

Edo University, Iyamho, Gets NUC Nod



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The National Universities Commission (NUC), on Wednesday, 23 March, 2016, issued a certificate of recognition to Edo University, Iyamho, Edo State, as the 141st University in Nigeria. Addressing the Executive Governor of Edo State, Comrade Adams Oshiomhole and his entourage, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Julius A. Okojie, *ON*, expressed delight at the birth of the new university, stressing that it would help to expand access to university education to some of the teeming applicants in the country. He tasked the University to be liberal in its admission policy, by going beyond indigenes

of Edo state, to admit other Nigerians, especially those from the neighbouring states.

The Executive Secretary urged the Governor to ensure that quality staff are recruited, adding that the Commission would soon visit the Institution for resource verification and accreditation before the graduation of its first set of students. He charged the Edo University Management to ensure that the Institution impacts its immediate environment by offering courses and programmes that would develop the community. According to him, universities owe it a duty to bring development to their immediate



Comrade Oshiomhole, delivering his speech

communities. Universities, by their nature, are not just citadels of learning, but channels to positively impact their host communities, in terms of providing employment as well as amenities, such as pipe borne water and access roads, among others.

Professor Okojie advised the Institution to start small by offering few courses and expand after graduating some sets of students. It should also integrate e-learning into its teaching and strive to engage the students as they are an integral part of the university and must be given a sense of ownership by the university administration. He remarked that when universities engender atmospheres that make students to play complimentary roles, the students are more patriotic and concerned with the affairs of their Institution. Lack of recognition of students, especially in matters that concern them, directly give room for speculation and rumours that could destabilise the system.

While reiterating the need to strengthen the Basic Education sub-sector, so that young people could be adequately prepared for the challenge of tertiary education, Professor Okojie, again, advocated the return of the boarding school system, which helps to inject hard work and creative spirit in the minds of

students. Education, he said, has enormous effects on a people and no nation can take any remarkable step towards development if its population are not adequately empowered with meaningful education.

Speaking at the ceremony, Comrade Adams Oshiomhole, stated that the University would not compromise standard and quality, describing them as the major planks upon which it was established. He said that the future of Nigeria depended largely on the quality of its human capital and not necessarily on her population, noting that education remained the most effective way to empower the citizens and could bring about tremendous change in the society.

The Governor stressed that the teeming unemployed people in Nigeria lacked the requisite skills required to contribute meaningfully to the growth of the economy. As a response, he said Edo University was established with the hope of training graduates that would stand out in the labour market. He pointed out that, unlike



Prof. Okojie, addressing the Governor and his entourage.



Prof. Okojie, receiving copies of the Edo University documents from Governor Oshiomhole

other universities in the country, the new Institution would charge fees commensurate to the excellent facilities and expected value-added services it would give to students. He expressed hope that the University, by reason of the quality of education it would offer its students, would stem the tide of Nigerians seeking higher education abroad.

In the wake of the low oil price in the country and the daunting task of managing a university, the Governor said that cost-sharing in tertiary education was inevitable, as it was no longer sustainable for the citizens to expect Government to bear the cost of education alone. According to him, without cost-sharing, the quality of education would continue to dwindle and Nigeria would fail to realise the dream of having first class universities that are research-oriented or have the capacity to attract foreign scholars.

While calling for the scrap of what he described as 'generalised system of subsidy', Comrade Oshiomhole noted that even richer

countries than Nigeria charge fees and only subsidise education for the lower class. He insisted that if Nigeria wished to be a global player in education, students must and should bear the cost of their higher education in view of the benefits they stood to gain after acquiring the knowledge. Generalised system of subsidy, he said, pave way for both the children of the poor and the rich, who do not need the subsidy. In

view of the poor data system in the country, the Governor said that a distinction could be made between the rich and the poor by saying that students who graduate from public secondary schools should compulsorily enjoy such subsidies, while their counterparts from private schools should be adjudged rich and be required to pay fees. He submitted that if this principle is adhered to, the country would have the funds required to provide quality education for its population.

