The primary objective of Rsif is to train high quality PhD and post-doctoral students to address the human resource gap in the fields of applied sciences, engineering, and technology (ASET) and to contribute to improving research and innovation capacities in those fields in sub-Saharan Africa. Rsif supports Ph.D. students, post-doctoral scientists and universities in SSA to establish a high-quality

training, research and innovation environment and to develop their institutional capacity for the benefit of the continent.

Rsf is currently funded by contributions from African governments, the World Bank, The European Union, The Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Government of Korea; and implemented by the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (*icipe*), Nairobi, Kenya, as the Rsif Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU).

## B. Rsif Mobility Grants for Doctoral Scholars

Funded by the Carnegie Foundation of New York, under the Doctoral and Postdoctoral Training in Applied Science, Engineering, and Technology in Africa (DOCTAS II), Rsif Mobility Grants for Doctoral Scholars will strategically widen their networks with global experts for scientific knowledge exchange and mutual learning. It will also support the generation of high-quality scientific publications by providing researchers with resources, mentorship, and strategic guidance to develop research methodologies, craft compelling scholarly narratives, and disseminate innovative findings in prestigious peer-reviewed journals, thereby enhancing the visibility and impact of African research on the global academic stage.

1. These Mobility Grants will specifically enable Cohort 3 & 4 Rsif scholars to: **Enhance visibility and career development** by supporting scholars to actively participate in regional and international conferences, expanding their professional networks and promoting African scientific contributions.
2. **Promote high-quality scientific publications** by covering article processing charges and other costs of publishing in reputable peer-reviewed journals, thereby increasing global visibility of African research.
3. **Foster research leadership** by equipping doctoral scholars to disseminate knowledge, contribute to policy discussions, and align outputs with Rsif's thematic research priorities.

## C. Call Guidelines

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| Who can apply?                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The first-round call is open to ongoing Rsif PhD scholars from cohort 3 &amp; 4</li> <li>▪ The applicants should have an invitation for an upcoming international or regional conference or a submitted manuscript/publication that requires funding in form of article Processing Charges (APC)</li> </ul> |
| How will the award be administered? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The award will be administered by the Regional Coordination Unit of Rsif at <i>icipe</i>.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| How many applications can an applicant submit? | ▪ An applicant may submit only one application for an upcoming international or regional conference or Publication support (including article processing charges (APC), journal publication fees, and other scholarly dissemination costs |
| What are the budget requirements?              | ▪ The total funding will be upto a maximum of USD 5000 and must be utilized by July 2026                                                                                                                                                  |

## D. Evaluation process and criteria

All submitted applications will undergo a thorough and transparent review process. The first step will involve an eligibility screening to ensure that applicants meet the minimum requirements outlined in the call. Eligible applications will then be assessed by a selection committee, which will evaluate their merit against the set criteria. Based on the committee's recommendations, the Rsif Management will make the final funding decisions. The list of successful applicants will thereafter be formally notified with an award letter.

1. All applications will be screened to ensure that they meet the minimum eligibility requirements outlined in the call.
2. All eligible applications shall be evaluated by a selection committee.
3. Evaluated applications shall be submitted to the Rsif Management for final selection and award.
4. The list of selected applicants for funding shall be notified with a letter of award.

## D. Ethical issues

In the process of preparing the call application, the applicant is obliged to observe ethical principles and rules on scientific publication and conference presentations.

## E. How to submit your application

1. Complete the online application and submit together with the required supporting documents via the online system using this [link](#)
2. Required application documents include:

| Conference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Publication support                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CV of the applicant</li> <li>2. Abstract/Full Paper/Poster for presentation at a conference*</li> <li>3. Conference acceptance letter</li> <li>4. Conference program</li> <li>5. Budget Estimate</li> <li>6. Institutional (AHU) Support Letter</li> </ol> <p>*Applicants serving different roles at the conference e.g. as an organiser or as a panellist, attach evidence.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CV of the applicant</li> <li>2. Manuscript/Publication</li> <li>3. Submission/Acceptance letter</li> <li>4. Publisher's invoice/Article Processing Charges (APC) Quote</li> <li>5. Institutional (AHU) Support Letter</li> </ol> |

Deadline for submission: **November 03, 2025.**