

Visiting Lecturers Grants 2025

ACE Sur de África – Fundación Ramón Areces + Embassies of Spain

The Society of Spanish Researchers in Southern Africa (ACE Sur de África) is a not-for-profit society aiming to disseminate excellent-quality research and facilitate collaboration opportunities contributing to the cultural enrichment and knowledge advance of both Spanish and Southern-African countries societies.

ACE Sur de Africa is committed to boosting the relations between Spanish and Southern-African tertiary institutions so they can exchange both students and staff members, initiate high-quality research projects and consolidate existing relations which have been productive in the recent past.

Objectives of the Programme

The **ACE Sur de Africa - frA + Embassies of Spain Visiting Lecturers Grants Program 2025** is intended for **six** Faculty members of universities or research institutions located in Spain to visit universities or research institutions in Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

These grants are awarded by ACE Sur de África and they are sponsored by the Ramón Areces Foundation (frA) and the Embassies of Spain in Angola, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Gant amount

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

Grant Specific Information

Zimbabwe Grant: Funded by the Embassy of Spain in Zimbabwe, this grant is specifically intended for activities in Zimbabwe, Zambia, or Malawi. Activities must be carried out before 5 October 2025.

Eligibility

Interested applicants must:

- Be a faculty member (Personal Docente e Investigador - PDI), either permanent or with a fixed-term contract, at any university or public research institution in Spain.
- Identify a host group or department, as well as a host researcher who will be responsible for the visit, at a university or research institution in one of the eligible countries.
- Present a teaching and/or research programme for the time of the visit, with a minimum duration of three working days and involving at least ten teaching/research hours. Teaching programmes at the Master's or PhD level are encouraged, as they are generally easier to implement with fewer administrative barriers.
- Deliver a public talk at the host institution. Promotion of this event will be supported by ACE Sur de África and the respective Embassies of Spain.

- Acknowledge the financial support of the Ramón Areces Foundation, ACE Sur de África, and the relevant Spanish embassy in all related teaching, dissemination or presentation materials.
- Coordinate with the ACESDA communication team (comunicacion@acesda.org) before the stay, to ensure proper dissemination of the activities and maximise the institutional impact of the programme.

The visit must take place before 31 December 2025, except for the Zimbabwe Grant, which must be completed before 31 October 2025.

Selection Process

Important Dates

- Call opens: **22nd of May 2025.**
- Application deadline: **20th de June de 2025.**
- Resolution and notifications: **July 2025.**

Required Documentation

Applications must be submitted via e-mail to tesoreria@acesda.org in a single PDF document that includes the name of the applicant, position, institution, and email address, along with the following three parts:

1. **Programme of the visit** (2 Pages Maximum): Include the duration and proposed dates of the visit, host institution and name of the responsible person. Describe the objectives of the visit, planned activities, expected impact on the applicant's career and the institutions involved. Explain how the stay will promote scientific cooperation between Spain and the host country. Indicate if you have received this grant in previous years.
2. **Currículum Vitae** (2 Pages Maximum): Provide a summary of your academic and professional career, highlighting relevant achievements as first or corresponding author (peer-reviewed publications, conferences, awarded projects, prizes, etc.).
3. **Letter from the host researcher** (2 Pages Maximum): A letter signed by the host institution confirming the feasibility of the proposed visit and the planned activities within the suggested timeframe.

Evaluation Criteria:

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

For enquiries, please contact the Programme Chair, Dr María Jesús Herrero (University of Pretoria), at maria.herrero@up.ac.za (cc: info@acesda.org).



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