



UNIVERSITY JOSÉ EDUARDO DOS SANTOS
FACULTY OF AGRARIAN SCIENCES

Doctorate in Agriculture, Food Security and Sustainable Land Management

OFFICIAL CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The present Call for Applications is issued under the legal authorization established by the Executive Decree No. 07/2026 of 06 March, which formally creates the Doctoral Programme in Agriculture, Food Security and Sustainable Land Management (AFSLM). The program aligns with national priorities for economic diversification and the National Development Plan (2023 - 2027), focusing on the development of innovative and sustainable solutions that contribute to increased agricultural productivity, improved food security, and the rational and sustainable use of soils. The project is supported by SASSCAL (Southern African Science Service Center for Climate Change and Adaptive Land Management) and developed within the framework of national and international partnerships, notably with Agostinho Neto University in Angola and the University of Kassel in Germany. The Program has a time frame four years, The official language will be is English, has a total workload of 3,600 hours, corresponding to 240 Credit Units, and confers the degree of Doctor in Agronomy.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The PhD program aims to:

- Train high-level researchers in agriculture and sustainability
- Develop solutions for food security and climate resilience
- Strengthen scientific capacity in the region
- Support evidence-based agricultural policies

SCIENTIFIC AREAS / RESEARCH LINES

- Sustainable Agriculture Systems
- Soil Fertility and Land Management
- Food Security Systems
- Biofertilizers and Nitrogen Fixation
- Climate Change and Agriculture
- Agro-biotechnology and Seed Systems

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PROGRAM DURATION

- Duration: 4 years

NUMBER OF VACANCIES

- Total available: 15 candidates

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

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Candidates must:

Hold a Master's degree in one of the following areas:

- ✓ Agronomy
- ✓ Natural Resources
- ✓ Environmental Sciences
- ✓ Water Resources
- ✓ Forestry
- ✓ Or related and equivalent fields

Minimum academic average recommended ≥ 14 points or equivalent

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

- Application form (duly completed)
- Curriculum Vitae (academic format)
- Master's degree certificate and/or authenticated diploma
- Motivation letter
- Preliminary research proposal (5 – 10 pages)
- Copy of ID/Passport
- Two recommendation letters (One academic)

CALL FOR APPLICATION WEBPAGE: [SGSP-AFSLM Scholarship Portal](#)

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process will follow a competitive and merit-based evaluation:
Evaluation Criteria

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Criteria	Weight
Academic background	25%
Research proposal quality	35%
Professional/research experience	20%
Interview performance	20%

SELECTION PHASES:

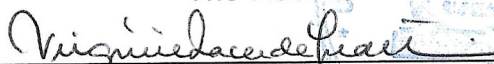
1. Administrative screening
2. Scientific evaluation by Academic, Scientific Advisory Committee (ASAC)
3. Interview (shortlisted candidates)
4. Final ranking and approval

APPLICATION SCHEDULE

Activity	Date
Official Announcement	24 April 2026
Application Period	24 April – 24 May 2026
Evaluation Process	25 May – 29 May 2026
Results Publication and Enrolment	02 - 09 June 2026
Program Start	22 June 2026

Huambo, 25 March 2026

The Rector



Prof. Dra. Virgínia Quartín

