

### **Applications for Attachment and Internship Support**

#### **The Graduate Attachment and Internship Support Program**

The Africa Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Operations for Resource Management and Food Supply (SCO) of the University of Nairobi, hereafter the 'Centre', in collaboration with the Kühne Foundation (KF), has launched a Graduate Attachment and Internship Support Program. The students and graduates who will take part in the Program will gain experiential knowledge of the industry and advance their capacity to address real life problems in the market place. They will also get a chance to apply knowledge and skills acquired at the University to understand business operations and activities in the industry. Additionally, they will get to engage and network with possible employers as well as understand additional skills and knowledge that the businesses and organizations require. The Program's goal is to strengthen ties between academia and industry to increase graduates' employability. This year's program will run from August -October 2024.

#### **Who can apply**

The program targets funding in two areas:

- i. Recent graduates who are currently unemployed and wish to gain industry experience for three (3) months
- ii. Undergraduate and postgraduate students proceeding for attachment as part of their studies for two (2) months

The opportunity targets University of Nairobi students who have studied economics and business and especially from the Department of Management Science and Project Planning and Department of Agricultural Economics. However, students who have studied courses with business orientation from other faculties can also apply.

The applicants must, by themselves, first secure an internship or attachment position in a company or organization which meets the Centre's criteria: registration in Kenya and a four-year turnover average of not less than KES 100 million as indicated in official annual financial audit reports. Note: the company or organization does not have to pay for the internship or attachment.

#### **Support provided**

A modest monthly stipend to cover student's costs of internship or attachment. This will cater for transport, housing and subsistence.

### **Application documents**

Application documents to be submitted should include:

1. Hand signed motivation letter of not more than 1 page, written in Times New Romans, font size 12 and single spaced
2. Copies of academic degree certificates for recent graduates or copies of academic transcripts from the Faculty for those who have not yet graduated
3. Letter of award of internship or attachment position by a company or organization that meets the Centre's criteria
4. Curriculum vitae (CV) that will also include contact addresses of two referees

### **Supervision and assessment**

During the attachment or internship, the student or recent graduate will be supervised by the Centre and/or the relevant department of the University of Nairobi

After the attachment or internship, the student or recent graduate will regularly participate in traceability surveys

### **Application contacts and deadlines**

Application documents should be sent to [mercyn@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:mercyn@uonbi.ac.ke) with a copy to [agecon@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:agecon@uonbi.ac.ke) and [dept-mgtsci@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:dept-mgtsci@uonbi.ac.ke) on or before 31st June 2024 in ONE email. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for oral interviews.