The Centre for Niger Delta Studies (CNDS) is a multi-disciplinary academic unit established by the Niger Delta University Act (2000), to provide a formal University-based centre dedicated to the study and development of the Niger Delta region. The primary objective of the CNDS is to stimulate interest and promote understanding of the people and environment of the Niger Delta through research, advocacy and capacity building.

One of the key mandates of the CNDS is to undertake the study, research and teaching of the history, languages and culture of the Niger Delta people; and as part of efforts to realize this, the Centre has embarked on a vigorous programme on Izon language development. In furtherance of this goal the Niger Delta University, in partnership with the Bayelsa State Government has established a Professorial Chair in Izon literature in honour of Pa Gabriel Okara.

The objective is to carry out research on Izon oral/written literature (prose-fiction, drama and poetry) with a view to salvaging the “dying” literature, bring it to lime light and standardize it for contemporary usage.

In this regard, the CNDS is seeking for a professor (a high flyer) of literature to occupy the Gabriel Okara Professorial Chair for Izon Literature

The Candidate
Applicants for this position should be established and internationally recognised senior scholars with professorial competence in African Literature, Nigerian Literature or Niger Delta Literature

Application Requirements
1. An updated CV with relevant information such as academic title, current and previous positions, research and teaching activities, list of publications, and contact information (e-mail address(es) telephone number(s)

2. A 5-7 page research proposal outlining the main features of the research project to be carried out during the visit including the expected results. This should include an abstract

3. Three of the applicant’s publications that are related to the research project he/she intends to pursue

Duration
The duration of research shall normally be one year

Terms
The awardee is entitled to an official car, accommodation, well equipped office, travel grant, Research Assistant and support staff. The remuneration is as applicable in the Niger Delta University and the Nigerian University system

CLOSING DATE
All applications with ten (10) copies of applicant’s relevant documents as listed above should be enclosed and addressed to the Registrar, Niger Delta University, P.M.B. 071, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, to reach him not later than Friday, November 15, 2013. Candidates should request their referees (two) to send references under confidential cover to the Registrar

Signed:

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