

CALL FOR APPLICANTS
ACTION-RESEARCH INTERNSHIP
with the MSc Environment and Sustainable Development,
The Bartlett Development Planning Unit (DPU), University College London

The Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre (SLURC), based in Freetown, is a globally connected research centre created through a partnership between the Bartlett Development Planning Unit (DPU, University College London) and the Institute of Geography and Development Studies (Njala University). The centre aims to generate capacity building as well as research initiatives in cities across Sierra Leone focused on the well-being of residents of informal settlements.

Embedded into the collaboration between the DPU and SLURC, the DPU's MSc Programme 'Environment and Sustainable Development' is developing research projects that explore the relationship between risk, environmental justice and urban development to contribute to a better understanding of environmental risks, which the inhabitants of Freetown face. The research projects analyse problems, explore plausible future scenarios and develop strategies that can contribute to environmental action plans. They consider historical and contemporary socio-political, economic and ecological factors in an integrated manner, and seek to support transformative change in the following six settlements of Freetown:

- Moyiba
- Portee-Rokupa
- Dwarzarck
- Susan's Bay
- Cockle Bay
- Crab Town, Kolleh Town and Gray Bush



Working together with local partners, this initiative contributes to a better understanding of processes of urbanization and socio-environmental change in Freetown.

The internship aims to facilitate capacity building of local professionals and knowledge exchange with students from around the world, who participate in this Master of Science at the DPU, UCL. Interns will provide a crucial link between MSc students and the local communities of the six neighbourhoods in Freetown.

The internship programme will select 6 participants - one per group - and interested candidates should fulfil the following requirements:

- Professionals and advanced students of a discipline that is relevant to the research topic
- Fieldwork experience
- Ability to translate fluently between English and Krio
- Availability to work with the student groups for a minimum of seven working days during the period 23rd of April – 7th of May

Selected interns will receive a certificate issued by the DPU UCL, which confirms their participation in the project, as well as reimbursements for transport and food during fieldwork days. Interested candidates are asked to send their applications by 27 March to i.kamara@ucl.ac.uk with a copy to koromabm1@yahoo.com. You can also deliver a hard copy to the Project Manager, Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre, 2nd floor, 63 upper brook street, Freetown. The application has to include a max. 1-page letter, which explains the motivation and qualifications to participate in this internship programme, a short CV, and a stated preference for one of the six case studies. The outcomes of the application process will be announced by the 3rd April.

