

INTRODUCING THE CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF SWANSEA

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The University College of Swansea, founded in 1920, is one of the six constituent colleges of the University of Wales. It is located in Swansea, which is the second largest city in Wales with a population of approximately 200,000. An industrial city and busy port, Swansea boasts a fine shopping centre, together with theatres, museums, and a leisure centre. Swansea is linked by rail services to all the major cities in Britain, with a fast hourly service to London. Adjacent to Swansea lies the Gower Peninsula, an area of outstanding natural beauty. The climate in South Wales is temperate, with generally mild winters and warm summers.

The College campus is set in a park overlooking the sea between the city and the Gower Peninsula. It has some 5,000 students in five faculties - Arts, Economic and Social Studies, Science, Engineering, and Education. College facilities include a large, well-stocked Library, a Computer Centre, operating VAX 8700 and PYRAMID 9820 computers, with links to regional computing centres, and a wide range of recreational and sporting facilities.

THE CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

The Centre, which offered its first courses in 1950, promotes the study of development policy and planning in African, Asian, Caribbean, Latin American, Middle Eastern, and Pacific countries and offers courses for development workers, administrators, planners, and academics working in these countries, as well as consultancy services to a wide variety of clients. The social aspects of development planning are given particular emphasis.

The staff of the Centre has expertise in economics, political science, sociology, social administration, geography, natural science, and anthropology. The range of academic interests is reflected in current research which includes institutional development, regional and area studies, structural adjustment, agricultural and rural development, environment and land management, and industry and commodity studies. The Centre has a number of study fellows preparing M.Phil. or Ph.D. theses.

The Centre has its own IBM-compatible micro-computers and remote terminals linked to the Computer Centre, which are available to study fellows.

Details of courses offered are to be found on the separate leaflets enclosed.

ACCOMMODATION

Study fellows of the Centre usually live in the city suburbs adjacent to the College in flats and bedsitting rooms, or in a purpose-built student village. Study fellows intending to bring their families, and particularly those with children, should write well in advance to the Accommodation Officer, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, Wales, United Kingdom.

APPLICATIONS

For Diploma courses, candidates should normally possess a degree or have completed at least three years of post-secondary education in universities or other advanced training institutions, and/or have at least three years' relevant working experience.

For M.Sc. courses, candidates should normally be graduates of universities recognized by the University of Wales, with grades equivalent to a good second-class honours degree. However, applicants with other relevant qualifications and experience may also be accepted.

For other courses, applicants should send details of their qualifications and professional experience and may be accepted on the basis of either.

English Language TuitionWhere there is some doubt about the level of competence in English of applicants, they may be advised or required to take an approved English Language course. Courses offered by the College are described in a separate leaflet.

Scholarships Courses are supported by the Overseas Development Administration, and British Technical Co-operation awards are available to governments wishing to nominate candidates. In all cases, the granting of an award is at the request of the applicant's own government, and initial enquiries should be made through the candidate's appropriate government department. Information may also be available from the British Council, or the British Embassy or High Commission. The Centre is asked to nominate likely study fellows for scholarships under the Overseas Development Administration Shared Scholarships Scheme.

Other possible sources of scholarships include multinational aid and development agencies, government scholarship programmes, non-government organizations, and religious bodies. Some candidates are able to obtain financial sponsorship from their employers. Applicants may also be eligible for scholarships from the European Economic Community, and further information on this can be obtained from the local European Commission Delegation. Funding may also be available from such institutions as the World Bank, the Ford Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Full details of fees and other costs are given on a separate leaslet.

Applications and enquiries to:
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