Edo University, the Comrade Governor said, was established with the fee-paying principle, whereby students of the rich would pay for the value-added education they will receive, while the poorest of the society would have their education subsidised. He disclosed that his State had resuscitated the quality of education at the basic level, which was very poor, prior to his administration's inauguration in 2008. He explained that the idea of establishing the University spurred his administration to drastically improve the standard of learning



Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Emmanuel Aluyo, Prof. Okojie and Gov. Oshiomhole



DES 1, NUC, Prof. Chiedu Mafiana, making the closing remarks.

and infrastructure at the basic level to avoid compromising the quality of entrants into the higher education system.

Governor Oshiomhole told the Executive Secretary that enrollment in public schools had doubled since the revolution he brought in to the Basic Education sub-sector in the State. His Government's achievements in the sub-sector include, construction of new buildings, renovation of dilapidated structures and provision of free transport for the pupils and students in the state to ease access to education. The government, he added, had been implementing free education up to the Senior

Secondary School level, since 2008, thereby reducing the

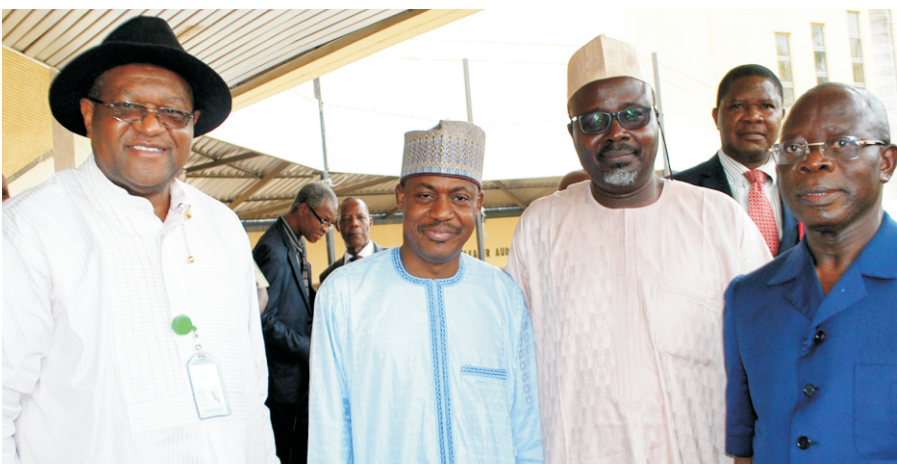


The Executive Secretary, presenting the NgREN Plaque to Governor Oshiomhole

population of out-of-school pupils

in the state to a record low of 7 per cent, the best in the South-South region.

The Governor and his entourage, accompanied by the Executive Secretary and some members of NUC Management later visited the Nigerian Research and Education Network (NgREN) facility, where a demonstration of its capabilities and capacities was presented by the Project Coordinator, Dr. Joshua Atah. At end of the exercise, the Governor acknowledged the key role the Network would play in enhancing



Prof. Mafiana, Director of Protocol and Special Duties, Mr. Chris Maiyaki and his Information and Public Relations counterpart, Mal. Ibrahim Yakasai, with Gov. Oshiomhole.

teaching and learning in the University and directed the Vice-Chancellor to obtain the necessary information on the subscription to the NgREN.

In a closing remark, the Deputy Executive Secretary 1, NUC, Professor Chiedu Mafiana charged the main drivers of the University to play their roles effectively to ensure its rapid development and to make sure that the Institution impacted on its immediate environment to remain relevant.

NUC Hosts 2nd NPF National Quiz Competition



L-R: Wife of the Vice-President, Mrs. Oludolapo Osinbajo; arriving at the 2nd NPF National Quiz Competition with the President, Police Officers' Wives Association (POWA), Mrs. Agharese Arase and the Executive Secretary, NUC/Chairman of the Occasion, Prof. Julius A. Okojie,

The National Universities Commission (NUC), on Tuesday, 22 March, 2016, hosted the Grand Finale of the 2nd Nigeria Police Force (NPF) National Quiz Competitions, for Secondary Schools, in commemoration of the 2016 Police Week. The contest, with the theme, 'Sports and Partnership: Platforms for Achieving Community Safety and Security', was held at the Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, NUC, Abuja.

