

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Who should I contact for more information about the fellowship?

Use the subject line "Inquiry about Postdoctoral Fellowship Application NKABOM2027" in your mail to ugnkabom@ug.edu.gh or call +233 59 167 6076.

I am over 35 years old, but I fall within the other target groups - either a woman, refugee, internally displaced, or having a disability. Can I still apply?

No. Individuals older than 35 years are not eligible for the NKABOM Postdoctoral fellowship even if they fall in the other target groups.

Can non-Ghanaian nationals apply?

This fellowship is open only to Ghanaian nationals; applicants from other countries are not eligible to apply.

Aside from Sustainable Agrifood Systems and Nutrition, which other areas will be considered?

The following areas will be taken into consideration:

1. Agricultural Production

Scope: Focuses on the primary production of crops, livestock, fisheries, and forestry. It includes sustainable farming practices, soil health, and crop management.

Relevant courses: Crop Science, Soil Science, Animal Husbandry, Sustainable Agriculture, Agronomy, Agricultural Economics, Plant Pathology, Livestock Management, Agroecology, and Aquaculture.

2. Post-Harvest Handling and Storage

Scope: Involves the management and preservation of harvested produce to maintain quality and reduce loss.

Relevant courses: Post-Harvest Technology, Food Storage and Preservation, Supply Chain Management in Agriculture, Cold Chain Logistics, Grain Handling and Storage, and Pest Management.

3. Food Processing and Packaging

Scope: Includes the transformation of raw agricultural products into forms suitable for consumption, as well as packaging to protect and extend shelf life.

Relevant Courses: Food Science and Technology, Food Chemistry, Food Safety and Quality Control, Food Packaging Technology, Food Microbiology, Food Engineering and Industrial Processing of Agricultural Products.

4. **Distribution and Retail**

Scope: Covers the movement of food products from processing facilities to retailers or end consumers. It includes logistics, marketing, and retail management.

Relevant Courses: Agribusiness Management, Agricultural Marketing, Food Distribution and Logistics, Retail Management, E-commerce in Agribusiness, Sales and Merchandising of Food Products.

5. **Consumption**

Scope: Focuses on consumer behaviour, nutrition, dietary patterns, and food accessibility.

Relevant Courses: Human Nutrition, Public Health Nutrition, Dietetics, Consumer Behaviour in Food Choices, Food Culture and Society, Nutrition Education and Communication, and Culinary Arts.

6. **Waste Management and Circular Economy**

Scope: Deals with managing food waste, recycling, composting, and creating sustainable systems for resource recovery.

Relevant Courses: Waste Management and Recycling, Environmental Science, Circular Economy in Agrifood Systems, Sustainable Resource Management, Food Waste Reduction Strategies, and Composting and Organic Waste Treatment.

7. **Cross-Cutting Areas**

Scope: These areas integrate multiple stages of the value chain, addressing broader issues such as policy, innovation, sustainability, and social impact.

Relevant Courses: Food Policy and Governance, Agricultural and Rural Development, Environmental Sustainability in Food Systems, Innovation in Agrifood Systems, Climate Change and Food Security and Nutrition, International Food Trade and Food Laws, and Gender and Social Inclusion in Food Systems

Can someone who defended but hasn't formally graduated yet apply?

Yes. Applicants who have defended their PhD but have not yet been formally awarded the degree may still apply, provided the degree will be conferred within a reasonable window. Such applicants should indicate their expected graduation date in their application.

Can someone currently employed full-time elsewhere apply to work remotely?

The Nkabom Postdoctoral Fellowship is a full-time position. Applicants must be available to take up the role full-time.

Can someone who already applied in a previous Nkabom call re-apply?

Yes. Applicants who applied in a previous Nkabom call but were not selected are welcome to re-apply, provided they meet the current eligibility criteria.

What if an applicant cannot get all three reference letters before the application deadline?

If a reference letter is delayed, applicants should still submit their application by the deadline and have the referee send the outstanding letter directly to ugnakbom@ug.edu.gh no later than Friday October 30, 2026.

Is there support for relocation or housing?

A shared workspace/office will be provided at the University of Ghana. Accommodation is not provided, so fellows should plan for their own housing during the period of the fellowship.