

PolyU Rwanda Service-Learning Program — Open for Application for USRN Member Institutions



Lighting up the lives of rural Rwandan families with our solar energy systems

At the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), the mandatory Service-Learning Requirement, as part of the four-year undergraduate degree curriculum, is an experiential learning form of pedagogy that integrates meaningful community service with academic study and reflections to enrich students' learning experience.

This Summer, the Service-Learning and Leadership Office (SLLO) of PolyU will organize the Rwanda service-learning program. In the program, participating students will first receive training on how to construct solar energy systems and subsequently implement the program in Rwanda in person.

PolyU would like to invite students of the University Social Responsibility Network (USRN) member institutions to join this meaningful and unique summer program and work with the PolyU and local students to design and construct solar energy systems for the disadvantaged Rwandan families! Students completing the entire program will receive a Certificate of Completion issued by the SLLO of PolyU and the USRN. 😊

Program Fee

HKD 3,000/ USD 400

(including project materials, meals, accommodations and transportation in Rwanda from 15 to 29 July 2024)

*The total cost is HKD10,000/USD1,300 and USRN will offer a sponsorship of HKD 7,000/ ~USD 900 to each shortlisted student from the USRN member institutions

Requirements

- Be good at English
- Be enthusiastic about serving the disadvantaged
- Have a strong sense of responsibility to complete the entire project
- Be in good health
- Be able to adapt to very basic accommodation in Rwanda

Learning Goals

- Develop students' intercultural and global competencies
- Foster students' leadership, citizenship, and social responsibility
- Raise students' awareness of the energy poverty and its impact, especially on vulnerable individuals such as children and women
- Raise students' awareness of sustainable living and environmental stewardship
- Equip students with the skills to design and construct simple solar energy systems

Quota for the USRN

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Program Details

Arriving in Kigali, Rwanda	15 July 2024 (Students are strongly advised to arrive Kigali, Rwanda on 15 July 2024 as airport pick-up and transportation to the project site will be arranged on 15 July. Students will need to arrange their own accommodation and local transportation before the pickup date.)
Project Preparation & Implementation Cultural Enrichment Activities	16 July – 26 July 2024
Reflection & Summary, Safari Tour (self-financed)	27 July – 28 July 2024
Leaving Rwanda	29 July 2024

Application

Application deadline: 8 April 2024 (Monday)

For inquiry: USRN Secretariat (Email: usrn.sec@polyu.edu.hk)

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Project Details:

<https://polyu.hk/FPQmz>



English

<https://polyu.hk/njoMl>



Chinese

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