Speaking at the event, the Special Guest of Honour and Wife of the President, Hajia Aisha Buhari, commended the Police hierarchy for initiating the Competition, describing it as a good omen that would promote the spirit of healthy competition among the youths. Hajia Buhari, who was represented by the Wife of the Vice-President, Mrs. Oludolapo

Osinbajo, stressed that the competition was a good platform for the students to build their character as well as learn to be disciplined and obedient to rules and regulations before they transit to adulthood. She expressed delight that the five schools that emerged finalists had proven that there was still something to celebrate about the Nigerian education system as evident in the sterling performances of the students. She thanked the Police Officers Wives Association (POWA) and all the mothers that came to felicitate with their children, saying it would go a long way to strengthen the bond between them.

The Wife of the President expressed appreciation to the Police Force for fighting for the cause of the society by protecting

lives and properties of the citizens, even at a cost to its rank and file. She commended the organisers for the objectives the competition, include: Bridging the increasingly widening gap between the Police and the youths and giving positive connotation to the popular saying that, "Police is Your Friend"; Establishing a forum for continuous interaction between Nigeria Police and Secondary school students as well as Creating a better awareness in the minds of the youths on the critical statutory roles of the Nigeria Police in the management of internal security, among others.

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary, NUC and Chairman of the occasion, Professor Julius A. Okojie, congratulated POWA for initiating the Quiz Competition, saying that 75 percent of life-long learning started from the home,



Mrs. Osinbajo, delivering her Address

where mothers played critical roles. He noted that competitions bring out the best among pupils, recalling that in his formative years, school debate competitions and the culture of reading, which was inculcated in him from the boarding school system, aided his academic progression.

Professor Okojie described the Police as a force to reckon with it in the policing of the society. He informed the gathering that NUC encouraged the establishment of the Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano, because it realised that a Police University was needed to enhance the training of quality manpower for the Force. He submitted that it was a crime not to allow children go to school and expressed regret that more than 10 million Nigerians of school age had no access to education. He reiterated the need for the return of the boarding school system to public schools, stressing that more private schools than the public had boarding facilities, which, he said, meant that only the children of the rich might have access to total and quality education, if the current situation persisted.

In a brief remark, the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Solomon Arase, who was represented by the Deputy Inspector-General (DIG) in charge of Finance and Administration, Dan' Azumi Doma, reminded the participants that the reason behind the Quiz was to inspire them to task their brains and to believe in team work. He called on the panel of judges to be dedicated and firm in the course of the competition and to be transparent in the award of marks to ensure that the best team won.

The President of POWA and Wife

of the IGP, Mrs. Agharese Arase, stressed the need for mentoring of young people, especially by their mothers. She said that policing had to do with securing the society and called on Nigerians to assist the Police at all times as the job of securing lives and properties required their understanding and cooperation. She added that Nigerians should learn to speak good about their country.

Mrs. Arase stated that POWA had done so much in building the capacity of its members with some of them doing well in the oil and banking sectors, while others in the informal sector were performing creditably well in enterprising businesses. She appealed to the men to assist POWA to discharge its duties effectively as, according to her, most of its activities were targeted at meeting the nation's quest for the maintenance of internal security across its territories.

In a goodwill message, former Minister of State for Education and Chairman of the Advisory Council of President's Schools Debate Competition, Professor Jerry



Prof. Okojie, making his remarks

Agada, expressed satisfaction that the Police introduced a well-thought-out programme, which, he acknowledged, complimented that of his Council, to ensure that quality was restored to Nigerian schools, through healthy competitions. He urged other Para-military units and Armed Forces to emulate the Police in order to make the society better for all.

