

Visiting scholars program 2011

The United Nations University- Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA) is initiating a Visiting Scholars Program. Through this program, UNU-INRA wishes to provide qualified scholars an opportunity to undertake research on topics related to the development and management of natural resources in Africa, to participate in UNU-INRA activities, and to contribute to UNU-INRA publications. The program is also designed to enhance the dissemination of UNU-INRA research and to contribute to the UNU-INRA outreach program.

UNU-INRA's work focuses on sustainable management of Africa's natural resources. Current program areas include:

- 1. Sustainable land, agriculture and natural resources management.
- 2. Biodiversity conservation, genetic improvement and utilization of indigenous crops and plants.
- 3. Collaborative governance of the extractive industries in Africa towards poverty reduction and sustainable management and
- 4. Green Economy and natural resources development in Africa.

Female scholars from Africa and abroad are highly encouraged to apply.

Successful applicants are expected to

- 1. have a PhD degree in economics, agricultural economics, natural resource economics, social science, environmental science, international relations, law or related discipline.
- 2. have a good publication record.
- 3. spend three to four months at UNU-INRA in Accra, starting from May 2011.
- 4. interact with the staff at UNU-INRA.
- 5. prepare one or more papers to be considered for publication in the INRA Research Paper series.
- 6. present a seminar in their field of research.

Financial assistance

UNU-INRA will provide a monthly stipend of \$US1, 500 as a contribution towards travel, accommodation, medical, and other out-of-pocket expenses.

Application procedure

There is no standard application form. Those interested in this program should submit

- 1. a written letter of application which includes the preferred period for the sabbatical.
- 2. a research proposal not to exceed 20 pages (double-spaced), bearing in mind UNU-INRA's current program areas, and
- 3. a detailed curriculum vitae, including contact details and a list of publications.

Applications should be submitted electronically by April 15th, 2011 to <u>andoh@inra.unu.edu</u> (applications will not be assessed until after the closing date) or by regular mail to the following address:

United Nations University- INRA Private Mail Bag; Kotoka International Airport Accra, Ghana

Inquiries may be made by e-mail to: andoh@inra.unu.edu or andoharris@gmail.com

*Please see the format for the submission of the proposal in the document attached to this call.