

## International Seminar on Refugee Issues in Malawi – Summer 2019

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ACADEMIC ADVISOR FOR 2019 UNITERRA INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR IN MALAWI



World University Service of Canada (WUSC) has a long history of providing durable solutions for refugees through the Student Refugee Program (SRP) and building awareness on campuses in Canada on forced migration issues. WUSC also engages in programming in developing countries to promote education, economic opportunities and youth empowerment, sending Canadian volunteers overseas to contribute to development activities.

Building on these strengths, WUSC Malawi will host the Uniterra International Seminar on Refugee Issues in July/Aug 2019. This 4-week seminar will provide an opportunity for a diverse group of 15 post-secondary student participants - 5 students from Canada, 5 Malawian students and 5 refugee students living in Malawi - to learn alongside one

another, deepening their collective understanding of issues and opportunities facing refugee youth and host communities in Malawi. A Canadian postsecondary institution faculty member will supervise the students during the seminar which will include a blend of classroom learning and community-based field research in Dzaleka refugee camp, Malawi.

WUSC is inviting applications from faculty members (Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident) from Canadian post-secondary institutions to supervise the students participating in the seminar. Please note that this is a Uniterra volunteer position. The selected candidate would have their travel and accommodation expenses covered in Malawi and receive a modest daily living allowance.

#### **Responsibilities:**

Pre-departure activities in Canada:

- Work closely with WUSC Canada and WUSC Malawi staff to design the community-based research project parameters
- Participate in the interview panel for the Canadian students who would be participating in the seminar (time allowing)
- Co-design and co-facilitate pre-departure training for the students prior to the seminar mission

Seminar activities in Malawi:

- Lead the research activities of the seminar, working closely with WUSC Malawi staff who will be supporting the coordination and logistics of the mission
- Guide students on their research projects, assisting to frame meaningful research questions and supporting students in the use of community-based participatory research methodologies
- Provide leadership in the preparation of the final research projects and the plans for dissemination
- Post-seminar debrief with students

### **Academic Advisor Requirements:**

- Academic staff at a Canadian institution (or recently retired)
- Community-based research experience in a developing country context
- Student supervision experience, including working with culturally-diverse groups
- Knowledge of global refugee issues and Canada's refugee protection
- Cross-cultural experience and group facilitation skills
- Member of WUSC's global network and/or familiarity with the WUSC / Student Refugee Program is an asset
- Previous professional experience and/or personal experience in Southern Africa is an asset
- Bilingualism – English /French - is an asset
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Application deadline: Please, submit a CV and a covering letter including your availability in July-August 2019 by March 10, 2019

Send your completed application to the International Seminar Team by email at [srp@wusc.ca](mailto:srp@wusc.ca) with "INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR" indicated in the title.

**Seminar tentative dates:** July / August 2019 (To be confirmed)

**Duration:** 4 weeks