Police Secondary School, Ukana, Akwa Ibom State, came first, and received a giant trophy, three laptops and a handset. The second place winner, Command Secondary School, Suleja, Niger State got a trophy, three laptops and a handset, while the third, Royal Family Academy, Wuye, Abuja, Private School, also got a trophy, three i-pads and one handset and a calculator.

The fourth and fifth placed teams, Government Secondary School, Tudun-Wada, FCT and Federal Government College, Kwali, FCT, each received a plaque and four Nokia handsets with a calculator.



Representative of the Inspector General of Police (IGP) and DIG In-Charge of Finance and Administration, Mr. Dan' Azumini Doma.



POWA President, Mrs. Agharese Arase



Former Minister of State for Education, Prof. Jerry Agada (first left) and other guests at the ceremony

A Photo-gallery of the NPF Quiz Competition



L-R: Quiz Master Prof. Benedict Emunemu, 4th left; Prof. Agada, Mrs. Arase, Mrs Osinbajo, DIG. Doma and Prof. Okojie with some of the contestants



The guests with the Executives of POWA



More contestants pose with the guests



A performance by pupils of POWA International School, Abuja.



Cross sections of students at the competition



French Embassy in Nigeria Presents French Education Fair 2016



R-L: The French Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr. Denys Gauer; NUC's Deputy Director (Diaspora and Linkages), Mal. Ashafa Ladan and Counselor de Cooperation, French Embassy, Mr. Arnaud Dornon

The Embassy of France in Nigeria, in conjunction with Tripplelink Global Solution Limited and Campus Link, organised the 4th Edition of the annual French Education Fair in Abuja and Lagos on 23rd and 25th February, 2016, respectively. The Fair, which was declared opened by the French Ambassador to Nigeria, His Excellency, Denys Gauer, assisted by the Counselor de Cooperation in the Embassy, Mr. Arnaud Dornon, brought together representatives from French Universities and Companies, with the goal of increasing the number of Nigerian students that study in France. To achieve this goal, the event provided a wide range of services, which included Educational

Consulting and Counseling, Career Counseling, Internship/Placement Opportunities, Immigration/Visa Consulting, Scholarship Advisory and Travel/Accommodation arrangements.

Some of the highlights of the Fair were the invitation extended to the NUC to actively participate in the annual Fair, henceforth, and the need to explore areas of partnership for scholarship awards to Nigerian students wishing to acquire higher education in France.

In his opening remarks, the Ambassador stressed that the promotion of the French Higher Education System in Nigeria was the Number One priority of the

Embassy. He therefore charged the Fair to offer opportunities for promoting French Higher Education Institutions, while making it possible for representatives from Nigerian and French Universities to meet and explore co-operation. He noted that the main challenge in promoting French higher education in Nigeria was how to promote the wide range of programmes to a public with Linguistic and historical differences.

In the area of Trade, the Ambassador stated that French was one of Nigeria's principal investors as no fewer than 50 French Companies, subsidiaries and Representation offices are

present in Nigeria. He expressed delight that 15 French Universities and other Higher Education Institutions participated at the Fair.

M. Gauer recalled that no fewer than 1,500 and 1,400 visitors participated in the Fair in Lagos and Abuja respectively, last year. He also informed the participants that about 70% of French Universities/Institutions' Alumni had been successfully integrated into high profile jobs in Nigeria and that, about 3, 000 students from around the world come to France for studies, annually.

The Fair brought together Academics and Companies, in addition to French Cultural Networks, Research Centre and Office for the Promotion of French Higher Education. This, the Ambassador noted, signified a stronger and lasting relationship between the two nations.

The fair was attended by participants from Universities, Colleges and Secondary Schools, French Companies and Higher Institutions. NUC was represented by the Deputy Director, Diaspora and Linkages, Mal. Ashafa Ladan.



