

Work-Study Interchange, University of Ghana

Summer 2017

The School of Policy Studies at Queen's University has had an exchange agreement with the University of Ghana for the past 8 years.

Part of that agreement involves graduate students from the School going to Ghana for a 10 - 11 week period during the spring/summer semester. Students may choose to remain in Ghana for a longer period of time.

The program has four components:

- A 36 hour course on policy making in Africa normally taught by a faculty member from the University of Ghana
- A three day on-site orientation to the country in lectures provided by faculty of the University of Ghana in Legon, meetings with Ghanaian Parliamentarians, meetings with members of the Ghanaian civil service, and an introduction to the basic services needed by students while in Ghana (transportation, banking, food, etc in the neighbourhood where students will be living).
- Five study tours to all regions of Ghana (usually conducted on weekends) led by a faculty member from the University of Ghana
- A work placement (usually 8 weeks long) with an NGO or government department

Students travel together to Ghana, and live together in housing arranged by the University of Ghana while there. A faculty member from the University of Ghana is assigned to the group and is available to them 24/7.

Students take the 36 hour credit course in a concentrated way in Ghana over a 6 day period and students receive credit for their 8 week placement there.

Students depart Canada in mid to late April and return in late June/ early July.

There is a program fee of \$650. In addition students are responsible for:

- Transportation costs to and from Ghana
- Transportation costs to and from work placements
- Housing costs while in Ghana including accommodation costs while on study tours
- Food costs while in Ghana including while on study tours
- Passport and visa costs
- Medical costs for vaccinations and medication

- Phone and internet costs
- Entertainment costs and gifts
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The total cost for the exchange including all expenses in Canada and in Ghana (excluding tuition) has been approximately \$6,000- 6,500. Students are eligible to apply for financial assistance from Queen's University to help defray some of the costs.

A minimum number of students is required in order for the program to proceed in 2017, and therefore graduate students in other faculties are invited to participate in the exchange for the first time. Applications must be submitted by December 12, 2016 and the program fee must be paid by February 10, 2017.

Exchange bursaries to help defray costs are available from the University Registrar. <http://www.queensu.ca/studentawards/financial-assistance/study-abroad-and-bisc>

MPA/PMPA students interested in participating in this work-study program must complete and submit the attached application form electronically to Fiona Froats (froatsf@queensu.ca) no later than December 12, 2016.

Any questions may be directed to Naomi Alboim, email: alboimn@queensu.ca .

Application Form

**Queen's University – School of Policy Studies
Work-Study Program
University of Ghana (Legon), Accra, Ghana**

Application Deadline: December 12, 2016

Student Name

Email contact

A. Statement of Interest Please set out, in 300 words or less, your primary goals and interests in participating in this work-study program. This information will be shared with Ghanaian officials who will be identifying volunteer opportunities and matching participants with work assignments and participating organizations. In your statement, please tell us about:

- 1) Where you want to work, i.e. government agency, broader public sector or NGO;
- 2) What kind of work you prefer, e.g. research, analysis, grant/proposal writing, hands-on front line service work, other, please specify
- 3) Special policy fields/interests, i.e. health, social services, infrastructure, environment, human rights, women's rights, children's trafficking etc.

B. Please attach a resume including any previous international travel experience

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