

Call for Applications

SPAR6C Article 6 Research Mentorship Program

Are you a [master's or PhD student](#) that dreams of creating innovative and novel solutions for climate change? Would you like to contribute to your country's strategies for developing mitigation projects and increasing ambition for reducing greenhouse gases? Are you curious how your research and studies can lead to an impactful career and future? If so, we encourage you to apply for a unique opportunity to participate in the **Research Mentorship Program** under the SPAR6C ([Supporting Preparedness in Article 6 Cooperation](#)) Program.

1 **What is [Article 6](#)?** In 2015, representatives from 196 countries gathered in Paris and signed an international treaty to respond to the threat of climate change. Known as The Paris Agreement, the treaty's long-term goal is to limit the rise in mean global temperature to below 2°C above pre-industrial levels while pursuing efforts to limit it to 1.5°C. The Paris Agreement contains 29 Articles, covering all aspects of climate action required by the global community to reach this goal. Article 6 is designed to enable countries to cooperate with each other to achieve ambitious mitigation targets through market-based approaches. Under Article 6, a country can sell the credits for their greenhouse gas emissions reductions to another country, bringing in much-needed finance for project implementation while reducing emissions and contributing to economic and social development.

2 **What is SPAR6C?** The purpose of the SPAR6C (pronounced "spark") Program is to support its partner countries (Colombia, Pakistan, Thailand, and Zambia) to become better prepared to engage in Article 6 and carbon markets. To this end, the program's team of leading international experts provide technical assistance and capacity building in the areas of (1) medium and long-term emissions planning, (2) governance frameworks for Article 6, and (3) development of mitigation activities. This support helps governments and private sector partners evaluate the risks and opportunities associated with carbon market participation, and develop strategies, systems and policies to accelerate the implementation of climate change and sustainable development projects.

3 **What is the Research Mentorship Program?** The SPAR6C Program also aims to nurture and develop local talent in our partner countries. The Research Mentorship Program provides a unique opportunity for graduate student researchers (completing their master's or PhD studies in one of the four partner countries) to steer their academic work into a career in climate change and carbon markets. The Research Mentorship Program is part of the SPAR6C Program's larger effort to create and share knowledge on Article 6, the Community of Practice for Article 6 Implementing Countries (CoP-ASIC).

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How can I join the Research Mentorship Program? If your master's or PhD thesis deals with climate change mitigation, you are eligible to apply. We are seeking students interested in conducting analysis related to Article 6 implementation and their graduate research. This could mean climate change is the focus of your master's or PhD thesis, a chapter of your thesis, or even a side project.

All you need to do is:

1. Discuss the opportunity with your academic supervisor (a faculty member from your university) and obtain their recommendation for the Research Mentorship Program
2. Write a brief description of your research topic, discussing how it is related to climate mitigation
3. Complete your application to the SPAR6C Research Mentorship Program (details below).

If your application is relevant, we will invite you to an interview to talk about your research and how it can fit into the RMP. If chosen, you will receive guidance from technical experts within the SPAR6C consortium who will guide you on how to apply Article 6 to your specific research topic. Through this process you will develop an original research paper and have the opportunity to present it in various forums, nationally, and internationally. SPAR6C will cover all costs for you to present your research findings at a national and international venues. Finally, SPAR6C will fund a 6-month internship for you so you can apply your new knowledge in a professional setting, thus fast tracking your career in this emerging area of climate mitigation and carbon markets.

The following table summarizes the benefits and requirements of participation in the SPAR6C Research Mentorship Program.

How do I benefit from the Research Mentorship program?	What are my responsibilities as a research mentee?
• Mentorship from top global experts on climate change and carbon markets • The opportunity to travel to present your research at the National and International SPAR6C events • The opportunity for a six-month internship with national government, private industry, or NGO, funded at 500 USD/month • Exposure to an international network of other young climate professionals • Representing your country at international venues • The chance to contribute to your country's national climate change efforts	• Complete application • Participate in an introductory workshop • Attend at least 80% of networking and learning events (virtual and in-person) during the research mentorship period • Produce a policy brief / executive summary (5000 words) outlining your Article 6-relevant research findings • Upon invitation, attend and present your research at the National and International CoP-ASIC events • If interested, identify and apply for a relevant internship

Apply to the Research Mentorship Program in your country:

[Colombia](#)

Deadline 30 November 2025

[Pakistan](#)

Deadline 15 December 2025

[Thailand](#)

Deadline 9 January 2026

[Zambia](#)

Deadline 20 December 2025



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