OPPORTUNITY FOR A FULLY FUNDED PHD PROGRAM ON WEST AFRICAN CLIMATE SYSTEM

WASCAL (West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use) is a large-scale research-focused Climate Service Center designed to help tackle the challenges of climate change and thereby enhance the resilience of human and environmental systems to climate change and increased variability. It does so by strengthening the research infrastructure and capacity in West Africa related to climate change and by pooling the expertise of ten West African countries and Germany.

WASCAL program is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and is implemented in a collaborative effort by West African and German partners. The Graduate Research Program in West African Climatic System (GRP-WACS) is one of the centres of WASCAL situated in the Federal University of Akure, Nigeria. The research focus of the GRP (unlike others) is to train students in the area of West Africa climate system, its drivers and variability.

Applications are required from suitably qualified candidates into the Graduate Research Program in West African Climate System (GRP-WACS). The program is highly competitive and offers admission to only ten candidates, one from each of WASCAL countries (Nigeria, Ghana, Republic of Benin, Cote d’Ivoire, Togo, Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, Senegal and The Gambia).

PROGRAM DURATION

The Ph. D in the West African Climate System is a full time program, with a sponsored duration of 36 months. It has the following components:

i) Lecture component – six (6) months
ii) Research Proposal preparation – concurrent with (i) above
iii) Field/Research Work – English (18) months
iv) Visit to Germany – six (6) months – also for Research work
v) Final Thesis write-up and defence – Six (6) months

ELIGIBILITY

?Candidates should have Masters Degree in Meteorology, Atmospheric Physics, climatology, and other relevant disciplines, normally with an average of at least 60% in their Masters Programme.
?Candidates must possess at least Second Class (Upper Division) or equivalent in their first degree.
?All candidates must possess five (5) ‘O’ level credits as required in relevant subjects but must include English Language, Physics and Mathematics (le bac scientifique avec l’anglais et le math).
?Pass proficiency test in English.
?Candidates must be from the WASCAL countries (Nigeria, Senegal, Cote d’Ivoire, Republic of Benin, Togo, Ghana, Niger, Burkina Faso and Germany.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
The Graduate Research Program is a structured Ph.D with English as language of instruction. Therefore the following are the language requirements:

- Credit passes in English language at O/L West African School Certificate Examinations or at baccalaureate.
- Pass proficiency test in English language e.g. TOEFL.

**HOW TO APPLY**

(a) All applicants are required to fill the application form online at [www.wascalfuta.org/Applications](http://www.wascalfuta.org/Applications) [1]

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