L-R: Director of Academic Planning, Baze University, Abuja, Dr. Ibrahim Mani; Vice Chancellor, Nigerian Turkish Nile University, Abuja, Prof. Husenyi Sert M.D and Mal. Ashafa Ladan



Participants at the Fair



Students at the Fair



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ACCUSES NUC OF TAKING BRIBES

The attention of the National Universities Commission (NUC) has been drawn to the publication in the Punch Newspaper of Tuesday, 1 March, 2016 titled "Academy of Science accuses NUC of taking bribes".

The Commission decided to address this issue via this medium because the publication is already in the public domain which makes it imperative to clear the air on some of the issues raised, by no less a person than a professor who is the President of the Nigerian Academy of Science (NAS) and a one-time Vice-Chancellor, who had hosted several Accreditation Panels and ought to know better.

It is important to state that Professor Oyewale Tomori, while delivering the Convocation lecture at the University of Abuja attempted to bring to disrepute the National Universities Commission and its accreditation system. It is pertinent to state that a good number of the accreditation assessors of programmes in the Science discipline in Nigerian Universities on which, he is casting aspersions, are members or potential members of the Academy.

For the avoidance of doubt, the NUC has a track record of Quality Assurance that stands out nationally and internationally. The Commission, from time to time, has been commended by different bodies on its accreditation procedure and overall Quality Assurance function. The NUC accreditation system has been understudied and replicated by other similar Quality Assurance agencies on the continent; and the Commission has also been invited at different times to facilitate the establishment of Quality Assurance agencies in countries without one. Currently, the Commission chairs the African Quality Assurance Network.

The Commission takes exception to the accusation of the NAS President that NUC officials collect brown envelopes during accreditation exercises. Even though the NAS President was quoted in the publication as having said that NUC alludes to the fact that those who give and take the envelopes are Professors, and that the NUC forgets that the results bear "NUC's accreditation", the fact still remains that accreditation is a peer-review exercise amongst academics all over the world. The Professor should therefore be bold enough to address the issue, if any, with his professional colleagues rather than point accusing fingers at the Commission.

In order to ensure the integrity of NUC accreditation exercise, there exists a widely publicised Code of Conduct guiding the conduct of Accreditation Exercise among the Panel members which expressly directs Universities not to have any financial dealing with assessors as their DTA, return transportation and honorarium for job done are taken care of by NUC. All panel members are also required to declare the existence of conflict of interest before being assigned the task. It is not clear to us whether Prof Tomori was involved in giving or taking the "brown envelop" as a Professor and a former Vice-Chancellor which he had never brought to the attention of the Commission.

On the issue of curriculum, it is pertinent to note that the Commission consistently engages in the review of its BMAS to meet National Developmental Objectives and International Best Practices. If Professor Tomori is current on issues of curriculum, he ought to know that the most recent review was in the year 2015 which was based on Labour Market Expectation of Nigerian Graduates and is on the NUC website.

It is curious that the Professor accused NUC of doing government's bidding. It is on record that whereas NUC is a statutory agency of the Federal Government of Nigeria, there has never been any form of interference from any quarter with regard to the outcome of the Commission's accreditation exercise from 1990 to date.

As the president of NAS, Prof. Tomori is in a position to constructively engage with the Commission towards the overall improvement of university education especially in the Sciences.

The National Universities Commission will continue to promote quality delivery of university education in Nigeria. This is our mandate, and the Commission remains willing to collaborate with well-meaning Nigerians and others to achieve it.

Signed
Ibrahim Usman Yakasai
Director, Information and Public Relations





THE PRESIDENCY
THE GOVERNING BOARD
NIGERIAN NATIONAL MERIT AWARD

CALL FOR NOMINATION / APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2016

The Governing Board of the Nigerian National Merit Award is currently soliciting nominations or applications for the award of the Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) for the 2016 round. The deadline for nomination is 21st March, 2016. Nominations are valid only for the year of nomination. However, candidates who have been previously nominated should state clearly additional work(s) done since they were last nominated or the new grounds for re-consideration of their nomination.

ABOUT NNMA

NNMA is value driven quasi-academic agency of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. It was established by Act 53 of 1979 as amended by Act 96 of 1992 (CAP 122 LFN, 2004). The Mission statement for NNMA reads: “Committed to stimulating and rewarding, academic and professional excellence for national development of Nigeria”.

