



Call for Application: PhD Scholarship #1 & #2

Background

Tropenbos Ghana (TBG), an NGO dedicated to the sustainable management of forest landscapes, has received a grant support from Norad to undertake research, capacity building and development programme geared towards the safeguarding of food security, ecosystem services and biodiversity in mining communities in Ghana. As part of the research component of the programme, TBG is inviting applications from suitably qualified candidates to undertake PhD studies at KNUST.

Description

There are two PhD positions; PhD #1 will carry out an analysis of the context, drivers and impacts of artisanal mining on agriculture, biodiversity and food security in mining communities in Ghana. PhD #2 will determine the social and economic costs and benefits associated with existing land uses in mining prone areas in Ghana.

Applicant's Profile

- Master's Degree or equivalent in natural resources management, agriculture economics, environmental science or related fields with strong interest and understanding of local livelihoods and community relations;
- Excellent quantitative skills and some previous experience in research;
- Interest and aptitude to work in and with local communities;
- Ability to work in an interdisciplinary research team;
- Fluency in spoken and written English is required and the prospective awardees must be flexible and readily adaptive to relevant modifications as may be necessary to better achieve research results and/or to satisfy academic requirements.

The application procedure

Applications for the PhD scholarship must be completed using the NORAD 'PhD Application Form' available on www.tropenbos.org. A complete application shall include:

- completed application form
- CV and letter of motivation;
- 1-page statement of applicant's research synopsis

All applications shall be submitted not later than September 20, 2018. Applications must be submitted by mail to the address noradproject@gmail.com.

General conditions

1. The recipients of the two PhD scholarships will be enrolled on appropriate PhD programmes at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.
2. PhD students who have been enrolled on registered programmes at KNUST can apply.
3. The PhD scholarships come with an attractive stipend and benefits package.
4. The scholarship will cover academic fees payable to the university.
5. The scholarship will also cover field work or data collection activities.
6. The recipients of scholarships are expected to commit full time to the PhD study for the entire four year period.
7. The selected candidate will be required to present a synopsis at the start of the work and subsequently, progress of work at a frequency to be agreed with the scientific coordinator for the research.

For further information, please contact the Tropenbos Ghana Office on CSIR-FORIG Campus, Fumesua Kumasi.