

SCNL- Gola PAPFor Scholarship Award Notice

In an effort to build the capacity and further enhance the efforts of national governments and Biodiversity Conservation Institutions in Liberia and Sierra Leone in collaboratively combating the high rate of deforestation and degradation of the Gola Landscape, thereby causing the loss of globally important biodiversity and decreased resilience to climate change while local populations lose valuable forest goods and services, the Gola PAPFor offers Master's Degrees to Government Institutions involved with protected areas establishment and Civil society organizations (2 from Sierra Leone & 2 from Liberia) in protected areas Management (PAMs) and Data Base Management, in any part of the world.

As a way of accommodating more than two persons to benefit from such scholarship program, Society for the Conservation of Liberia of Liberia (SCNL), the implementing institution, and the Scholarship committee have agreed to focus the scholarship on West African-English Speaking Countries' Universities (Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Ghana) with a hope of accommodating up to 5 persons.

List of Universities for the SCNL/Gola PAPFor Scholarship:

- Liberia: (University of Liberia & Cuttington University)
- Sierra Leone: (Njala University)
- Ghana: (university of Ghana & Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology (KNUST)
- Nigeria: IBADAN UNIVERSITY, (University of Nigeria & Ondo State University of science and technology, University of Jos)

Candidates should apply according to the following procedures:

How to Apply

- a. A written letter of application of not more than three paragraphs introducing yourself, stating what motivated you to apply for scholarship, summary experiences in 1500 words maximum.

Supporting Documents:

Applicant will be required to send soft copies of academic transcripts, pre-qualification degree, your resumé/CV. (4) recent passport size photos, scanned or Photocopy of Passport; and two References Academic institution and Employer to **SCNL-Gola PAPFor Scholarship Committee** vacancy@scnlliberia.org

Admission Requirements

- Applicant must be a Liberian who has worked at least 2 years in forestry, conservation, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Science or related fields
- Applicant must have a Bachelor of Science Degree (BSc.) in the field of natural sciences (Forestry, Agriculture, Zoology, Biology, Environmental Sciences, Natural Resource Management, and related fields).
- Applicant must sign a letter of commitment upon receipt of the scholarship to work in the Gola forest landscape for at least 3 years after his/her study
- Beneficiary of the scholarship must be willing to study either: Biodiversity Conservation, Climate Change, Protected Area Management, Data Analysis and Reporting or dendrology

Language Requirement:

Applicant should have good command in written and oral English language and good computer skills.

Benefits: The scholars of this program will continue to enjoy their employment status and serve his/her institution for three years. Afterwards, he/she will be considered free agent and be allowed to seek job in any other institution of preference.

2. Application opens on August 9 and ends on August 27, 2021 @ 4:00 PM.
3. Review and processing applications August 27, 2021
4. Interview of applicants: September 1-3, 2021
5. Award of scholarship to successful candidates: September 6-10,2021