

AGENCE PANAFRICAINNE  
DE LA GRANDE MURAILLE VERTE  
**APGMV**



PAN-AFRICAN AGENCY  
OF THE GREAT GREEN WALL  
**PAGGW**

الوكالة الإفريقية للسور الأخضر الكبير

---

Réf : APMV/AFR/001/2017

## RESEARCH AND TRAINING SUPPORT PROGRAM (RETSUP)

***CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC  
YEAR 2017-2018***

## BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The Research and Training Support Program (RETSUP) of the Pan-African Agency of the Green Wall (PAGGW) promotes the training of Master and Doctoral students and the inter-university exchanges of teacher-researchers from Member States (**Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan and Chad**) to strengthen technical and scientific skills and promote mobility of researchers in space. In this context, PAGGW developed the RETSUP for nationals of the member states of the GGW and set up for this purpose various instruments to support training and research on themes of interest for the Great Green Wall, especially:

1. Allowances for training in master or engineering design (AF);
2. Research Support Grants (RSGs) to doctoral students and research teams;
3. Improvement Training Allowances (ITA) for agents of the structures of the Great Green Wall;
4. GGW awards and distinctions for contributions to the Great Green Wall.

### I. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018

The RETSUP foresees for the academic year 2017-2018 the following supports thus described:

#### 2.1 Allowances for training in master or engineering design

**Target:** Students holding a bachelor's degree and students-engineers admitted to the second cycle engineer (4th and 5th years);

**Duration:** Two (2) years, that is 2x9 month;

**Amount:** 1 350 000 FCFA distributed as follows:

**1st year: 600 000 FCFA**

- monthly allowance : 50 000 FCFA ;
- outfits : 75 000 FCFA ;
- internship expenses: 50 000 FCFA ;
- internship report fees : 25 000 FCFA.

**2<sup>nd</sup> year: 750 000 FCFA**

- monthly allowance : 50 000 FCFA ;
- outfits : 75 000 FCFA ;
- field research costs (2 missions): CFAF 100 000 at the rate of 50 000 FCFA / mission;
- reporting expenses: CFAF 50 000 at the rate of CFAF 25 000 / report;
- final exam fees: 75 000 FCFA (50% payable during the writing and 50% after validation and transmission of a copy to PAGGW by the head of the student's reception structure).

**Conditions :**

- have a valid registration for the academic year 2017-2018 in universities or important schools recognized by CAMES or any other equivalent institutions in the other GGW Member States;
- be at least 25 years old at the opening of applications;
- Necessarily produce a letter of commitment to work on one of the themes defined in relation to the responsibility of the host structure for students admitted in year of preparation of Final Report (5th year).

#### 2.2 Research Support Allocations (RA)

They are intended for doctoral students in the form of fellowships and for young research teams through a grant.

##### 2.2.1 Research Allocation

**Target :** Students authorized to enroll in thesis;

**Duration :** Three (3) years ;

**Amount :** 1 500 000 FCFA/year distributed as follows :

- Monthly allowance : 100 000 FCFA durant 9 mois ;
- outfits : 150 000 FCFA ;
- research and report fees : 300 000 FCFA (100 000 FCFA/mission);
- report of missions : 150 000 FCFA (50 000 FCFA/mission)

In addition to this amount, the doctoral student in the final year of the thesis will also receive the sum of 150,000 FCFA corresponding to the preparation of the dissertation. This amount will be paid: 50% during the writing of the thesis and 50% after delivery of a copy of the dissertation corrected to the APGMV, transmitted by the Thesis supervisor.

**Conditions :**

- have a valid registration for the academic year 2017-2018 in the universities or high schools recognized by CAMES or any other equivalent institutions;
- be at least 30 years old at the opening of applications;
- Submit a scientific file including:
  - (i) an indicative thesis project document validated by the host laboratory, including the themes, objectives, expected results, methodology, timing of activities and supervision;
  - (ii) a letter of recommendation from the candidate's host organization for his / her research work.

## 2.2.2 Support to the research teams

grant can be awarded to research teams from PAGGW member countries working on GGW themes in order to improve their working conditions. The amount is **three million five hundred thousand (3,500,000) FCFA**. It is mainly intended for the acquisition of products, small laboratory equipment, analytical data, and participation of students in seminars and conferences, subscriptions to scientific journals.

**Amount :** 3 500 000 CFA

**Duration :** One (1) year

**Conditions :** the team must :

- work on a GGW theme;
- be composed of young researchers with less than three (3) years' experience led by a Laboratory Director;
- present a scientific file composed of:
  - (i) description of the team (in the context of mobility and exchanges, teams involving researchers from different GGW countries will be privileged) ;
  - (ii) presentation of activities and research groups (multidisciplinary approaches are encouraged) ;
  - (iii) proposal for an indicative financial statement in accordance with the headings defined above.

Exceptionally, the grant to a research team may be renewed upon a reasoned request to the PAGGW.

For the academic year 2017-2018, the APGMV invites applications for the selection of two (2) Master / Engineering students and two (2) Doctoral students.

## II. FIELDS OF INTEREST

For students preparing the Master and Engineering, the areas of interest are: biology, geosciences, agronomic sciences, economics and legal sciences, social sciences...

As part of the preparation of the final project, the targeted themes will have to fall within the areas defined for research support.

For the support of research (doctoral students and research teams), the fields selected under this call for applications are as follows:

- Fields 1: Geomatics (Remote sensing, GIS, mapping) ;
- Fields 2: Rural Development (Agronomy, Pastoralism, Forestry, Agroforestry, Economy / Rural sociology, Hydraulics ...) ;
- Fields 3: Environmental and Engineering Sciences;
- Fields 4: Climate change;
- Fields 5: Sustainable Land Management (SLM).

### III. COMPOSITION OF FILE (Master II and PhD Ingéniorat)

The application package will consist of:

- One (1) certificate of registration for the academic year 2017-2018;
- One (1) completed and signed application form (download from [www.grandemurailleverte.org](http://www.grandemurailleverte.org)) ;
- One (1) cover letter;
- One (1) extract legalized birth certificate dated less than 3 months;
- One (1) Certificate of Nationality;
- One (1) criminal record dated less than 3 months ;
- One (1) medical certificate dated less than 3 months;
- All diplomas and transcripts of the baccalauréat (High School Degree) and the university course legalized.

### IV. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications are forwarded to the national structure of the Great Green Wall in the country by post (the postmark is authentic) or by E-mail (indicated by the national structure) with a copy to the addresses [dst.apgmv@grandemurailleverte.org](mailto:dst.apgmv@grandemurailleverte.org) and [rd.apgmv@grandemurailleverte.org](mailto:rd.apgmv@grandemurailleverte.org) and [sdst.apgmv@grandemurailleverte.org](mailto:sdst.apgmv@grandemurailleverte.org).

- Application period from **25 september to 25 october 2017**
- Notification to beneficiaries, **15 november 2017**