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SCHOLARSHIPS IN MUSHROOM SCIENCE OBTAINABLE AT BUNDA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, UNIVERSITY OF MALAWI

Southern Africa Network for Biosciences Mushroom Node, University of Namibia

Background

The Southern Africa Biosciences Network (SANBio) is an arm of NEPAD which is responsible for promoting development in southern Africa through the biological sciences. With the financial support of the Governments of South Africa and Finland, SANBio supports, among other projects, a project on 'Technology Transfer on Mushroom Production for Food Security and Human Health.' The Project promotes mushroom production through training, awareness creation, entrepreneurship in mushroom value addition and capacity building in mushroom research and extension in six southern African countries. The scholarships are part of capacity building for mushroom research and extension and, therefore, applicants working for academia and research institutions in the National Agricultural and Extension Services (NARES) will be preferred.

Scholarships

Two (2) scholarships are available to pursue an MSc in Horticulture (research option Mushroom Science) at Bunda College, University of Malawi, for the duration of two (2) years, starting in August 2010. The scholarships cover tuition fees, research, a stipend and return air ticket. The language of instruction is English.

Eligibility and Qualifications

- Citizens of Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland and Zambia
- Less than 35 years of age by 1 May 2010
- A first degree in Biological Sciences or Agricultural Sciences with credit (lower 2nd class) or better.
- Previous work on mushrooms an advantage but not a necessity
- Proof of employment in academia or NARES

How to apply:

Hard copy applications enclosing curriculum vitae, certified copies of certificates and academic transcripts, and three sealed reference letters (at least one academic, one professional) should be received not later than 15 April, 2010. Fax or scanned email applications (without reference letters) received not later than 15 April will be considered, provided hard copies follow no later than 25 April 2010.

Applications should be sent to:

The Registrar, University of Malawi, Bunda College, Post Office Box 219, Lilongwe, Malawi. Fax: +265 1 277 364. Email: registrar@bunda.unima.mw