



## ARPPIS-DAAD doctoral scholarships available for study at *icipe*, Kenya

3-year doctoral training in insect sciences for development

Deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015

The International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (*icipe*), Kenya, in partnership with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) In-Country/In-Region Scholarships Programme and African university partners, requests applications for doctoral research scholarships in the African Regional Postgraduate Programme in Insect Sciences (ARPPIS).

*icipe* is an international scientific research institute, headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya that works towards improving lives and livelihoods of people in Africa. The centre's main objective is to research and develop alternative and environmentally-friendly pest and vector management strategies that are effective, selective, non-polluting, non-resistance inducing, and which are affordable to resource-limited rural and urban communities. *icipe*'s mandate also extends to the conservation and use of the rich insect biodiversity found in Africa. *icipe* works in a holistic and integrated approach through a 4-H paradigm - Human, Animal, Plant and Environmental Health - with the aim of improving the overall health of communities in tropical Africa by addressing the interlinked problems of poverty, poor health, low agricultural productivity and degradation of the environment (for more information go to [www.icipe.org](http://www.icipe.org)).

**DAAD** is the German national agency for the support of international academic cooperation, and offers programs and funding for students, faculty, researchers and others in higher education. They also represent the German higher education system abroad, promoting Germany as an academic and research destination, and help build links between institutions around the world (for more information go to <http://nairobi.daad.de/en/>).

### **ARPPIS PhD Programme**

Capacity building of individual researchers and institutions in Africa is an integral part of *icipe*'s research and development activities. *icipe*'s Capacity Building Programme aims to promote the development and use of sustainable arthropod management technologies by enhancing the research and training capabilities of countries in Africa. ARPPIS is a partnership with African universities - with financial support from DAAD - offering three-year doctoral research scholarships aimed at preparing young researchers from Africa for regional leadership roles, as well as internationally competitive research careers, in arthropod-related sciences.

At *icipe* ARPPIS scholars are provided with excellent research conditions in an interdisciplinary environment within a structured, three-year training programme that includes research, training, and participation in scientific meetings and international conferences. Scholars conduct their research at *icipe*'s laboratories and field sites located in various agro-ecological zones.

- Twelve DAAD-ARPPIS PhD scholarships are available in 2015.
- Scholarships cover all costs of the PhD programme, including travel, living expenses, medical insurance, university fees, and research and training costs. Financial support for the scholarships is provided in part by DAAD and also by *icipe*.
- Successful candidates will carry out their research in selected projects at *icipe* (see **Annex 1** for a list of Eligible Projects and specific applicant requirements).
- Successful candidates will develop a full proposal and register with an ARPPIS partner university in Africa *after* they commence their PhD programme at *icipe*.
- The PhD programme will commence in September 2015.

### Eligibility criteria

- A national of any country in sub-Saharan Africa.
- A Bachelor's degree with a minimum pass of second-class, upper division.
- A Master's degree taken with both coursework and research in the field of natural sciences or other field relevant to the PhD project.
- The Master's degree must have been completed less than six years ago at the time of application.
- Qualified female candidates and candidates from less privileged regions or groups as well as candidates with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply.
- Qualified nationals of French- and Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa are also encouraged to apply.
- Preference will be given to applicants with a maximum age of 36 years (men) or 40 years (women) by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.
- Additional specific entrance requirements will be considered for admission, depending on the PhD project selected by the candidate (see **Annex 1** for specific requirements).
- A good command of the English language (written & spoken).
- Completed application forms and accompanying supporting documents.

### Deadline

Deadline for applications: **6<sup>th</sup> June 2015**. Any application received after this date will not be considered or acknowledged.

## Application Procedure

Please note that there are **two parts** to the application: (1) an application to *icipe*, and (2) an application to **DAAD**.

1. Applicants must submit all the following documents to *icipe* by email to [arppis2015@icipe.org](mailto:arppis2015@icipe.org) (please submit the documents in English where possible):
  - Fully completed *ARPPIS PhD Scholarships – 2015 Application Form (Annex 2)*
  - Curriculum Vitae (please use the Europass Format: <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>)
  - Certified copies of official university certificates and transcripts, and any other professional or academic certificates
  - Copy of a signed letter of nomination for the ARPPIS PhD Programme by the employer (if currently employed) or University where MSc was undertaken. The letter must be on institute letterhead.
  - Copy of passport-style photograph (colour)
  - Copy of National ID
  - Copy of Passport (biodata page)

In case of any questions regarding the submission to *icipe*, kindly contact:  
Ms. Lilian Igweta, Training Officer, Capacity Building and Institutional Development Programme, *icipe*, [ligweta@icipe.org](mailto:ligweta@icipe.org), Tel: +254 20 863 2272

2. The following documents must be sent to **DAAD** by email to [applications@daadafrika.org](mailto:applications@daadafrika.org)
  - All documents requested by *icipe* (**see 1, above**)
  - The completed *DAAD Application Form (Annex 3)*
  - All additional documents requested by the *DAAD Information Sheet for Scholars (Annex 4)*
  - A signed copy of the *DAAD Information Sheet for Scholars*

In case of any questions regarding the submission to **DAAD**, kindly contact:  
Mr. Bonface Nyagah, [bonface@daadafrika.org](mailto:bonface@daadafrika.org) or Ms. Inse Boehmig, [boehmig@daadafrika.org](mailto:boehmig@daadafrika.org)

Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity. We look forward to hearing from you.