



# SADC-GMI Bursary Scheme for Young Professional Development at Masters Level

## Introduction

After successfully completing the Sustainable Groundwater Management in SADC Member States Phase 1 project, the SADC-GMI is now implementing phase 2 of the same project under the strategic guidance of the SADC Secretariat. The 4-year phase 2 project is financed by the Multi-Donor Trust Fund Cooperation in International Waters in Africa (CIWA), in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility (GEF), through the World Bank. It comprises several components, including "Capacity building for sustainable groundwater management". The proposed SADC-GMI Bursary Scheme intends to support aspiring young professionals with limited finances or opportunities to pursue their passion for a career in the groundwater sector.

## Bursary Eligibility

We intend to solicit applicants from young professionals (under 35 yrs of age) from SADC countries pursuing master-degree studies at a SADC University through their supervisors. This call is targeted at Universities within the following networks for which SADC-GMI already has partnership arrangements 1. Southern African Network for Water Centres of Excellence (SANWATCE); 2. SADC WaterNet; and 3. Africa Groundwater Network (AGWNet)

The intention is to support four (4) students– at least two-female candidates. At least one of the students should be drawn from non-English speaking Member States and another from an Island Member State. The topics funded can cover the full spectrum of hydrogeology. Bursaries will be awarded to SADC nationals only, and preference will be given to research topics based on the SADC region.

## Bursary Value

The bursary value per student is 12 500 USD over two years. The bursary can cover parts of the following:

- Tuition fees
- Accommodation and meals
- Book Allowance
- Experiential training

The bursary payments will be made direct to the University based on a Memorandum of Understanding with the University and progress reporting. No payments will be directly made to students.



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## Conditions of the bursary

At the discretion of SADC-GMI, the students can assist with assignments during vacations. The bursary will be renewed annually if the student's academic performance is satisfactory. The student must hand in the thesis for examination during the second year of study. All administrative matters must be concluded by 31 March 2025. All arrangements are the University and students' responsibility. The student must study full-time and receive no additional funding. Note that this bursary cannot repay existing loans or debts. Applicants are under no circumstances secured of, promised or guaranteed a SADC-GMI Bursary or employment. SADC-GMI reserves the right to shortlist, invite, and select applicants as the SADC-GMI selection committee sees fit.

## Application Process

A motivation letter, on university letterhead, from a qualifying university supervisor, to support a student's master's research studies with the following information:

- Supervisor particulars
  - Full name of supervisor
  - Email address
  - Qualifications
  - Reason for bursary application
- Application particulars
  - Full name of student
  - Student number
  - Gender
  - Date of birth
  - Nationality
  - Email address
  - Applicant academic performance
  - Registration details
- Thesis details
  - Name of degree course
  - Duration of the course
  - Proposed research topic (please provide an abstract detailing the intended research – 250 words)

## Submissions

Closing date: 31 January 2023

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