UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY-INSTITUTE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES IN AFRICA

(UNU-INRA)

Application Form for UNU-INRA's Visiting Scholars Programme

Please answer each question clearly and completely, in English or French.

A. Eligibility Questions

1.	Have you been awarded a Ph.D. in environmental economics, natural resource economics, agricultural economics, development economics, soil science or any other relevant field of study from an accredited University?	Yes	No
2.	Are you a faculty member or researcher at an African university and other research institutions?	Yes	No
3.	Are your research interests related to green growth or related subject for rural Africa?	Yes	No
4.	Are you available to spend 3-4 consecutive months at UNU-INRA headquarters in Accra, Ghana or at one of UNU-INRA's operating units based in Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Namibia, Senegal and Zambia for the duration of your residency?	Yes	No
5.	What is your principal working language?		

B. Personal Details

6. First name :		7. Surname	
8. Title		9. Which country do you live in?	
10. Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		11. Country of birth	
12. Gender	Male Female	13. Nationality	
14. Country of Residence		15. Mailing address	
16. Telephone number	(+)	17. Email address	

C. Research Proposals

18. In which academic discipline did you receive your Ph.D.?	
19. Please describe your main field of study?	
20. Preliminary title	
21. General description of your proposed research (max 1000 words)	

22. Please describe your main research questions (max 150 words)

23. Please describe your main hypotheses to test your research questions (max 300 words)

24. What methodologies will you use to answer your research questions? Please be as specific as possible (max 1000 words)

25. Describe your main data and data sources (max 300 words)

26. Describe how your proposed research relates to UNU-INRA's current research programme in green growth (max 200 words)

27. If your application is successful, when would you like start your internship at UNU-INRA? (mm/dd/yyyy)	
28. For how many months would you like to be a Visiting Scholar?	

29. If "Longer" then please state how many months and why you would need this longer period?

D. Education (start with the most recent)

Please provide details of your academic degrees or certificates, including the type of qualification; the name of awarding institution; the years of study; and the title of your thesis or dissertation. (e.g., Master of Science (Economics), University of Ghana, Ghana (2008-2010),"Impact of Climate Change on Agricultural Production in Rural Areas in Ghana".

30. Highest degree or qualification	
31. Second highest degree or qualification	
32. Third highest degree or qualification	

33. List of principal publications (please include co-authors, years, title and publisher)

Employment Record (start with the most recent)

Please provide details of your past employment, if applicable, including your job title; name and address of employer; years of service and brief description of your duties and accomplishment (max five lines)

34. Most recent job	
35. Second most recent job	
36. Third most recent job	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

A. *Assignment requirements*

All successful applicants will be required to present three seminars during their stay. These will be on the research proposal, preliminary results and the final product of the research. On completion of the programme, a working paper and policy brief (s) must be finalized by the scholar. Once back home, all successful applicants will be required to present one seminar to disseminate their research findings.

B. *Selection criteria for research proposals*

UNU-INRA will evaluate each research proposal based on the selection criteria set out below. Applications will be ranked on the basis of the extent to which the relevant proposal meets the criteria. Only research proposals that address research ethics underlined below will be accepted.

Key area	Selection criteria	Details
Significance - relevance Suggested weighting **15 – 30%**	The proposal makes a significant contribution to green growth knowledge in rural Africa	The proposal demonstrates a clear understanding of the state of existing research and knowledge in this area. The research addresses a significant green growth question or challenge and fills a gap in current evidence. The proposal does not duplicate research already being funded by UNU-INRA or by any other funding agency.
	Alignment with current or emerging priorities and objective/s of the UNU-INRA in Green Growth for rural Africa.	There is a clear link to an identified priority research areas, issues and sectors within the UNU-INRA strategic framework on green growth for rural Africa. Priority research areas: (i) Green business opportunities in rural Africa; (ii) SMEs and resource efficiency, productivity and resilience in rural Africa; (ii) rural SMEs and ecosystem services; (iv) Institutions and governance for environmentally friendly business practices. Priority research issues:(i) Promoting rural employment in green sectors; (ii) Rural green SMEs and firm-level and aggregate productivity; (iii) Rural green SMEs, competitiveness and innovation (e.g. Enterprise development, LCT – Low Carbon Technology, ICT – Information and Communication Technology). Priority research sectors :(i) Infrastructure (Transport, Energy, Shelter);(ii) Land and Natural Resources (Agriculture, Forestry, Water and Mining); (iii) Fishery; (iv) Livestock. There is evidence of demand from African country stakeholders and / or the rural community in Africa for the type of evidence this research will provide? The areas/countries of focus are in Africa.
	The research has the potential to produce clear lessons for green growth policy / programming for rural Africa	The proposal clearly describes how outcomes of the research can be used and by who to improve green growth policy / programming for rural Africa. Proposal also clearly articulates a strategy to maximize research uptake by relevant stakeholders (private sector, NGOs, local, regional or national decision-makers).
	Research aim and objectives are clear	Overall ultimate green growth aim of the research is clear and related to a sustainable development challenge in the country / countries covered by the research.
	The methodology is clear and is appropriate to the research question	Methodology proposed will result in meaningful findings in the given time frame, not exceeding four months
	The design combines robust qualitative	Established techniques are used to address new questions and / or

Methods & approach Suggested weighting **15 – 30%**	and / or quantitative methods with innovative thinking	new techniques are being applied to existing or new questions.
	Gender	The proposal must demonstrate adequate considerations of gender.
Data Suggested weighting **15 – 30%**	Data needs and their sources are well identified	The visiting scholar programme does not make provision for collection of primary data. However, the description and sources of data must be stated clearly in the proposal as a matter of the greatest importance.
	Data availability and quality are accredited	The proposal should demonstrate that data availability and quality will not compromise the quality of the research findings and that the research outputs will be achieved within the given time frame, not exceeding four months.
Researcher Suggested weighting **5 – 10%**	The researcher has demonstrated capacity to deliver the proposed work	Proven track records of peer reviewed articles, books, reports and policy briefs on green economy related issues. Previous research experiences on developing countries' issues are shown
	Skills and expertise of the researcher are relevant for addressing the research questions posed.	The researcher shows evidences of trainings in environmental and resource disciplines, economic and social disciplines and statistically based disciplines. The researcher possesses relevant quantitative and qualitative skills and crosscutting expertise on issues such as gender.
Research Ethics **(must be addressed)**	Authorship	The researcher should have contributed significantly to both the development and writing of the research proposal. In addition, he/she must be prepared to accept full responsibility for the content of the research proposal.
	Plagiarism	Avoid passing off somebody else's ideas, thoughts, pictures, theories, words, or stories as your own Avoid submitting a proposal for research that has already been carried out and the results published elsewhere
	Conflicts of interest	Be aware that UNU-INRA will publish the final products of your research in the form of working paper and policy brief. Therefore, researchers should make every effort to identify potential conflicts of interest in order to confront those issues before they submit a research proposal.
	Data management	The researcher should acknowledge within the proposal the ethical and truthful collection of reliable data as well as the ownership and responsibility of collected data The researcher should retain data and be prepared to share access to collected data with UNU-INRA, colleagues and the public
	Research misconduct	Avoid fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results

Please do not forget to send us your curriculum vitae (CV) in Microsoft Word or PDF.

Please send the complete package of your application (Application Form and CV) in one email to
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