

Call for PhD Applications

PhD Training Opportunities in Oil Field Chemicals Research, Petroleum and Environmental Studies at University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), a consortium of 66 universities operating in 26 African countries across the African continent is working in partnership with its member universities to support rebuilding of university staff capacity in order to meet the escalating demand for qualified staff to teach and conduct quality research at member universities in Africa. Accordingly, RUFORUM is pleased to **announce available 15 Graduate Teaching Assistantship opportunities** for 2017/2018 Academic year at the **University of Port Harcourt**, a RUFORUM Member University since 2014.

Particularly for this call, RUFORUM is working with the University of Port Harcourt in Nigeria to increase access to targeted quality PhD programs offered under the Center of Excellence for Oil Field Chemicals Research (CEFOR) hosted by the University. Academic staff from RUFORUM member universities are invited to apply. Women are especially encouraged to participate in the Program. **Applications should be submitted by 30th June 2017.**

Which are the Targeted PhD Programmes?

1. PhD in Petroleum Engineering
2. PhD in Chemical Engineering
3. PhD in Analytical and Industrial Chemistry
4. PhD in Occupational Health and Safety
5. PhD in Environmental Management and Technology
6. PhD in Environmental Microbiology
7. PhD in Geosciences

Eligibility Criteria for the PhD Opportunity

In order to be eligible for this call, one should;

1. Be a staff member from a RUFORUM Member University who has been nominated for PhD training by his/her university;
2. Possess a support letter from the sending University confirming nomination and support for travel and monthly stipend costs
3. Applicant should have a Master degree relevant to the proposed field of PhD study

Application Procedure

1. Applicants should complete the application forms for admission to the PhD training and send directly to University of Port Harcourt - Attention: Prof. Ogbonna Joel, Center Leader
Email: ogbonna.joel@ipsng.org; with copies to the RUFORUM Secretariat, Attention:

Training and Quality Assurance Department. Email: s.chindime@ruforum.org and m.akello@ruforum.org

2. The online Graduate Teaching Assistantship application form should be submitted at the same time as the application to University of Port Harcourt. Please send an email to m.akello@ruforum.org to request for GTA online application instructions.
3. Nominating Universities should send official letters of nomination and commitment addressed to Executive Secretary, RUFORUM Email: secretariat@ruforum.org with a copy to s.chindime@ruforum.org and m.akello@ruforum.org
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Obligations of the GTA, University of Port Harcourt, RUFORUM and the Sending University for the PhD program support under GTA:

- i) The GTA student will contribute to the University of Port Harcourt in teaching during his/her training
- ii) The GTA agrees to serve as a tutor on relevant undergraduate or post-graduate courses at the University of Port Harcourt

University of Port Harcourt will;

- a) Provide a 100% tuition fee waiver and accommodation
- b) Provide PhD research support

The RUFORUM Secretariat will;

- a) Facilitate the placement of nominated candidates to University of Port Harcourt
- b) Facilitate contract signing involving successful applicant, University of Port Harcourt and the sending university
- c) Follow up on training at University of Port Harcourt, and report to the home/sending university,
- d) Link the GTA beneficiaries to other RUFORUM graduate students and other opportunities

The Sending University will

- a) Normally be expected to assist the University of Port Harcourt to arrange for supervision of field work and thesis where the research is to be undertaken in the home/sending country
- b) Provide airfares, monthly living allowances and paid study leave (continue to pay the salary during the training period)