



Course Advert

BOTSWANA OPEN UNIVERSITY OFFERS A LIFELINE OPPORTUNITY IN THE MIDST OF THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC Second Call, NEW Applicants ONLY

Botswana Open University (BOU) in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), a partner of Coursera acknowledges the COVID-19 impact on businesses and individuals. To mitigate the effects of the pandemic on the citizens of Botswana, BOU and COL through the BOU/COL partnership wish to invite unemployed professional or semi-professional Batswana to show interest in pursuing **Coursera courses** offered free under the **Coursera Workforce Recovery Initiative**. There are 3,800 courses in 400 specializations. The courses are meant to assist people who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19 by equipping them with skills for employment or upgrading their skills for a better future. Coursera courses are taught by educators in 200 of the world's leading universities and industry. Interested persons will choose from this range of courses once selected.

All the selected students will be expected to complete their courses by 31st December 2020 and gain certificates in the courses chosen. **More than Sixty-six participants have already graduated with a number of certificates since June 2020.**

Application process:

All interested persons are to download and complete an application form on the BOU website (www.bou.ac.bw) under student centre and then email it together with a certified copy of Omang to: **director-sadc-cde@staff.bou.ac.bw**

The form is to be sent in its original format

Selection Criteria

The selection will be based on **a first come first serve basis**. There will be emphasis in ensuring that all the Botswana Open University Regional campuses are represented in the number selected.

NB: Successful applicants will receive a formal invitation to join the courses from COL. The applicants will be further assisted and supported by COL experts to choose their courses as well as be given administrative and academic support.

Closing date: 25th September 2020