



COMPETE

Competence Platform on Energy Crop and Agroforestry Systems for Arid and Semi-arid Ecosystems - Africa

Announcement of Opportunity for African Postgraduate Bursaries

COMPETE invites applications for bursaries from African postgraduate Students!

The grant is intended to cover for up to three months of work in fields related to COMPETE's objectives:

- Capacity building to establish a platform for policy dialogue and capacity building to **identify pathways for the sustainable provision of bioenergy**.
- Improve quality of life and create alternative means of income for the rural population in Africa
- To aid the preservation of intact ecosystems in arid and semi arid
- Promote cooperation and knowledge exchange

Some of our African partners are particularly keen to have enthusiastic students who would like to work in one of their programmes and we invite them to send topics to be available for applicants. We also invite interested institutions to contact COMPETE if they would like to develop a linked research and development programme.

Initially **five grants**, totalling Euro 4 000 each, will be made available to the winning students. Opportunities will be available to use this funding to visit one, or more, of the European partner universities to work with the research groups there.

The eligibility criteria is as follows:

- To be a full-time postgraduate student within an African Partner University.
- To submit a research proposal detailing the Title, methodology expected outputs (to include at least one refereed journal paper) and schedule of no more than 3 A4 pages.
- A letter of support from the relevant head of department in the student's organisation.

A Committee will be formed to select the eligible works.

The **deadline** for submission of applications is **5pm on 7th March 2008**.

Applications shall be sent by email to Dr. Rocio A. Diaz-Chavez, Centre for Environmental Policy, ICEPT, Imperial College, UK (r.diaz-chavez@imperial.ac.uk), and in copy to Dr. Rainer Janssen, WIP Renewable Energies, Germany, COMPETE Coordinator (rainer.janssen@wip-munich.de).