
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use
(WASCAL CCMS)**

With funding from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

2021 Admissions into Master's Research Programme in Climate Change and Marine Sciences

at the
Atlantic Technical University

FULL SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Atlantic Technical University is pleased to call for application for its **Master's Programme on Climate Change & Marine Sciences** (MP-CCMS) under the West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL).

WASCAL is a wholly West African international organization with focus on academic and transdisciplinary research, building graduate-level scientific capacity and serving policy makers in West Africa with science-based advice on adaptation to climate change impacts and land use management. It cooperates with many agencies and universities in the region, providing a knowledge platform of excellence for its partners. WASCAL is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) of Germany and its 11 West African member countries, namely: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, The Gambia, and Togo.

WASCAL's mission is to provide information and knowledge services at the local, national, and regional levels to West African member countries to cope with the adverse impacts of climate change. We do this through capacity building support to young West African scholars in fields of climate, natural and social sciences and by strengthening the regional universities to deliver climate and environmental services in member countries.

The Master's programme on Climate Change & Marine Sciences of the Technical University of Atlantic is implemented in close partnership with the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, the University of Kiel and the Thünen Institute, as German partner institutions and with the Institute of Sea (IMAR) as the Cabo Verdean partner institution. This consortium is well suited to provide needed scientific and academic skills in climate, marine sciences and management, both on an international and regional level in West Africa, in a climate change context. The proposed master's programme will adequately prepare West African students for subsequent post-graduate studies or professional careers as managers or experts in industry, consultancy, governmental

agencies, etc. Through the present call, the Atlantic Technical University is launching its third master's programme on Climate Change & Marine Sciences for the 2021-2022 academic year, and **scholarship possibilities for the selected students.**

This programme includes:

- Four months of Language Proficiency courses in English Language for Francophones and Lusophones at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana; and French Language for Anglophones, at the University of Lomé, Togo.
- Three semesters of joint Master courses related to marine sciences, coastal and marine management, and climate change at the Technical University of Atlantic (including national and international lecturers).
- Shipboard training with a local research vessel and a German international research vessel (availability and sponsoring pending) for training on ocean observation and data collection for individual student's research projects (field training and research projects will be supported by the Ocean Science Centre Mindelo [OSCM]).
- Three weeks of scientific cruise from Cabo Verde to Germany

Scholarship and Research Support:

The scholarship and research support will be provided following the criteria below:

- Upon admission students will be required to maintain a graduate level Grade Point Average (GPA) of B or a minimum of B from the course.
- During the course curriculum phase, students will be required to develop a detailed research program, including budget, that will have to be accepted by his/her committee, consisting of at least four graduate faculty members, and endorsed by the Graduate Council.
 - During the project/research stage, students are expected to present their progress reports regularly and be evaluated accordingly.

Eligibility conditions

Applicants are required to:

- Be citizen of a WASCAL member country (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, The Gambia, Togo); other ECOWAS member countries may be admitted without scholarship but considered as a self-funded student on an availability basis.
- Hold a bachelor's degree in one of the following fields or any other related field: Biological Sciences, Oceanography, Fishing or Livestock Engineering, Geography, Sciences of the Atmosphere.

- Have at least an intermediate level in English language.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to comply with the following instructions will lead to the **rejection of the Application**.

1. All the documents should be submitted in English language, with exception of the copies of the university degree and transcript.
2. The application form should be submitted in two versions. Version ONE: a filled electronic application form saved as a pdf document (PAY ATTENTION, “saved as” NOT “printed as”). This can be saved in any pdf reader app or Microsoft Edge, **NOT** in Google Chrome. Version TWO: after filling the application form, print, sign, and scan as a pdf document.
3. **All the documents must be signed, with exception of the version ONE of the application form.**
4. The application documents must be attached to an electronic message to the following address: wascalcv@uta.cv, and with copy to capacitybp@wascal.org.
5. At the electronic message write the subject title as “**CCMS WASCAL Application**”.
6. Each document must be attached individually and as a single document (separated pages of the same document will NOT be accepted, and the application rejected.)
7. The file name of each document should be written as shown in the second column of the table below, like as “**document_yourlastname_yourfirstname**”. For example, “**trans_cert_seidou_roland**”;
8. If you have the national ID, for application, passport is not required.
9. **The deadline for receipt of applications is June 30, 2021.**
10. For further information, visit www.wascal.org or contact by the following address: wascalcv@uta.cv, and copy to capacitybp@wascal.org.

Check list

Documents required	File name content
➤ Filled application form	appl_formV1
➤ Filled, printed, signed, and scanned application form	appl_formV2
➤ Curriculum vitae	CV
➤ A copy of ID/Passport	ID or Pass
➤ A letter of motivation (max. 2 pages).	motiv_letter
➤ A copy of university degree certificate	univ_cert
➤ A copy of academic transcripts.	trans_cert
➤ A certificate copy of proficiency in English or, in alternative, a statement indicating and justifying your self-assessment in the context of English proficiency.	eng
➤ Proof of professional experience in relevant area for the course, IF applicable	exp
➤ Two letters of recommendation from professors or researchers (grade associate professor or senior researcher at least).	recom_letter1 recom_letter2
➤ A written commitment to pay a registration fee of 30 Euro if admitted.	commit