

SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOUNG WATER AND SANITATION PROFESSIONALS (2025)

As part of its Capacity-Building Program for African stakeholders in the water, sanitation, and hygiene sector, through Strengthening AfWASA and operators' capacity for the implementation of city-wide inclusive sanitation in Africa (SAO CWIS) Program, funded by the Gates Foundation, the African Water and Sanitation Association is awarding research scholarships to African Young Water and Sanitation Professionals. Target beneficiaries are young women researchers/ students in master's and engineering at their final year training program. 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 2016-2024, AfWASA awarded one hundred and twenty-five (125) scholarships to students from twenty-seven (27) countries in Africa. These scholarships were awarded through Africap and SAO CWIS Programs. The Gates Foundation through SAO CWIS aims at closing the gender gap in WASH research. For the academic year (2024-2025), 5 scholarships will be awarded to young women (students) across Africa.

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. To apply, applicants must fulfill the following requirements:

- Be a citizen of a sub-Saharan African country.
- be in good standing academically with respect to their institution.
- Submit an application file including:
 1. Student card or registration receipt for the current year
 2. Last completed degree
 3. Curriculum vitae (3 pages max)
 4. A recommendation letter (from the academic supervisor)
 5. Research proposal form to be downloaded on AfWASA's website
 6. A profile photo

During the selection, priority will be given to students and young water professionals who are registered as members of AfWASA.

Submission

Applicants must submit their application online via the link for application (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQZnLdnlh0161-cXgGIRfYGXSn-xmyZMKSCzucm4GAcNcS8Q/viewform?usp=dialog>)

For any question regarding application or submission, applicants may contact the following addresses: udjalia@afwasa.org and copy vyao@afwasa.org.

The list of successful candidates will be published on AfWASA website: www.afwasa.org and each beneficiary will receive an official notification from AfWASA.

Submission deadline

Students wishing to participate in the program are requested to submit their full application by **June 15, 2025**. The list of successful candidates shall be published by **July 15, 2025**.

Research themes

The following themes were selected for this scholarship program for the 2025 academic year:

1. Sanitation services in low-income urban areas
2. Improvement of urban and peri-urban sanitation
3. Digital technologies for sanitation services
4. Gender and sanitation.
5. Circular economy
6. Climate change

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 AfWASA Research 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 AfWASA 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.