

CALL FOR APPLICATION EXCHANGE OF VISITING LECTURERS

To: All Academic Staff (Lecturers) University of Rwanda

Date: 15/01/2020

Subject: Exchange of Visiting Lecturers

Area: Biotechnology and related sciences

Background

The University of Rwanda in collaboration with Belgian Universities received funding from Academy of Research and High Learning (ARES-CCD "Académie de Recherche et Enseignement Supérieur") former CIUF-CUD, for enhancing building capacity in biotechnology fields and related sciences.

The Staff Exchange Programme from South to North/North to South under results R1 of the project is one of the strategic interventions for enhancing quality of teaching and research at the University of Rwanda. The aim is to provide staff exchange in life sciences, biotechnology or related sciences between University of Rwanda and Belgian French Speaking Universities. Both Rwandan and Belgian academic staffs are expected to take part in the teaching and research activities of the visited departments through seminars, lectures, project discussion with junior researchers, mentorship of junior staff for Masters and PhDs programmes, preparation of collaborative research projects, ... During their missions, contacts and activities should not be limited to the direct partner involved in the exchange. It avails opportunity to visiting lecturers to gain experience from the hosting institutions, and hence enrich their expertise accordingly.

Eligibility to Participate

Participants in the 2020-Staff Exchange Programme shall be UR-academic staff members with at least Senior Lecturer position and holding a PhD degree/specialization (e.g. MMed) in life sciences, biotechnology or related fields (e.g. medical sciences, agriculture, veterinary medicine, biology, biomedical sciences, and other life sciences). Six positions are available for the 2020 exchange and will be supported by ARES project.

How to apply

The UR-ARES project's coordination is pleased to send this call for applications to all eligible academic UR-staff members to participate as visiting lecturers to Belgian French Speaking Universities and vice-versa.

The application should indicate the following information:

- (i) Application letter with name of the Belgian university and evidence of collaboration links approved by the Belgian partner
- (ii) Unit or department where the visiting lecturer is to be deployed
- (iii) Detailed Teaching Course programme that the visiting lecturer will undertake at the hosting university and the proposed exchange programme for the Belgian university (counterpart) at the UR.
- (iv) Work plan for the engagement, indicating the number of hours and period to be dedicated to each activity that shall be approved by the applicant and the hosting university institution's counterpart
- (v) A summary of a proposed research project that both parties seek to develop/submit for collaboration or funding. This has to include 1-3 pages outlining the following components:
 - ! *Project title and principal investigators' affiliations*
 - ! *Background*
 - ! *Project objectives/rationale*
 - ! *Research strategy: study design, methodology approach*
 - ! *Expected results/outcome*

PS: Those who already participated in previous programme and/or initiated projects will need to provide proof of sustainability & outcome (e.g. publication, funded project, enrolled students for co-supervision with a research project, etc.)
- (vi) Detailed Curriculum Vitae of the applicant
- (vii) Letter of approval from the involved Rwandan department

Duration: the missions for this program shall be conducted before 31st December 2020 and the duration shall not exceed 8 days.

Report: at the end of the exchange, a report detailing the benefits obtained through the missions should be submitted to Profs. L. Mutesa and J.P. Dehoux.

Eligible candidates should submit their applications via email to:

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Deadline for application: 21st February 2020.

Signature.....

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