

**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES
UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, LEGON**



**INSTITUTE OF STATISTICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH (ISSER),
GHANAIAN-GERMAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES,
PhD PROGRAMME IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

The Ghanaian-German Centre of Excellence for Development Studies is a collaborative venture between the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana and the Centre for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany.

The Ghanaian-German Centre for Development Studies (GGCDS) offers Ghanaians and other African Social Scientists a highly competitive doctorate in Development Studies. The PhD Programme is designed to enhance students' professional capacities and to address important developmental issues innovatively. The Centre is being funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

The 4-year programme also provides global perspective of cultural and social changes, crystallizing students in international development concepts, theories and approaches. It offers students analytical and practical skills they need for critical engagement in development issues and debates.

Programme Structure

Year 1 - Course work

(a) Core courses(s)

- Philosophy of Social Science
- Advanced Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis
- Advanced Quantitative Research Methods and Analysis
- Project Planning, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Development
- Theories of Social Change

(b) Elective Course(s):

- Political Economy and Development
- Poverty Analysis
- Population, Environment and Health
- Advanced Gender Studies

Year 2

(a) Mandatory course(s)

- Research Proposal
- Comprehensive Examination

(b) Research and Problem-Based Learning (PBL) component

- Traineeship/ Internship
- Experiential Research Learning
- Field trips
- Experiential Research Learning
- Thesis

Year 3

- Thesis Progress Report
- Thesis

Year 4

- Provisional Thesis Findings Report
- Thesis finalization and submission

Problem Based Learning

Students in Ghana and abroad choose ISSER because of its reputation for cutting edge research. This programme allows students to tackle problems through critical thinking and comprehensive research. Students are taken through problem based learning as well as real life tasks and field work supervised by research fellows.

Entry Requirements:

1. First degree (at least Second Class Lower Division) and
2. A relevant Masters' (MA/MSc/MPhil) degree in the Social Sciences/Humanities.

Limited Scholarships from DAAD are available to young and dynamic graduates with a First degree (at least Second Class Upper Division or better) and a relevant Masters' Degree (MA/MSc/MPhil) awarded within the last 6 years whose academic and scholastic records show a potential for successful completion of doctoral degree programme.

How to apply

University of Ghana application e-voucher can be obtained by **Ghanaian applicants** for GH¢ 200.00 at the following banks: **Zenith Bank, Universal Merchant Bank, Ecobank, HFC Bank, Agricultural Development Bank, Unibank, Ghana Commercial Bank and Fidelity Bank.** Applicants should follow carefully the instructions on the voucher when completing the ONLINE APPLICATION FORM.

Applicants who did not graduate from the University of Ghana must submit the following documents online (Scan and Attach):

- i. Masters' Degree Certificate and Transcript
- ii. Three referees' reports are required (provide details of referees online)
- iii. PhD applicants should attach their Research Proposal to the applicant (Not more than four pages)

The transcript should be scanned into one PDF or WORD document and attached to the application.

Applicants who graduated from this university should scan and attach only their Bachelor's degree certificates to their applications.

All applicants who graduated from the University of Ghana from 1996 to date should indicate their 'STUDENT IDENTITY NUMBERS' on their forms before submission.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS AND GHANAIS APPLYING FROM ABROAD

This category of applicants should use the following links to access the online application form for completion and submission:

- <http://sgs.ug.edu.gh>
- <http://admission.ug.edu.gh>

All applicants are expected to pay to the University a non-refundable application processing fee of US\$110.00. This fee can be paid directly or wire transferred into the UNIVERSITY OF GHANA ECOBANK ACCOUNT.

Details of the Account are:

All foreign students should make their payments as follows:

- Account Name: University of Ghana Fees Collection (FOREX) – For payments in Ghana
 - Account Name: University of Ghana Fees Collection (FOREIGN) – For payments outside Ghana
- Account No.: 0161094409780403; Swift Code: ECOCGHAC

The third payment option is-

- The Secure online payment platform using Visa Card and MasterCard. The link is <https://www.ug.edu.gh/ugpay>

The pay-in-slips together with applicants' **certificates and transcripts** should be scanned and attached to the application form before submission. The transcript should be scanned into **one PDF or WORD** document and attached to the application.

Note that no application will be processed without proof of payment of the fee.

Application Fees

Cost of E-voucher

Ghanaians	GHS 200.00
International Applicants and Ghanaians applying from abroad	US\$ 110.00

All further enquiries should be sent to the addresses below:

The School Administrator, School of Graduate Studies, University of Ghana, Legon via E-mail: sgsadmission@ug.edu.gh; OR: The Graduate Programmes Assistant on Telephone: 0577-699900 Ext. 1 or email: phd@isser.edu.gh.

All applicants must ensure that their on-line applications are correctly filled and receipt acknowledged on submission. Ensure that correct addresses and telephone numbers are provided. You must also print and keep a copy of the application materials submitted on-line. This would be needed during registration if admitted. You are to check from time to time your online application to ascertain whether or not you have been recommended for admission. This checking is advised to start three weeks after Friday, the 18th of April, 2018.

The closing date for the sale of E-vouchers by the banks and submission of the online application is **Friday, 18th April, 2018.**