



**ONE HEALTH WORKFORCE
PROJECT**



CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR ONE HEALTH STUDENT FIELD EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING ACTIVITY (DEMO SITE) TO AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Overview of OHCEA

The One Health Central and Eastern Africa (OHCEA) network strives to become a global leader in One Health, promoting sustainable health for prosperous communities, productive animals and balanced ecosystems. To achieve this vision, OHCEA conducts multidisciplinary research, training and community service to drive continuous improvement of health and well-being of humans, animals and ecosystems.

OHCEA project overall goal is to generate future leaders that have the capacity to address complex health challenges using One Health Approach. In the end, there will be a positive and sustained change to address complex global health challenges through interdisciplinary collaboration in the future.

Student field experiential learning activity at One Akagera National park and surrounding communities

The student field experiential learning activity, commonly known as Demo site is a comprehensive holistic strategy to equip our students with knowledge and skills in disease detection, prevention and response at the *Animal- Human and Ecosystem* interface with emphasis on a One Health approach.

Students are taken to the field to be exposed to the challenges at the interface of Animals- Human-Environment and Ecosystem. They will then carry out a community assessment to identify the challenges using a multidisciplinary approach, analyze data and come up with evidence-based interventions to address these challenges. After a prioritization of the selected interventions, they will go back to the same community to report back to the local authorities and communities, and implement the intervention, evaluate its effectiveness and finally write up a comprehensive

report (Ms word and ppt) and draft for publication in a two-day post demo site mini-conference that will take place in May 2019 in Remera Campus.

The Demo site will be preceded by a two-day orientation at Nyagatare Campus. After that orientation, both students and their faculty mentors will report to Kayonza district premises where they will be accommodated and conduct the field attachment.

Call for application

Under the support of the Vice-Chancellor, UR, OHCEA Rwanda country office is inviting UR students and dedicated faculty staff to apply for their participation in 2019 Demo site. The ultimate goal will be to create a critical mass of professionals who have capacity to work in a multi-disciplinary manner with the one health concept in mind.

Selection criteria for students

- Being an active University of Rwanda student (with evidence of student registration card)
- Students in one of three areas (Animal health, human health, environmental health/ecosystem) constitutes an added value
- Interest in public health and willingness to work to improve the health of the people
- Respectful character and a team player
- A good understanding of emerging threats from the human-animal-environment interaction
- Being committed to transfer the acquired knowledge to their colleagues and apply it in their daily work, as future OH workforce
- Recommendation letter from the head of department
- To complete the application form herewith attached

Selection criteria for faculty

- Being a permanent teaching staff of the University of Rwanda
- Position: Assistant Lecturer and above
- Outstanding experience in teaching and supervising field works, especially OH demo site, in such a way they can provide relevant examples with the students
- Show willingness and ability to have regular contact with the student on field attachment, assess students and prepare the required reports
- Strong and experience and understanding of the local and regional OH challenges
- Teaching in one of the three areas (Animal, human, environmental health)

- Knowledgeable and experience: should be knowledgeable about the subject matter and have experience applying the subject
- Credibility: demonstrated through their position, background, and presentation. Students are more likely to accept the material when presented by a faculty member with high credibility
- Enthusiasm: for the subject matter and preferably a OH champion
- Availability and willingness:
 - to spend a specified period supporting students in the field and after the field (during both orientation and real field attachment). This includes being with students at the end of each day to present lectures, lead class discussions or activities, or bring in community experts to present their areas of expertise. It also includes supporting students to disseminate and publish their field experiences in various fora.
 - to assess students and write specified reports. Write supervision reports on the spot and submit them to the student, Program Coordinator and Faculty lead
- Commitment: to teaching and to the applied model of training
- Ability to organize and create materials: so that trainees may learn effectively and efficiently
- Remuneration: Willingness to work without payment since resources are limited. Only per diems and transportation fees and will be offered.

Note:

- This is an elective academic activity, not SOHIC activity. Thus, every student who meets the set criteria, not necessarily a SOHIC member, should be selected to be part of the FA. However, in case there are many applications, priority will be given to active and dedicated SOHIC members
- **Without any exception**, any students who have ever participated in any previous Demo site is no longer allowed to be part the next one. This is to increase the number of future OH workforce, with limited budget.

Interested students and faculty staff have to submit the following documents:

1. Motivation letter
 - Clear explanation of how the activity would result in an innovation, demonstration of the ability to create effective and dynamic multidisciplinary student teams.
 - The technical soundness of motivation letter, the clarity and rationale for the stated objective of the activity.
 - Indicate tangible plan to provide feedback to OHCEA on lessons learned, connections made and student/faculty experiences at the end of the activity.
2. Application form clearly completed as well as other annexes (if necessary)

3. Proof of studentship at the University of Rwanda (student's card)
4. Recommendation letter from **the head of department** who will witness for your abilities, performance or commitment (for students). No other recommendation letter will be accepted.

Your application package should be submitted to the activity lead, Albert NDAGIJIMANA at **albert.ndagijimana@gmail.com**. You will also reserve a copy to OHCEA Focal persons at UR (Dr Etienne RUGIGANA at **steve.rugigana@gmail.com**, and Dr Robert KIBUUKA at **rob_kibuuka@yahoo.com**) in a folder named as : Your first name_last name_2019 Demo_site; eg: **albert_Ndagijimana_2019_Demo_site**. Your application will have as email subject: Application for participation in 2019 Demo site.

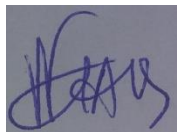
Your electronic application should be received by Wednesday **March 29th, 2019 at 12:00**. Late applications will not be considered for selection.

Selected applicants will be contacted for further procedures that may include a face-to-face interview for final consideration.

For more clarifications, please contact Albert Ndagijimana, the Demo site faculty lead at 0788634428 or 0784318131 or use email

Best of luck

Done at Kigali, March 19th, 2019



Albert NDAGIJIMANA
Demo site Faculty Lead OHCEA-Rwanda