



ICGEB BIOSAFETY CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

ICGEB Gates MSc Fellowship 2009 Application Form

Thank you for your interest in the ICGEB Biosafety Capacity Building Initiative in sub-Saharan Africa.

The 2009 Call for Applications outlines eligibility requirements for ICGEB Gates MSc Fellowship applicants. Please read these requirements carefully to decide if they apply to you. The Call for Applications is available on the ICGEB website at <http://www.icgeb.org/biosafety>.

This 2009 Application Form must be completed by every applicant. At the time of submission, this Application Form should be accompanied by all of the additional materials requested herein. Please review the checklist below to ensure that all materials required for your ICGEB Gates Fellowship are completed and submitted in a timely manner. All required forms are available for download from the ICGEB website above.

Checklist:

- Application Form
- Three (3) Professional Reference Forms
- English Language Proficiency Certificate with a minimal proficiency as outlined for "Biological Sciences (MSc Managing the Environment)" found at <http://www.aber.ac.uk/pga/web/EngLangRequirements.htm> (in the middle subject column of the top table). See lower table for those applicants for whom their scholastic education was conducted in English
- Copy of Academic results (photocopies of certificates/diplomas showing grades, with English translation where necessary) demonstrating that the applicant holds a university degree (in a biotechnology or environmental-related field) with an equivalency to or higher than a UK lower 2nd class honours (see the table of equivalency with the other EU and non-EU Higher Education qualification at <http://www.aber.ac.uk/pga/Comparability.html>)
- Optional: Letter of Endorsement from a Member of the respective National Biosafety Authority or Committee (signed statement on official letter-headed paper)

Please pay special attention to all applications and submission instructions and adhere to all word limits. All application materials must be received by ICGEB no later than **15 May 2009**. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

All materials should be submitted via email by the appropriate person to the following address: africabu@icgeb.org.

1. PERSONAL DETAILS:
SURNAME/FAMILY NAME:
FIRST NAME(S):
PERMANENT ADDRESS:
CITY AND COUNTRY:
POSTAL ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT):
CITY AND COUNTRY:
E-MAIL ADDRESS(ES):
TELEPHONE (LANDLINE):
TELEPHONE (MOBILE):
FAX:
DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YY):
GENDER:
PLACE OF BIRTH:
NATIONALITY:
MARITAL STATUS:
NO. AND AGE(S) OF CHILDREN (IF ANY):
PASSPORT NUMBER (TO BE PROVIDED ONLY IF THE APPLICANT NEEDS A VISA TO ENTER THE UK)
PASSPORT DATE OF ISSUE (DD/MM/YY):
PASSPORT EXPIRY DATE (DD/MM/YY):
2. EDUCATION BACKGROUND:
Please provide the following information for all the <u>completed</u> degrees:
BSc/BA
UNIVERSITY, CITY, COUNTRY:
FIELD/PROGRAMME:
DATE OF AWARD (DD/MM/YY):
DEGREE TITLE:
MAIN SUBJECT:
CLASSIFICATION/MARK/GRADE:
MA/MSc/MPhil (IF APPLICABLE)
UNIVERSITY, CITY, COUNTRY:
FIELD/PROGRAMME:
DATE OF AWARD (DD/MM/YY):
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CLASSIFICATION/MARK/GRADE:
PHD (IF APPLICABLE)
UNIVERSITY, CITY, COUNTRY:
FIELD/PROGRAMME:
DATE OF AWARD (DD/MM/YY):
DOCTORATE TITLE:
PRESENT STUDY (IF APPLICABLE)
UNIVERSITY, CITY, COUNTRY:
DEGREE/QUALIFICATION EXPECTED:
MAIN SUBJECT:
EXPECTED DATE OF AWARD:

3. EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

Please provide the following information about your current employment:

CURRENT POSITION:

START DATE:

INSTITUTION:

FULL POSTAL ADDRESS:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE (OFFICE):

TELEPHONE (MOBILE):

SUPERVISOR:

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES (200 WORDS MAXIMUM):

Please provide the following information about previous relevant employment:

PREVIOUS POSITION:

DATES OF EMPLOYMENT:

INSTITUTION:

COUNTRY:

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES (100 WORDS MAXIMUM)

You may insert additional tables, if necessary, to provide information for up to three previous employment positions.

4. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES, PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Please briefly describe professional service activities relevant to the regulation of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) not described elsewhere in this application (250 words maximum):

MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS:

Please list up to 10 publications that you have authored or co-authored that are relevant to plant biotechnology, agronomy, ecology, or GMO regulation and provide full reference details:

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FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Please list any previous Fellowship and other awards that you have received:

AWARD NAME & PURPOSE	AWARDING INSTITUTION	DATES	AMOUNT

5. OTHER INFORMATION:

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

FROM WHAT SOURCE DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY?

