

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 resume 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 Service-Learning and Leadership Office of PolyU and the USRN. 😊

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

Program Details

Program Fee

HKD 3,000/ USD 400

(including project materials, accommodations, transportation, and meals in Rwanda from 21 July 2023 to 6 August 2023)

**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*

Quota for the USRN

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Arriving in Kigali, Rwanda	21 July 2023 <i>(Students are strongly advised to arrive Kigali, Rwanda on 21 July 2023 as airport pick-up and transportation to the project site will be arranged on 21 July. Students will need to arrange their own accommodation and local transportation if they arrive Kigali before 21 July.)</i>
Training Period: To learn about the service details, history and culture of Africa, and to learn how to construct solar energy systems	21 July – 24 July 2023
Project Preparation & Implementation	25 July – 3 August 2023
Reflection & Summary, Safari Tour	4 August – 6 August 2023
Leaving Rwanda	6 August 2023