

**MAX PLANCK AFRICA MOBILITY GRANTS
FOR
EARLY CAREER SCIENTISTS**

General & Funding

Max Planck-Africa Mobility Grants are travel grants by which cooperation between early career African scientists and a Max Planck Institute (MPI) is to be initiated.

Scientists who are awarded these grants must spend a minimum of one month per year at a Max Planck Institute.

The hosting Max Planck Institute will receive €3,000 per year for three years out of MPG central funds and will use this to cover costs for return tickets from Africa to Germany, accommodation costs, per diem, local travel costs and consumables for the Mobility Grant Holder. The mobility grant is not paid out to the candidate as a personal fellowship, but is disbursed for the candidate's purpose through the hosting Max Planck Institute.

Grant Holders should be motivated to extend invitations to their partners from MPI to their home institutes in Africa in order to further enhance cooperation.

Qualification

Qualified, promising postdocs (so-called “early career scientists”) from African countries who were already able to demonstrate a recognisable scientific profile are eligible to be nominated for the Max Planck Africa Mobility Grants. Nominees should have obtained their doctorate no longer than six years ago. A prior period as a guest at a Max Planck Institute is not a necessary precondition. Candidates for Max Planck-Africa Mobility Grant must be affiliated to an African research institution.

Nomination Modalities

The programme “Max Planck Africa Mobility Grant” (MPAMG) is open to all Max Planck Institutes (MPI) and to all research institutions in African countries.

Only a Director of a Max Planck Institute can nominate a candidate; therefore, as a first step candidates need to contact a Director of a suitable MPI.



Documents to be submitted:

The following documents are to be submitted by the scientists from African countries applying for the Max-Planck-Africa Mobility Grant in agreement and with signature of the nominating Max Planck Director.

1. Cover page (see below)
2. Letter of reference (laudation) for the candidate from the Director of MPI
3. Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)
4. Short project description (max. 3 pages)
5. Statement by the candidate that he/she is willing to spend minimum 1 month p.a. at the MPI (max. 1 page)
6. Letter of intent from the Director of the African research institute / university to which the candidate is affiliated supporting the nomination and accepting the conditions as set forth (1 page).

Please ensure to send only fully completed nominations containing all documents under points 1-7 above.

Documents to be sent to the Max Planck Society:

Send one signed original nomination to:

Max Planck Society,

Ms. Renate Bischof-Drewitz

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Germany

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**Nomination
for
Max Planck-Africa Mobility Grant (MPAMG)
Cover Page**

Candidate for the Mobility Grant

Name	Institution and Department	Address and e-mail

Field of research:

Name of project:

Brief summary describing research activities and objectives (max 80 words):

Director of Max Planck Institute:

Name	Institution and Department	Address and e-mail

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Date

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Signature Director of Max Planck Institute