

VOLUNTEER/FELLOWSHIP

As part of a conscious approach to communicate innovative strategy to reach the poor with both financial and non-financial services simultaneously, and as part of efforts to alleviate abject poverty in poor communities in Cameroon and around the world, GHAPE provide learning and experience sharing opportunities for scholars and service providers through its volunteer & fellowship program. The words volunteer, fellows and interns have been used here interchangeably. Securing the participation of scholars and practitioners is essential to the understanding and teaching of microfinance and the provision of services to the poor. Our hope is that as participants on this fellowship pursue their academic or professional goals they will advocate for the poor, replicate GHAPE activities, advise governments and institutions, collaborate with service providers, encourage programs to integrate components of GHAPE holistic packages in existing poverty alleviation program, provide practical advise in the development and planning of activities for the poor. The program will also offer national and international participants an opportunity to live a life different from what they know, appreciate what they have, experience the impact of combined services, learn new life skills, and challenge personal stereotypes and biases. The program will farther offers students studying finance, microfinance, gender development, peace building, foreign markets and international issues opportunities for further professional growth and be part of the solution of a bigger problem, poverty.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP POLICY

National fellows are unpaid Cameroonians who come to work, learn or conduct research at GHAPE and constitute part of the staff while at GHAPE. The word intern and fellow have been used here interchangeably.

Processing Fees

From August 1, 2009 nationals shall pay a non-refundable processing fee of 25,000 Francs CFA. Because of the increase in the volume of applicants and the limited positions we have in a year, GHAPE will review application only upon receipt of processing fees.

Requirements

Participants will submit

1. National Fellowship Application
2. Resume,
3. Statement of purpose. Statement of purpose must state in very_specific terms what the candidate will like to be able to do and/or know by the end of the internship. Candidates must highlight among other things their availability for work while at GHAPE, what they intend to do with the experience gained from GHAPE and how long they intend to stay, specifying the start and end dates.
4. Receipt of processing fee from GHAPE
5. A copy of national identity card or passport.

Responsibilities

- a) Candidates shall be responsible for their own transportation, accommodation, feeding and all other expenses related to their Fellowship at GHAPE.
- b) Candidates shall be responsible for the transport fare of staff accompanying them to unscheduled sessions outside staff regular schedules
- c) Candidates' time might be split between our multiple offices/branches. The amount of time spent in a branch depends on a number of factors determined by the GHAPE field Manager.
- d) At the end of the program, candidates will provide a photograph of themselves, summary of their experiences at GHAPE, which shall be posted on our website and/or album or used in other GHAPE activities. Suggestions shall be highly welcomed.

Procedure

- Review of application materials/requirements
- Communication of final decision. We will inform applicants within 14 business days as to the final decision. If you are rejected the reasons of rejection will be outlined

APPLICATION FORM FOR NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Applicant's Names (last, first, Middle) _____ Male ___ Female ___

Place of Birth _____ Citizen of _____

Date of Birth (dd/ mm/ yyyy) ___ / ___ / ___ ID/Passport # _____

Place issued: _____ Date issued: _____ Expiration Date _____

Address:

Home: _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ Email _____

Type of accommodation: (GHAPE home-stay/others-specify)

Duration of Stay

Start date ___ / ___ / ___ End date ___ / ___ / ___

I have read, understood and agreed to the terms and conditions on the National Fellowship Policy. To the best of my knowledge the information provided on this form is true and correct.

_____/_____/_____
Signature of Applicant Date

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Fee: 25,000CFA

INITIALS/ID# _____ Date _____