

School of Agriculture & Fisheries Sciences

4 MSc and 3 PhD Scholarships

The School of Agriculture & Fisheries Sciences at the University of Namibia is offering 4 Master of Science (MSc) and 3 doctorate (PhD) scholarship opportunities for studies under the SASSCAL 2.0 project for the 2023 academic year.

The project is titled: "Rangeland improvement through Bush Control and Sustainable Intensification to mitigate Climate Change and improve Livelihoods and Food Security in Southern Africa (RIBS)".

The project is a collaboration with consortium members that include UNAM, Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST), Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN), North West University (NWU) of South Africa and Brandberg University of Germany.

About the studies and scholarship

Studies at UNAM will commence in 2023 and successful candidates must enrol as full-time students at UNAM. The funding for the MSc. is for two (2) and for the PhD it is three (3) years. The University of Namibia with funding from the SASSCAL Regional Secretariat will cover tuition fees, fieldwork expenses, laboratory analyses and a monthly stipend.

MSc. focal areas will be:

1. Bush thinning, rehabilitation and aftercare following debushing
2. Encroacher bush utilization for feed
3. Modelling effects of bush control measures
4. Effects of bush control on biodiversity.

PhD focal areas will be:

1. Rangeland rehabilitation and Fodder bank establishment
2. Effects of bush control measures on soil carbon flux and water security
3. Effects of bush encroachment on Biodiversity and enhancing conservation

Students that meet the following minimum requirements are encouraged to apply:

- for the MSc. positions: a BSc Honours degree with an average of 60% or above;
- for the PhD positions: a MSc. degree with an average of 60% (C grade) in agriculture, ecology, forestry, environmental sciences, biology, zoology, community based natural resource management, ecophysiology or other relevant fields.
- Where applicable, practical skills in rangeland/farm management, Remote Sensing, GIS, R or statistics will serve as distinct advantages.
- Potential candidates are required to submit a motivation letter, curriculum vitae, along with certified copies of degree certificates and transcripts, a concept note (maximum 800 words for MSc; maximum 1200 words for PhD) outlining how you will approach one of the above listed research areas (i.e. title, introduction, problem statement, objectives, materials and methods as well as references). Applicants must clearly state the topic for which they are applying.
- Applicants should submit two (2) recent recommendation letters from academics or researchers.
- Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for a face-to-face interview.
- Successful candidates will be notified by 31 January 2023. Selected candidates will then be required to duly complete the UNAM online application at <https://www.unam.edu.na/online-application>
- The final selected candidates will need to meet the admission criteria for UNAM postgraduate studies.

Application documents for the scholarship should be emailed to:
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Application Deadline: 09 December 2022

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