



Republic of Liberia
Ministry of Agriculture



Smallholder Agricultural Productivity Enhancement and Commercialization (SAPEC) Project

SCHOLARSIPS FOR BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE STUDIES

Background

The Government of Liberia has received a grant of US\$46.5 million from the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) and a loan of US\$6.4 million from the African Development Fund (ADF) to finance the Smallholder Agriculture Productivity Enhancement and Commercialization (SAPEC) Project. The SAPEC project seeks to reduce rural poverty and household food insecurity by increasing income for smallholder farmers and rural entrepreneurs particularly women, youths and the physically-challenged. The project, to be implemented in 12 of the 15 counties over a period of five years, consists of the following four components: a) Sustainable Crop Production Intensification; b) Value Addition and Marketing; c) Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening; and d) Project Management.

Under its Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening Component, the project will address the acute shortage of skilled manpower for planning and supervision of the agriculture sector development activities.

Consistent with its role as executing agency of the SAPEC Project, the Ministry of Agriculture intends to apply part of the funding to train young Liberians in various fields in agriculture. Master's degree training will support 20 individuals in highly ranked African universities. The support package for this level of training includes a round trip economy class airline ticket; full tuition/fees; health insurance, accommodation; monthly stipend; books; and cost of thesis research work. Tuition, books and fees will be paid for 40 individuals pursuing Bachelor's degrees in Agriculture at the University of Liberia (Montserrado County), and the William V. S. Tubman University (Maryland County) in Liberia. The Ministry of Agriculture is therefore requesting applications from qualified Liberians to be trained at the Master's degree and Bachelor's degree levels in agriculture and closely related disciplines as listed below:

Fields of the Studies for the Master's Degree Fellowships

1.	Soil Science	13	Animal Nutrition
2.	Soil/Geodetic Survey	14	Entomology
3	Soil Microbiology	15	Food and Nutrition
4.	Biotechnology	16	Gender and Development
5.	Agronomy	17	Horticulture
6.	Animal Science	18	Agricultural Extension
7.	Agricultural Economics	19	Agricultural Administration
8.	Agricultural Engineering	20	Plant Pathology
9.	Seed Science and Technology	21	Agro-meteorology
10.	Irrigation Engineer	22	Animal Breeding
11.	Soil and Water Management	23	Procurement and Contracting
12	Agribusiness	24	Agricultural Statistics

Fields of the Studies for the Bachelor's Degree Fellowships

1. Agriculture and closely related fields

Requirements for Application for Master's Degree Program:

- Applicant must have a first degree in agriculture or related disciplines from a recognized university.
- Graduated with a minimum GPA of 2.8 on a 4-point scale (GPA 3.0 and above preferred).
- Each applicant must state his/her preferred area of study

Maximum age limit of the applicant is 40 years.

Requirements for Application for Bachelor's Degree Program:

- Applicants must be admitted into the Bachelor's Degree program in the field of agriculture and closely related area at University of Liberia or W. V. S. Tubman University.
- Minimum GPA is 2.8 on a 4-point scale (GPA 3.0 and above preferred).
- Each applicant must state their area of study.
- Maximum age limit of the applicant is 30 years.

Qualified female candidates are especially encouraged to apply. Interested persons are requested to submit hard copy of their letter of application, official transcript and diploma/certificate to the address below or via the e-mail addresses to the contacts below:

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Deadline for Application: 24th February 2014.
