



INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT

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MRP 2021: Guide for Writing Motivation Statement

Your personal motivation statement is an important way to convey why you are a good fit for the mentoring programme, and what you hope to benefit from the programme. Thus, it should address the following in a clear and concise manner:

1. What makes you a perfect candidate for this programme? You may provide a brief background about yourself covering your experience and abilities that align with your research.
2. What makes your research topic unique and/or novel? Please clarify how your research relates to at least one of sustainable energy, environment, climate change or biodiversity. What previous experience(s) do you have with formal online communication (e.g. emails, skype etc.)?
3. What do you hope to do in the future (i.e. career goals) and how do you think the mentoring programme will enable you to meet these goals?
4. What do you find special about the programme? Show here that you have thought carefully about the programme and how you plan to maximise the benefits this opportunity provides.

Given that the programme is mainly carried out online, you may wish to clarify the following in your motivation statement:

- i. Do you have a personal computer with internet access?
- ii. If not, how do you plan to effectively engage your mentor if selected as a mentee on the programme?
- iii. How do you plan to overcome the challenges of poor electricity or internet connection to benefit from the programme?

The file to be submitted should meet the following requirements:

- Maximum of **1 page**
- Your name must appear at the top right corner of the page in the format “Surname, First name”
- All text should be black, and no images required
- Submitted file must be in **MS word** format