



East, Central and Southern Africa - Health Community

China Government Exchange Program – Hosting African Scholars

1.0 Background

The East, Central and Southern African Health Community (ECSA-HC) in collaboration with the Southern Medical University (SMU) is pleased to announce the opening of Scholarship applications from suitably qualified persons who are nationals of member states to enroll in the China Government Exchange Program – Hosting African Scholars. The ECSA-HC member states are Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Eswatini, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. This initiative aims to promote academic and professional exchange between China and ECSA-HC member states. The scholarship will cover international round-trip travel, accommodation, living costs, and insurance.

2.0 Collaboration with the Southern Medical University

The East, Central, and Southern African Health Community (ECSA-HC) is a regional organization set up in 1974 to promote the highest possible standards of health among member countries. It is mandated to foster cooperation that will lead to the strengthening of health care programmes among member states in the region.

ECSA-HC has established an agreement with Southern Medical University, a public medical institution located in Baiyun, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China. The two organizations will collaborate in several areas, including research and policy engagement, healthcare training, a fellowship exchange program, the integration of digital health solutions to strengthen healthcare systems, and the establishment of a joint regional center of excellence for science, research and innovation.

3.0 Method of Application

ECSA-HC invites applicants who wish to participate in the program to submit;

- a. A copy of the candidate's highest academic degree certificate
- b. Proof of employment from their home institution
- c. A letter of consent from their institution agreeing to the candidate's one-year exchange in China
- d. The candidate's updated Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- e. A **one-page research proposal** (please find the template attached)

4.0 Eligibility Criteria

Eligible candidates must meet the following criteria:

- a. Hold nationality of an ECSA-HC member state.
- b. Be formally employed in their home country in scientific research or science/technology policy research.
- c. Hold a PhD degree or have at least five years of research experience.
- d. Demonstrate strong research capability or research potential.
- e. Be under 45 years of age (born on or after January 1, 1980).
- f. Be in good health.
- g. Have good communication skills in English or Chinese.
- h. Have not participated in a China Ministry of Science and Technology exchange program in the past three years

5.0 Deadline for Applications:

Applications should reach the address below by **02nd July 2025**

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