

**OPPORTUNITY TO DO MSc RESEARCH  
AT ANOTHER UNIVERSITY  
IN THE NILE BASIN**

**CALL No. 5**

**December 2024**

## **VISITING ANOTHER UNIVERSITY IN THE NILE BASIN FOR YOUR MSC RESEARCH**

### **Call for Proposals**

MSc students of universities in the Nile basin can apply for academic and financial support to do 3 months of their MSc thesis research visiting a university in another Nile basin country. The MSc research contributes to scientific insights on the shared waters of the Nile, related to technical and social sciences, and to building networks and friendships while experiencing research work and life in the Nile basin. This activity is part of the Academic Exchange in the Nile Basin project, coordinated by NBCBN Foundation, IHE Delft, and Wageningen University. In this call, we especially encourage students from the following countries to apply: **Egypt, Sudan, South Sudan, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo DRC.**

**Application Deadline:  
4<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Outcome communicated: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

## Support

Selected applicants will receive financial support (based on actual costs) for:

- International travel to another Nile basin country
- Living expenses for 3 months: including Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) and accommodation rental costs (Maximum of 3000 Euro).
  - Students will be staying at the premises of the hosting institution or advised housing facility.
- Essential field and/or lab-work, if applicable (to a maximum of 2000 Euro).

## How to start your application?

1. Carefully read the steps explained on the next page.
2. Discuss your initial research idea and the university you like to visit (hosting university) with your MSc supervisor. Bear in mind that we highly encourage topics and case studies of which the findings will be **relevant for the Nile**. Please motivate **why** the proposed research should be conducted at **the selected hosting university** (e.g. because of the case study location, available expertise, lab facilities, etc.).
3. If your supervisor agrees, please start your initial application online through this link: <https://nile-exchange.nbcbn.net/application-apply>
4. Once we receive your online initial application our team will communicate with you via e-mail for further application and proposal development and will send you all requested application forms.

## Upon receiving the application documents, please follow the next steps

### Step 1. Proposal development and submission

1. Update and finalize your proposal with your MSc supervisor and with the host and home university contacts you received from NBCBN.
2. Collect and send us the following necessary documents and approvals:
  - Email of approval from your MSc thesis supervisor
  - Email of approval from the project's contact person of your home university
  - Email of approval from the project's contact person at the hosting university
  - Application cover letter (1 page), including your motivation for doing part of your MSc research abroad in the Nile basin
  - Your CV (Max. 2 pages)
  - Research proposal (following the template received from NBCBN)
3. Email the complete set of application documents to the following persons/emails:
  - a) [NAEP@nbcbn.net](mailto:NAEP@nbcbn.net),

- b) Your supervisor,
- c) Home university contact person, and
- d) Hosting university contact person/supervisor.

## Step 2. Assessment and selection

The Project Management and the steering Committee will evaluate all submitted applications and select the proposals approved for funding. You will be notified upon the selection process is finalised.

## Step 3. Research implementation

If selected, you will travel to the hosting university and implement 3-months MSc research, co-guided by hosting university and your home university (online). You also stay in contact with NBCBN on behalf of the project. After three months you return to your home university to complete your MSc thesis. You send a copy of your finalized and successfully defended MSc thesis to NBCBN, in addition to many other follow up activities that you will be engaged in upon return to home country.

## Step 4. Outreach

- During your stay, we ask you to maintain a blog for <https://nile-exchange.nbcbn.net/index> , to share your experiences with other students and researchers, we will send you all necessary templates.
- After or close to your thesis submission, we invite you to develop a research article for NileWater Science & Engineering Journal <https://www.nilebasin-journal.com>.
- You will be invited to present your research at the annual project's symposium that will be organised in Cairo, Egypt.
- We will invite you to join and become active in the alumni group.
- If you are due to start your MSc thesis research in 2025, consider applying now. Alternatively keep an eye on our next calls between July and October, on the NBCBN and NAEP websites:
  - [www.nbcbn.net](http://www.nbcbn.net)
  - <https://nile-exchange.nbcbn.net/index>



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