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Call for Scholarship Application (2024/2025)

**Dept. of Marine and Fisheries Sciences & School of Veterinary Medicine
College of Basic and Applied Sciences
University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, Ghana**

Position: Masters/Post Graduate Scholarship
Location: University of Ghana
Application Deadline: March 22, 2024
Language required: Fluency in written and spoken English.

PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

The University of Ghana (UG), Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), University for Development Studies (UDS) and the University of Lagos (UNILAG) in collaboration with the University of Life Sciences (NMBU) and the Norwegian Veterinary Institute (NVI) are offering a unique 2-year scholarship to motivated students from Ghana and Nigeria to contribute to a regional project on Aquatic and Environmental Health research and education to support sustainable aquaculture in West Africa.

Background

Aquaculture in West Africa is rapidly growing with Nile tilapia and African catfish being the two most important farmed fish species. There is the need for more research attention and investments in the sector for better understanding of the culture environment, disease epidemiology and control mechanisms in the cultured fish groups as well as the safety of the fish as food for consumers. Increased intensification in the aquaculture sector and resultant proliferation of fish diseases, further reiterates the need for advanced knowledge and research capacity in aquatic animal and environmental health as a priority to enhance the sustainable development of aquaculture in the subregion.

Entry Requirements

The scholarship program aims to support talented and outstanding students with a background and interest in one of the following areas: fish health, environmental health, and food fish safety. Applicants must have/be:

- Obtained a first higher education degree in the Aquatic, Biological, Veterinary or related Sciences from a recognized university with at least a second class (lower division) grade.
- Proficient in oral and written communication in English
- Excellent interpersonal skills and be able to work in a team-oriented multi-cultural environment.
- High level of integrity and be trustworthy.
- Demonstrated experience and familiarity with molecular techniques is highly desirable.

Benefits

The studentship will cover the cost of tuition fees, accommodation, research, thesis production and publication plus **stipend for 2 years**. Continued sponsorship will be based on meeting all agreed on targets and remaining in good academic standing.



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Our Offer

- The offer is for Ghanaians and Nigerians **only**. Successful candidates will be legally admitted to a 2-year M.Phil. programme at the University of Ghana.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be notified and expected to attend interview.

How to Apply

Interested applicants are invited to submit the following information using the **link** provided. Ghanaian applicants must indicate affiliation to **one** partner institution (UG, KNUST or UDS).

- A proof of Ghanaian/Nigerian citizenship.
- A cover letter including one-page (max) description of why you are an ideal candidate.
- A current curriculum vitae.
- Names and contacts (telephone and e-mail addresses) of two referees who are familiar with your qualifications.

Applications from female candidates are highly encouraged.

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The application link: <https://forms.gle/c9RkcKCBDMVZY8sG7>