THE NNOM AWARD

- i. The Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) is an “Order of Dignity” and distinct from the National Honours. It was instituted to accord proper and due recognition for outstanding intellectual and academic attainments and contributions to the general development of Nigeria. The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is required by law (NNMA Act Section 8) to confer the NNOM Award annually, on the recipient(s), on the first Thursday in the month of December. The objective of the Award is to stimulate and reward excellence in Science, Engineering/Technology, Medicine, Humanities, Arts & Culture and other fields of human endeavor.
- ii. **A recipient of NNOM Award is entitled to:**
 - a. use the designation Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) after his/her name.
 - b. receive a Cash Prize, a certificate, a medal; and
 - c. such other privileges as are enjoyed by recipients of high levels of national awards and honours.

ELIGIBILITY

- i. The Award is open to all citizens of Nigeria at home and abroad.
- ii. Any Nigerian citizen of outstanding merit can be nominated by one or more Nigerian citizens. Any person may by himself/herself, where not sponsored by another person, apply to the Board for this purpose. Where two or more Nigerians are collaborating on any deserving undertaking, they can be similarly nominated for a joint Award.

NOMINATION/APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- i. Nominations shall be made strictly on the prescribed Nomination/Application Form, and in the format therein. Sponsors should provide brief information on themselves. The Nomination/Application Form may either be collected at the NNMA Secretariat or downloaded from the NNMA website, www.nnma.gov.ng. The form as advertised is also valid.
- ii. Only one nomination/application may be submitted on the prescribed application form.
- iii. In private consultation with the nominee, the nomination/application form shall be accompanied by:
 - a. The *curriculum vitae* of each candidate.

- b. A statement, preferably by the candidate, of between 250 – 500 words, specifying/defining and clearly illustrating in concrete terms, NOT generalities, what the candidate considers his/her unique and meritorious contribution to knowledge in his/her field of endeavor/specialization to merit consideration for the NNOM award.
- c. A list of not more than ten publications, cited in the candidate's curriculum vitae, which in the nominee's consideration, buttresses his/her claim to uniqueness and merit. Copies of the ten publications must be submitted with the application.
- d. 3 portrait photographs of the candidate.
- iv. All nominations and supporting documents, including copies of the ten publications submitted to buttress the nominee's claim to uniqueness and merit, must reach the Secretary of the Nigerian National Merit Award on or before the stipulated deadline. Any nomination or application including the specified requirements arriving later than the deadline will not be considered.
- v. All supporting documents, including the nomination form should be sent in three (3) copies.
- vi. Candidates with incomplete documents shall not be considered.
- vii. Neither the Governing Board nor any of its Specialized Committees of Assessors shall entertain or enter into any correspondence with candidates or their sponsors regarding the processing of, or decision on any Nomination.
- viii. The Nomination/Application Form and supporting documents shall be addressed, sealed and delivered on or before 21st March, 2016 to:

The Ag. Secretary,

The Presidency,
Nigerian National Merit Award,
Merit House, No.22, Aguiyi Ironsi Street,
3rd Floor, Maitama, Abuja.
E-mail: nnmaabuja@gmail.com
website: www.nnma.gov.ng
twitter: @TheMeritAward

SELECTING/CONSIDERATION

- (i) Selection will be made from wide range of contemporary works which are innovative, creative, essentially Nigerian in content and of national and international distinction; such works should emphasize the uniqueness of the achievements to humanity generally and Nigerian society in particular.
- (ii) The achievements may constitute a specific break-through in any field or may be of a cumulative nature; and
- (iii) The Award emphasizes distinct merit and upright morality, as this is the highest Merit Award in the Country.
- (iv) Nominators must not make public the names of nominees.
- (v) In order to preserve and enhance the credibility of the Award, the submissions of the prospective recipients are usually subjected to rigorous assessment by experts, known as Specialized Committee of Assessors in the following four core areas:-
 - Science
 - Medicine
 - Engineering/Technology
 - Humanities, Arts and Culture and other fields of human endeavour.

