



UNIVERSITY OF BENIN
NNPC/SHELL JV CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
IN GEOSCIENCES & PETROLEUM ENGINEERING
BENIN CITY, NIGERIA. PMB 1154 BENIN CITY
(A University of Benin & NNPC/Shell Joint Venture Partnership Initiative)

2023/2024 CYCLE ADMISSION ADVERTISEMENT

INTRODUCTION:

The Centre of Excellence in Geosciences & Petroleum Engineering (CoE), University of Benin, was set up in 2012 under a Trust Deed and Governance Framework between The Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited, operator of the NNPC/Shell/Total Energies/Agip JV, and University of Benin. Academic activities commenced in the 2013/2014 session.

Programmes offered at the Centre are integrated, aimed at developing skilled professional graduates in key areas of the Geosciences and Petroleum Engineering, including exploration, appraisal, development, production and value creation required in the Oil and Gas as well as Allied sectors.

At the point of graduation, students would have acquired the requisite skills to make them function effectively in the oil and gas industry as young professionals. The training programmes offered at the Centre ensure that the graduates are well equipped with knowledge of up-to-date concepts and skills, current technologies and methods, and have the ability to adapt to new demands in a dynamic and technologically driven world of the oil and gas and related industry.

In addition, the programmes offer leadership training to make the graduates functional and productive in the multi-disciplinary approach necessary for solving sub-surface problems in the Geosciences and Petroleum Engineering. The programmes are executed through a well-structured, strong academia-industry linkage in content and delivery.

So far, the Centre has graduated seven (7) sets, comprising a total of 102 students. 91% of this number are already gainfully employed, with 44% on tenured technical positions in major oil and gas companies in Nigeria and 23% in the academia. The remainder are either in government establishments or in private practice.

PROGRAMMES AND DISTINCTIVENESS:

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the following postgraduate programme of the NNPC/Shell JV Centre of Excellence in Geosciences and Petroleum Engineering, University of Benin:

- 1). M.Sc. Integrated Petroleum Exploration and Evaluation Studies (Geology Option)
- 2). M.Sc. Integrated Petroleum Exploration and Evaluation Studies (Geophysics Option)
- 3). M.Sc. Integrated Petroleum Engineering and Production Studies

TARGET STUDENTS

The programmes are intended for highly motivated graduates wishing to pursue professional careers in the Geosciences and Petroleum Engineering, including practising professionals currently employed in the Exploration and Production industry as well as Geoscience Agencies and Consulting firms or organizations.

DURATION

The programmes are offered on full-time basis, and designed to cover a period of 18 calendar months that include 12 months of academic work (lectures, team course projects, hands-on software training, field trips, laboratory work and

self-learning) and a mandatory 6 months of internship in an Exploration & Production Company or other Geosciences Organizations and Agencies geared towards executing a practical integrated research project.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Chargeable fees for the programmes are competitive and comparable with the quality of learning delivered. Applicants are advised to apply for external sponsorships.

Intended Applicants must possess either of the following:

First degree from recognized Universities, in Geology, Geophysics or Petroleum Engineering, with a minimum of Second Class Upper Division grade.

First degree in any other relevant fields in the Physical Sciences or Engineering with a minimum of Second Class Upper Division grade.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Candidates should visit uniben.edu website and click on the STUDENT PORTAL LINK.

Click on the CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE 2023/2024 CYCLE APPLICATION.

Click on REGISTER FOR APPLICATION after reading instructions on the page.

Follow the relevant steps outlined.

Payment is via the application form payment link at bottom of page which uses any valid ATM or CASHCARD for any commercial bank in Nigeria.

Photocopies of the degrees (academic transcripts to be requested from awarding institutions and sent to the Postgraduate School).

Letter of recommendation from at least three (3) referees, one of who must be an academic staff of the department from the graduating institution.

Corporate bodies and agencies that wish to nominate their staff can do so by endorsing completed application forms as sponsors and requesters.

All candidates must provide a brief description, in not more than one page, of their work experience and current task(s) and how the training will add value to them.

Application forms should be submitted online by 15th November, 2022 to:

The Secretary,
Postgraduate School,
University of Benin, Benin City.

Shortlisted candidates will be notified and invited for interview towards final selection into the programme.

For further enquiries, please contact +234 (0)8167629784 or director@coe.uniben.edu

Signed:

Registrar,

University of Benin, Benin City.