

SOUTHERN AFRICA - TO - SPAIN: VISITING LECTURERS GRANT ZIMBABWE, ZAMBIA, MALAWI



PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The **2025 Southern Africa - to - Spain: Visiting Lecturers Grant – ACESDA-Embassy of Spain in Zimbabwe** targets highly regarded professors and researchers affiliated with universities or research centres in **Zimbabwe, Zambia, or Malawi**. The grant aims to foster academic and scientific exchange with Spanish institutions and to contribute to both institutional and national scientific capacity strengthening.

- The grant will fund a visit to Spain by an academic from one of the three eligible countries. Below are eligible activities that can be funded through the grant. Priority will be given to activities with greater academic, institutional, and social impact.



ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND COSTS

Eligible activities include:

- Teaching a postgraduate course** as a visiting lecturer, preferably at centres of excellence recognised under Spain's Severo Ochoa or María de Maeztu programmes, or at other leading Spanish universities. The course content should align with Spain's strategic research priorities and with the priorities of the candidate's country and home institution.
- Giving a public science outreach talk** aimed at non-specialist audiences, promoting open access to knowledge and fostering public engagement with science.
- Take part in institutional visits** to official bodies, research agencies, or Spanish government centres to strengthen scientific diplomacy and explore new international collaborations.
- Attend a conference, course, or specialized seminar in Spain**, provided it directly relates to the applicant's field and improves the technical, research, or training capacities of their home institution.

Each grant provides **\$2,000 USD (tax-free)** to cover a round-trip flight and local expenses during the visit.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a recognized professor or researcher affiliated with a university or research centre in Zimbabwe, Zambia, or Malawi.
- Have the support of a host department or research group in Spain, including a designated contact person at a Spanish institution.
- Submit a detailed academic and scientific program lasting at least three working days. This can include teaching, outreach, institutional collaboration, or participation in specialized events.
- Acknowledge the financial support from the Embassy of Spain in Zimbabwe, ACE Sur de África, and any other collaborators in all related materials (presentations, publications, public communications, etc.).
- Coordinate in advance with ACE Sur de África's communications team(comunicacion@acesda.org) to ensure proper outreach and maximize the institutional impact of the program.

The visit must take place **before October 5, 2025**.

Contact details:

For enquiries, please contact Programme Director María Luisa de la Puerta Fernández, ACE Sur de África Representative for Namibia and Zimbabwe, and Head of Communications, at maria@omevaconsulting.com (cc: info@acesda.org).



SELECTION PROCESS

Key Dates:

- Call opens: May 29, 2025
- Deadline: June 31, 2025
- Announcement of results: July 2025

Required Documents:

Applications must be sent via email to comunicacion@acesda.org as a single PDF document including the applicant's name, title, institution, and email address, along with the following:

1. Program of the Visit (Max 2 pages):

Include the duration, proposed dates, host institution and contact, objectives of the visit, planned activities, and expected impact on the applicant's career and on both host and home institutions. Also explain how you plan to maximize the visit's impact and promote scientific cooperation between Spain and your country. Indicate if you've received this grant in previous editions.

2. Curriculum Vitae (Max 2 pages):

Academic and professional background, including relevant achievements as first or corresponding author, publications, conferences, funded projects, awards, etc.

3. Letter from Host Institution in Spain (Max 2 pages):

Confirmation of the visit's feasibility on the proposed dates and agreement on planned activities.



EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Scientific productivity and track record of the candidate, weighted according to their career stage (30%).
- Prestige of the host institution and the researcher or research group (20%).
- Quality, feasibility, and impact of the proposal (40%).
- Communication and outreach plan (10%).



ABOUT ACESDA

The Association of Spanish Researchers in Southern Africa (ACE Sur de África) is a non-profit organisation that seeks to promote high-quality research and facilitate collaboration opportunities to enrich both Spanish and Southern African societies culturally and scientifically.

ACE Sur de África is committed to strengthening ties between Spanish and African higher education institutions to foster student and staff exchange, initiate high-impact research projects, and consolidate previous productive collaborations.



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