

THE SUMMER ACADEMY

“World Risk and Adaptation Futures – Demographic Change”
2019 Summer Academy

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Accra, Ghana from 07 to 11 October

A leading global challenge today centers on the capacity to make appropriate decisions that will navigate countries and communities towards a safe and sustainable future. Uncertainty about future risk trends plays a central role in whether or not policy makers and practitioners can make decisions that help society adapt to climate risks and capture the opportunities ahead. Their decisions need to be informed by data assessments of future demographic change as it has a substantial influence on the future trajectories and patterns in exposure and vulnerability towards climate change hazards. This is especially true in highly dynamic developing countries and emerging economies. Likewise, changes, for instance, in social protection systems or insurance regimes will greatly influence future levels of vulnerability.

The **2019 Summer Academy** will take place in **Accra, Ghana from 07 to 11 October**. It will have a special focus on demographic change and its implication for future vulnerability and exposure towards climate risks. Young professionals, including academics, policymakers and practitioners are invited to **apply by May 05, 2019**. The Academy aims for generating science and knowledge contributions back into policy and practice. Academy aims for generating science and knowledge contributions back into policy and practice.



APPLICATION PROCESS

02 April 2019

Call for applications

05 May 2019

Application deadline

28 May 2019

Notification of acceptance

[APPLY ONLINE](#)

Travel expenses: A limited budget for travel reimbursement is available upon request. Travel costs for flights, train tickets, visa costs are eligible: costs for per diems will not be covered.

Special focus 2019 Demographic change

Demographic change will greatly alter the trajectory of future exposure and vulnerability. Typically in disaster situations, the young, the elderly and people facing a range of disabilities are especially predisposed to suffer harm. Therefore, preventive action and disaster preparation hinges on a sound understanding of the size and shape of these population groups in the future, as well as the spatial variability within countries or even provinces and cities.

Candidate Profile

We are looking for researchers and practitioners with documented experience of working on at least two of the following themes: adaptation, demographic characteristics, population shifts (migration, urbanization, etc.), economic and social dimensions of climate change. Successful candidates are qualified women and men with profiles such as doctoral researchers in the final stage of their research, post-doctoral fellows, lecturers, assistant professors, practitioners working in ministries, implementing agencies and organizations related to the themes of the Academy. Particular attention will be given to outstanding candidates from least developed countries. Successful candidates are expected to fully participate before and during the Academy, and contribute to the network products. These include but are not limited to contributing to research papers, policy briefs, participation in events, policy engagements, etc.

Academy Organizers

United Nations University's Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)

Munich Re Foundation (MRF)

Academy Partners

United Nations Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (LMU)

United Nations University's Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA)

For further information visit
<http://bit.ly/summerAcademy19>

TO APPLY, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING

- A short motivational letter including one concise paragraph describing how your work relates to the Summer Academy programme;
- A concise abstract (300 words max.) of the work you would like to present, covering the rationale, approach/methods and key findings of your work;
- An up-to-date CV, including a list of publications or concluded projects if available;
- Contact details for a reference.
- Advanced English language skills will be necessary.

Applications must be submitted online.