

# UNIVERSITY OF GHANA



Presentation to RSIF

**Thematic area: Food Security and Agribusiness**

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## Brief History

- The University of Ghana is the oldest and largest of the thirteen Ghanaian public universities.
- Incorporated in 1948
- Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness 1968/2005



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## UG Vision and Mission (2014-2024)

- **Vision:** To become a “World Class research-intensive **University**” over the next decade.
- **Mission:** We will create an enabling environment that makes **University of Ghana** increasingly relevant to national and global development through cutting-edge research as well as high quality teaching and learning.



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## Current PhD programs related to the thematic area

- PhD Applied Agricultural Economics and Policy
- PhD Agribusiness
- PhD Agricultural Administration

Goal:

- Seek to contribute significantly to the enhancement of the environment for evidence-based policy making in Sub-Saharan Africa,
- To stimulate agricultural productivity growth with sustainable environmental management and improve food security,
- Enhance the role of agriculture in poverty reduction through better integration of farmers to markets.

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## Structure of the PhD Program

- General Structure
  - 4-year programme
  - Year 1: Course work (2 semesters)
  - Year 2: Comprehensive examinations, Experiential Learning (internship) for six months at relevant/partner institutions, Research proposal development and seminar presentation
  - Years 3 & 4: PhD research work, seminar presentations, submission and viva.
- Entry Requirements:
  - A good two-year master's degree (with one-year research) in agricultural economics, agribusiness and related fields in economics, business administration, mathematics and engineering.
  - Background in agriculture provides an advantage.
  - Apply with a concept note or proposal
  - For PhD Applied Economics and Policy, only candidates with quantitative and agricultural/economics background will be considered.

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## Research Areas, Faculty and Students

- What cutting edge research is your department well known for?
  - Wide range: resource use efficiency, impact evaluation, business model development, agri-product development
- Number of faculty in department, broken down by level of seniority =12 (+ 2 in Economics Department and up to 6 each semester from other Departments in UG and partner Universities)
  - Professor (1); Associate Professors (3)
  - Senior lecturers (4)
  - Lecturers (5)
- Major research area for PhD students: Resource and environment, development economics and marketing and trade

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# Number of current PhD students = 50

Year	Total	PASET SCHOLARS
1	14	11
2	22	16
3	18	8
4	6	0
Total	50	24

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AREA	SECTOR-BASED SERVICES AND RESOURCES OFFERED
Child care or Creche	4 on campus -The BabyNest (creche and nursery) -Child Study Centre and Nursery (Family and Consumer Sciences, SoA) - University of Ghana Basic School- kindergarten ( <a href="http://www.ug.edu.gh/">www.ug.edu.gh/</a> )
Women's Centre	Centre for Gender Studies and Advocacy <a href="http://www.cegensa.ug.edu.gh">www.cegensa.ug.edu.gh</a>
Gender Unit	Centre for Gender Studies and Advocacy <a href="http://www.cegensa.ug.edu.gh">www.cegensa.ug.edu.gh</a>
Peer support groups	Centre for Gender Studies and Advocacy <a href="http://www.cegensa.ug.edu.gh">www.cegensa.ug.edu.gh</a>
Counselling, Mental Health or Wellbeing services and resources	UG Careers and Counselling Centre <a href="http://www.ug.edu.gh">www.ug.edu.gh</a>
Athletic or sports facilities for women	Directorate of Sports <a href="http://www.ug.edu.gh">www.ug.edu.gh</a>
Career services	UG Careers and Counselling Centre <a href="http://www.ug.edu.gh">www.ug.edu.gh</a>
Tutoring services	Academic tutorial services Residential tutorial services
Accessibility /Disability services	Office of Students with Special Needs <a href="http://www.ug.edu.gh/provc-asa/units/office-students-special-needs">www.ug.edu.gh/provc-asa/units/office-students-special-needs</a>
Student clubs geared to women	Student Representative Council (SRC) Women's Commission <a href="http://www.ug.edu.gh/student/src/committees">www.ug.edu.gh/student/src/committees</a>
Orientation programs	University, College School and Departmental Orientation for fresh students and researchers <a href="http://www.ug.edu.gh/announcements/orientation-">www.ug.edu.gh/announcements/orientation-</a>
Human Rights Office	UG Office of the Legal Counsel <a href="http://www.ug.edu.gh">www.ug.edu.gh</a>
Family-friendly or gender-related policies	UG Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Policy <a href="http://www.ug.edu.gh">www.ug.edu.gh</a>
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