- (vi) When and where necessary, External Assessors are usually engaged from the national or international academic community.

ANNOUNCEMENT/INVESTITURE

- (i) Successful candidates will be notified about the outcomes of the process between October and November 2016, to be followed by an official public announcement latest two weeks from the date of Investiture.
- (ii) The Investiture of NNOM Awardee(s) is personally conducted by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (iii) The Investiture holds back-to-back with the Annual Forum of Laureates of the Nigerian National Order of Merit (incorporating)

NOMINATION / APPLICATION FORMAT

1. NAME(S) OF CANDIDATE (S)	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
2. CITIZENSHIP:			
3. CONTACTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Postal Address ○ Phone ○ E-mail 			
4. FIELD OF ENDEAVOUR			
5. DETAILS OF BASIS/GROUNDS FOR NOMINATION: A statement, preferably by the candidate, of between 250 – 500 words, specifying/defining and clearly illustrating in concrete terms, NOT generalities, what the candidate considers his/her unique and meritorious contribution to knowledge in his/her field of endeavor/specialization to merit consideration for the NNOM award. List below, the statement not more than ten publications cited in the candidate's curriculum vitae, which he/she considers to buttress his/her claim to uniqueness and merit. N/B: Use additional papers if necessary			
6. NOMINATOR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Name & position/Title: ○ Contact Details: ○ Postal address: ○ Phone: ○ E-mail: ○ Signature and Date: 			
7. CO-NOMINATOR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Name & position/Title: ○ Contact Details: ○ Postal address: ○ Phone: ○ E-mail: ○ Signature and Date: 			
8. HAS THE CANDIDATE BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOMINATED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If Yes, When? 			
9. Candidates who have been previously nominated should state new grounds or additional works done since last nomination.			
11. Signature of Nominee/Applicant	Date:		

(Signed)
 Mr. Namadi Ibrahim
Ag. Secretary, Nigerian National Merit Award.

RE: WORKSHOP ON THE IMPERATIVES OF ADVANCING POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION IN NIGERIA

The National Universities Commission (NUC) is in receipt of a call circular from Al-Qalam University, Katsina in respect of A Three-Day workshop on the theme: “IMPERATIVES OF ADVANCING POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION IN NIGERIA”.

The objective of the workshop is to build capacity among senior academics in the areas of general and specific guidelines, rules and regulations governing postgraduate studies in line with the National Universities Commission (NUC)'s Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards.

Other objectives include:

- Specific resource requirements for teaching, supervision and research;
- Ways of achieving high academic standards in University postgraduate programmes,
- Areas of linkages, collaborations and source soft funding; and ways of internalization of knowledge

The workshop will feature the following topics: Postgraduate as a citadel of knowledge (Prof. Shehu Rano Aliyu); Resources for Postgraduate Training in Nigerian Universities (Mal. Aminu Abba, NUC); Quality Assurance of Postgraduate Programmes, (Dr. N. B. Saliu, Director Quality Assurance, NUC) among others. Those to attend are: Professors, Deans of Faculties and Colleges, Heads of Academic Departments, Postgraduate Coordinators, Members of Boards SPS, and others from Departments and tertiary education.

Date: 19th – 21st April, 2016 (arrival date 19th April, 2016)

Venue: Al-Qalam University, Katsina

Registration Fee: Fifty Thousand Naira Only (N50,000.00) per participant

Participants shall be provided with workshop materials: Labeled Workshop Bag, Writing Pad, Pen, Tag and Certificate including Tea/Coffee break and lunch.

Note: First day of the workshop shall be the opening ceremony with a paper to be presented by the Guest Speaker, Prof. Julius Okojie, OON, Executive secretary, NUC.