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

ENGLISH IS MY NATIVE/FIRST LANGUAGE: YES NO

It is essential that you provide evidence of your competence in written and spoken English. If you completed your studies in one of those Countries where English is an Official Language, please submit a copy of your school leaving certificate with your grade for English Language. If English is not your native/first language, or you are not in a position to provide the above documentation, please submit a TOEFL or IELTS certificate. More information available at the URL: [HTTP://WWW.ABER.AC.UK/PGA/WEB/ENGLANGREQUIREMENTS.HTM](http://www.aber.ac.uk/pgs/web/englangrequirements.htm)

DISABILITY/SPECIAL NEEDS

DO YOU HAVE A PHYSICAL DISABILITY? YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE GIVE FURTHER DETAILS:

The ICGEB and the Aberystwyth University will use this information to assess what support it can provide. The information you provide will not affect judgments concerning your academic suitability, and will be treated confidentially.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS:

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, INDICTED OR SUMMONED INTO COURT AS DEFENDANT IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, OR CONVICTED, FINED OR IMPRISONED FOR THE VIOLATION OF ANY LAW (EXCLUDING MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS)?
 YES NO

IF "YES", GIVE FULL PARTICULARS OF EACH CASE IN AN ATTACHED STATEMENT.

ELIGIBILITY TO RESIDE/WORK IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO RESIDE/WORK IN THE UK? YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE GIVE FURTHER DETAILS:

6. INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES, GOALS AND PLANS

Please briefly describe your main interest with respect to GMO regulation, your reason for applying for an ICGEB Gates Fellowship, and how you expect to personally benefit from the Fellowship experience (250 words maximum).

Briefly describe your career goals and future plans with respect to contributing to an advancing GMO knowledge, policy-making, decision-making, regulation, etc., and how you expect your Home Country to benefit from your experience as an ICGEB Fellow (250 words maximum)

Briefly describe your career and/or research plans following completion of your Fellowship experience. Please include an indication of how you plan to use and share the skill learned as an ICGEB Gates Fellow (250 words maximum)

7. DECLARATIONS

I consent to the International Centre of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology and the Aberystwyth University to use my personal data, some of it sensitive data, in order that it might fulfill its administrative obligations and in order that my application might be processed.

I hereby certify that all the above information is correct and complete, and desire to apply for an ICGEB Gates MSc fellowship to fund my admission as a student of the Aberystwyth University and declare that, if accepted, I shall conform to the Policies and Procedures Governing the Administration of ICGEB Gates Fellowships as well as to all the Rules and Regulations of Aberystwyth University. I understand that the submission of any misleading information during the application process could lead to its immediate cancellation and the withdrawal of any offer made.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

DATE:

When complete, please submit this application form and all other required materials to the ICGEB Biosafety Unit at africabu@icgeb.org. Please review the checklist on page 1 of this form to ensure that your application is complete. All application materials must be received by ICGEB no later than **15 May 2009**.



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PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE FORM

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT :

APPLICANT NAME :	
FELLOWSHIP TYPE :	ICGEB Gates MSc Fellowship

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1. Please provide the following information about yourself:

REFERENCE NAME :	
POSITION :	
INSTITUTION :	
TELEPHONE :	
FAX :	
E-MAIL ADDRESS :	

(PLEASE INCLUDE COUNTRY AND CITY CODES FOR TELEPHONE AND FAX NUMBERS.)

2. What is/was your professional or academic relationship with the applicant? How long have you known him/her?

3. In the following categories, please rate the applicant in relation to others of the same age and professional/academic experience. For each row, please mark the cell (with an 'X') that best describes the relative level of the applicant's abilities.

CHARACTERISTIC	LOWER THIRD	MIDDLE THIRD	UPPER THIRD	UPPER 10%	NOT ABLE TO JUDGE
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LEADERSHIP SKILLS					
MENTORING / SUPERVISION CAPABILITIES					
COMMUNICATION IN ENGLISH					
COMMUNICATION IN FRENCH					

4. PLEASE GIVE A NARRATIVE EVALUATION OF THE APPLICANT'S SUITABILITY AS AN ICGEB GATES FELLOW. PLEASE PROVIDE AS MUCH SPECIFIC INFORMATION TO SUPPORT YOUR RANKINGS (ABOVE) AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE AN ADDITIONAL PAGE FOR YOUR RESPONSE.



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