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FULL/PART-TIME STUDY TO START IN AUGUST 2017

UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA: GABORONE CAMPUS SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

The School of Graduate Studies invites applications for full and part-time study to start in August 2017. Application closing date for the MRPP programme is 12th May 2017. MPhil/PhD in Geology application is continuous.

1. MASTER OF RESEARCH AND PUBLIC POLICY (MRPP)

OVERVIEW

The Department of Political and Administrative Studies (PAS) at the University of Botswana invites applications for a new Master's degree programme (Master of Research and Public Policy - MRPP) which will be offered in August 2017. This is a collaborative programme between the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR) based in Nairobi, Kenya and 13 universities across Africa which deliver the programme uniformly using common curriculum and award an internationally recognized degree. The main objective of the programme is to develop highly skilled, well trained policy analysts who can dissect a problem, analyze and interpret data as well as evaluate and create alternative courses of action.

The programme provides for the development of competencies in research and public policy and will therefore generate a cadre of professionals able to work in a wide variety of settings including but not limited to government bodies, think tanks, civil society organizations, regional and international organizations, media and universities. MRPP graduates should be able to produce social science research that can contribute to public policy and good governance, and also be able to utilize research evidence in public policy development.

It is designed to be delivered through a combination of innovative pedagogy encompassing interactive teaching approaches such as simulations, debates, role-plays and project-based learning, field experience and learning through case studies. The following courses will be offered:

- Qualitative research methods for public policy; Quantitative research methods for public policy; Public policy development and analysis; Governance and politics of public policy; Social science foundations for public policy; Economics for public policy; Ethics in research and public policy; Research policy and public interface; Gender, social diversity, equality and public policy; Leadership and public policy; Advanced qualitative methods; Advanced quantitative methods; Applied policy analysis; Contemporary issues in public policy; Political economy of public policy; and Global context of public policy

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAMME DURATION

The minimum entrance requirement is a Bachelor's degree with at least a second class lower division (GPA 2.8) or equivalent. In exceptional cases where applicants have very strong work experience but do not meet the minimum academic standards, the Department of PAS may consider their applications favourably. The programme shall be covered over a period of four (4) semesters on a full-time basis and six semesters on a part-time basis. Deadline for applications: 12th May 2017.

You can read more about the programme and the partner universities at: <http://www.mrppafrica.org/> and www.ub.bw

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2. MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (MPhil)/DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) DEGREE PROGRAMME IN GEOLOGY

SPECIALIZATIONS:

- (a) Economic Geology/Mineral Exploration
- (b) Geochemistry
- (c) Geophysics/Applied Geophysics
- (d) Hydrogeology
- (e) Mineralogy and Petrology
- (f) Sedimentology
- (g) Structural Geology
- (h) Geotechnical Studies/ Engineering Geology

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

Applicants must have obtained an appropriate single major or Honours degree with a First or Upper Second Class (overall A or B Average; GPA of 3.5 on a 5 point scale) or Master's Degree from a recognized University or equivalent Institution of Higher Education. Applicants who have obtained an appropriate combined major degree with a First or Second Class (Overall A or B average) may be considered provided that, at least, an Upper Second Class performance (B average) is achieved in the intended field of study.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Applicants must have obtained Master's Degree (MSc, MPhil or equivalent) with course work and research. Applicants shall normally be admitted to an MPhil programme and later upgrade to a PhD after two semesters of successful academic work. Applicants with previous research experience may be admitted directly to a PhD programme upon recommendation of the Department of Geology and the School of Graduate Studies.

All applicants must submit proposed research plans in one of the desired area of specialization.

Application Information is available on the web

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