



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

for participation in the Advanced Skill Course

**“FROM FIELD TO LAB – RESEARCH AND STRATEGIES IN AQUATIC AND PLANT
SYSTEMS”**

within the framework of the transnational project TNE 23-00050

Art. 1 – Subject matter

Within the Project **“TNE- UNITAFRICA - Empowering the Academic Cooperation between Italy and Africa for fostering the quality and effectiveness of the higher education systems in a mutual learning environment”**, coordinated by the **University of Brescia**, and in which the **University of Johannesburg** is a partner, a selection procedure is hereby opened for participation in the advanced training course (Advanced Skill Course) **“From Field to Lab – Research and Strategies in Aquatic and Plant Systems”**. The course will be held at the **University of Johannesburg (South Africa)**, on from the **3-7 May 2026**.

Art. 2 – Partnership and project objectives

The TNE UNITAFRICA project, coordinated by the University of Brescia in collaboration with 20 other Italian universities within the University Coordination for Development Cooperation (CUCS), is a strategic initiative aimed at promoting joint training, research, and international academic cooperation with 78 partner institutions in Africa. The project is funded by NextGenerationEU through the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR).

Art. 3 – Eligibility requirements

This call provides for the selection of **20 participants**.

Applicants may apply if, by the deadline of this call, they hold one of the following positions at the **University of Johannesburg**:

- Holders of a Honours's degree and/or Master's degree at the deadline of the call;
- PhD students enrolled at the deadline of the call;
- Must be enrolled in a postgraduate degree with a research foci in plant/aquatic science



Art. 4 – Mobility support

Participation in the course is **free of charge**. The costs for event organisation, for all participants will be covered by the funds from the project “**TNE- UNITAFRICA - Empowering the Academic Cooperation between Italy and Africa for fostering the quality and effectiveness of the higher education systems in a mutual learning environment**”.

Art. 5 – Application procedure and deadline

Applications, must be sent via email to ujbiochemistry@gmail.com, by **12:00 (noon) on 24/04/2026**.

Required documents:

- Short CV (max 2 pages).
- Motivation letter (max 300 words).
- Valid identity document.



Art. 6 – Selection

Applications will be assessed by a dedicated Committee composed of **three academic staff members**, appointed by the Director and affiliated with the **Faculty of Science of the University of Johannesburg**, according to the following criteria:

Maximum score: 25 points

- Academic and professional achievements (CV, declared certificates, letters of recommendation, portfolio, etc.): up to **20 points**.
- Motivation letter: up to **5 points**.

Should a selected candidate renounce the benefit, it will be awarded to the next eligible candidate according to the order of the ranking list.

Art. 7 – Publication of the ranking list

The outcome of the selection procedure will be communicated by publication on the University of Johannesburg website at [link](#)

Selected participants will be contacted by e-mail to sign the declaration of acceptance.

Art. 8 – Beneficiary's activities

The beneficiary is required to:

- Start the activities on the date agreed with the institutional contact person;
- Carry out the activities regularly and continuously for the entire duration, as set out in the online and in-person sessions;
- Attend the course **“From Field to Lab – Research and Strategies in Aquatic and Plant Systems”**.



Art. 11 – Confidentiality of information

All technical-administrative data and information that the contract holder becomes aware of while carrying out the assignment must be considered confidential.

Art. 12 – Safeguard clause

The Faculty of Science of the University of Johannesburg reserves the right, should reasons of public interest or impeditive legislative provisions arise, to amend, extend, suspend or revoke this call, without this giving rise to any right or claim on the part of participants. For anything not expressly provided for in this notice, reference is made to the applicable legal, contractual and regulatory provisions.

Art. 13 – Processing of personal data

The University of Johannesburg (UJ) complies with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 4 of 2013 (POPIA) through an integrated institutional framework rather than a single standalone policy document. POPIA requirements are embedded in UJ's privacy notices, consent processes, PAIA manual, and broader governance structures to ensure the lawful, transparent, and secure processing of personal information (Republic of South Africa, 2013). The University processes personal data for legitimate academic and administrative purposes, including admissions, teaching, research, and institutional management, in line with the eight POPIA conditions of accountability, processing limitation, purpose specification, further processing limitation, information quality, openness, security safeguards, and data subject participation (Republic of South Africa, 2013). Oversight of POPIA compliance is provided through designated information governance structures, including the Information Officer and supporting administrative units, ensuring that data subjects—such as students, staff, and other stakeholders—have the right to access, correct, or object to the processing of their personal information in accordance with the Act (Republic of South Africa, 2013).

Art. 14 – Person in charge of the procedure

Pursuant to Law No. 241/90 and subsequent amendments and the University Regulations on administrative procedures, the person in charge of the procedure is **Lee-Ann Modley (lee-annm@uj.ac.za)**

Any complaints regarding exclusion, evaluation of the application or other aspects of the selection procedure may be submitted **within 5 (five) working days** from the date of publication of the ranking list. Complaints must be sent exclusively by e-mail to the person in charge of the procedure,



clearly stating the reasons and, where necessary, attaching supporting documentation.

Art. 15 – Communications and information

For further information and for any communication related to this procedure, candidates must write to: lee-annm@uj.ac.za

Communications must be sent exclusively from the candidate's **institutional e-mail account**. The institutional address is the official communication channel for the entire selection process, including the application phase, as well as all subsequent phases until return from mobility.

Communications sent from e-mail addresses other than those indicated above will not be accepted.

Johannesburg, 16/04/2026

Dean of the Faculty of Science (Prof Annah Moteetee)

Date: 16/04/2026