PUBLICATION OF 2016/2017 PTDF SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME (OVERSEAS & LOCAL)

The National Universities Commission is in receipt of a call notice from the Petroleum Technology Development of Technology (PTDF) inviting suitably qualified candidates for Overseas and in-country i.e Local MSc and PhD Scholarships. The Award will be granted for studies in the United Kingdom, Germany, Norway, Australia, USA and France (Grenoble INP) as well as PTDF upgraded Universities in Nigeria. Application Forms can be accessed online at using an ATM (Interswitch, Master Card & Visa card) or through purchase of a scratch card from designated main branches of First Bank of Nigeria PLC in all the 36 States and FCT, upon payment of a NON-REFUNDABLE sum of N1,000(One Thousand Naira Only). The criteria for prospective applicants include a minimum of Second Class Upper (2.1) in Oil and Gas related field OR a 2.2 with oil and gas industry experience, NYSC Certificate, be computer literate, possess O/level with credit in English Language; at least C6 in WAEC/SSCE OR C4 and above in NECO and not be above 30 years of age. Those for Overseas (OSS) must be in possession of the following, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (USA), Graduate Record Examination, GRE (USA); GMAT for Management related courses (USA) and International English Language Testing System (IELTS) UK. For PhD (OSS & LSS)

- Applicants must be in academics in Nigerian Institutions, teaching oil and gas related discipline
- Applicants must possess minimum of 2.2 in their first degree and a good second degree certificate;
- Applicants must submit a research proposal relevant to the oil and gas industry (of not more than 5 pages) to include: Topic, introduction, objective, methodology and mode of data collection.
- Applicants must include a valid admission letter, must be over 40 years of age; and must include their Masters Degree project. For the Split-side PhD programme, please click on this link [split PhD](#).

N.B: Applicants are advised to note that only those who met the requirements shall be shortlisted and invited for a Computer Based Aptitude Test, in the case of MSc applicants, while oral interview will be conducted for PhD applicants (full time and Split-site) on dates to be announced later. Following the aptitude tests and interview, successful candidates will be selected and awarded the PTDF Scholarship. Applicants are also to scan copies of the following documents and attach to their online application forms:

1. First Degree Certificate or Statement of Result
2. NYSC Discharge Certificate
3. WAEC/GCE/SSCE/NECO Results or provide PIN numbers on the application forms to enable PTDF view the results on the relevant website.
4. Recent Passport Photograph
5. Local Government Identification Letter
6. Master's Degree Certificate (PhD Applicants only)
7. Admission Letter (PhD Applicants)

Meanwhile, the Possession of a valid University Admission letter is compulsory for LSS, MSC & PHD applicants.

PUBLICATION OF 2016/2017 PTDF SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME (OVERSEAS & LOCAL)

The National Universities Commission is in receipt of a call notice from the Petroleum Technology Development of Technology (PTDF) inviting suitably qualified candidates for Overseas and in-country i.e Local MSc and PhD Scholarships. The Award will be granted for studies in the United Kingdom, Germany, Norway, Australia, USA and France (Grenoble INP) as well as PTDF upgraded Universities in Nigeria.

Application Forms can be accessed online at www.ptdf.cinfore.com using an ATM (InterSwitch, Master Card & Visa card) or through purchase of a scratch card from designated main branches of First Bank of Nigeria PLC in all the 36 States and FCT, upon payment of a **NON-REFUNDABLE** sum of N1,000(One Thousand Naira Only).

The criteria for prospective applicants include a minimum of Second Class Upper (2.1) in Oil and Gas related field OR a 2.2 with oil and gas industry experience, NYSC Certificate, be computer literate, possess O/level with credit in English Language; at least C6 in WAEC/SSCE OR C4 and above in NECO and not be above 30 years of age. Those for Overseas (OSS) must be in possession of the following, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (USA), Graduate Record Examination, GRE (USA); GMAT for Management related courses (USA) and International English Language Testing System (IELTS) UK.
For PhD (OSS & LSS)

- Applicants must be in academics in Nigerian Institutions, teaching oil and gas related discipline
- Applicants must possess minimum of 2.2 in their first degree and a good second degree certificate;
- