

AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
CENTRE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND TOXICOLOGICAL RESEARCH
UNIVERSITY OF PORT HARCOURT



Statement of purpose

Read the information below to guide you in your statement of purpose letter

Postgraduate Programmes in Environmental Health, Environmental Toxicology and Public Health Nutrition

These postgraduate programmes are for students with strong academic backgrounds, creative minds that want to acquire the necessary skills and experiences that would prepare them for leadership roles in environmental health, environmental toxicology, nutritional biochemistry/toxicology and midwifery-child health nursing. All prospecting candidates are required to submit a statement of purpose and this general guide may be useful for this exercise

Personal Statement

Prepare a brief essay (up to 4 pages in length) that addresses the issues listed below. Your response will provide the admissions committee information relevant to your application that is not otherwise available.

- Why do you wish to do a postgraduate programme in your chosen area?
- What are your future career goals?
- Describe any previous experience you have had related to this area?
- Describe how your proposed study will fit into your projected career plans?
- Discuss how your previous education, research and/or work experience(s) will contribute to your proposed studies at the University of Port Harcourt?
- Describe the sub-specialties interest you have (if known)?
- Indicate faculty members linked to the Centre (if known) who most closely match your interests and could be suited for the role of advisors or supervisors during your training?

Also include the following information at the end of your personal statement

If you have taken related courses or trainings that lend support to your interest or the level of your preparedness for this graduate programme; please list course titles, grades and organizations?

- Describe what you consider to be your most significant professional accomplishment related to your desired programme of study?
- We expect students in each cohort to learn from each other as well as from instructors and guest speakers. What might other students learn from you?
- Confirm your availability or approval from your employer as a support for your readiness for this programme.
- Describe any form of disability or challenge you have and the nature of special support you will require to effectively undertake this study?

Your Name

Your Signature