

**UNIVERSITY OF LOME & THE WORLD BANK AFRICA
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**Admission into specialized Post-Graduate Programs (Master's & PhD) for the
2017/2018 Academic Session**

The University of Lomé, in the Capital City of Togo, is pleased to announce the commencement of post graduate training programs in the framework of West Africa Centre of Excellence in Poultry Science (WACEPS). WACEPS is one of the 15 African Centres of Excellence (ACE) initiated by The World Bank and hosted by Association of African Universities (AAU). The training programs of WACEPS focus on specialized international postgraduate courses, both Master's and PhD degrees in Poultry Sciences. These courses are designed to integrate academic and entrepreneurial skills with demand driven research. The Training programs run the following options:

1. Poultry Production and Environmental Sciences;
2. Poultry Products Processing;
3. Poultry Diseases and Biosecurity of Poultry Industry ;
4. Poultry Science Biotechnology;
5. Socioeconomics and Poultry Food Marketing.

Limited and very competitive fellowships (research and entrepreneurship) will be awarded to selected candidates from the following countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tchad, and other countries in Central Africa.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates of all nationalities within and outside Africa with a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in relevant disciplines are eligible to apply.

Candidates with Bachelor's degrees equivalent to Second Class Lower Division are eligible to apply to the programs but only candidates with grade point average equivalent to Second Class Upper Division and above shall be eligible to apply for fellowship.

For Poultry Sciences and Production, eligible candidates are required to hold a Bachelor's degree in Animal Sciences or equivalent.

For Poultry Food processing, eligible candidates are required to hold a Bachelor's degree in Food sciences and equivalent.

For the Socioeconomics of Poultry Sciences and PEOD, eligible candidates are required to possess a Bachelors' degrees or equivalent in Agricultural Economics, Business Administration, Agricultural Extension.

Graduates with first degrees in Poultry Sciences, Biological and Social Sciences are eligible to apply for the CERSA M.Sc. programs. Applicants from academic backgrounds other than agricultural shall be required to audit relevant pre-requisite courses (to be determined by the advisory board and the course faculty) in basic agriculture program of the University of Lomé

The PhD program is open to Master's degree holders in relevant field of the different options in the program.

Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply; Special provisions will be made to facilitate their stay in the program.

DURATION OF POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMS

• **Master's degree in Poultry Sciences**

- Course work along with the thesis for 4 semesters
- 3-6 months of internship in collaborating agribusiness or poultry farms at the end of the second semester
- The third and fourth semesters will be devoted to research projects
- Candidates on fellowship will not be funded or supported beyond the 4th semester

• **PhD program**

- PhD program in poultry sciences will be research-based, spanning maximum of 6 semesters
- Application to the PhD program is open twice a year, for the Harmattan Semester starting in September and the Mousson Semester starting in March of each year.
- Candidates on fellowship (Research or Teaching Assistantship) shall not go beyond the 6th semester (3 years)

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Be a citizen of a country in West or Central Africa

Candidates of other nationalities are also strongly encouraged.

Candidates for the Master's program must be 35 years or younger, and 40 years or younger for the PhD program.

All candidates must meet one of the following conditions:

- a) Not enrolled in a Master's or PhD program in your home country.
- b) Not be enrolled in a PhD program in another country and working in an academic or research institution
- c) To have at least an intermediate English or French level
- d) Candidates must submit a cover letter of two pages on background and fields of interest. He or she must also provide 3 letters of recommendation of which one from Master's Thesis advisor.
- e) Candidates must submit a pdf file of the summary of the Master's degree program

- f) Provide also the following documents : official transcripts ; detailed curriculum vitae ; an electronic version of research proposal.

LANGUAGE SKILLS (French and English)

The International/Regional Poultry Sciences program (CERSA) will be bilingual; drawing from a large pool of international expertise, training modules throughout the program will be conducted both in French and English. We recommend that candidates from English-speaking countries have an intermediate level in French; French courses will be offered to selected candidates eager to improve their French skills, thanks to the collaboration established with approved institution at the University of Lomé.

RESEARCH/ TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

For selected candidates, there is an opportunity to receive an assistantship both to assist in teaching and research activities at the Center. Limited grants will be offered to some Master's students with entrepreneurial projects, the amount of funding will depend on the topic and relevance to the industry. These fellowships are very competitive and candidates are required to submit a separate application for the type of fellowship they wish alongside the proposal.

Selected candidates must submit original biometric documents and transcripts and diplomas as well as a hard copy of the MSc. Thesis before enrolling in the program.

DEADLINE

All applications are to reach CERSA by April 30th, 2017 for candidates from English speaking countries for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. For any additional information, please contact Prof. Kokou Tona at the following address: jak_tona@yahoo.fr.

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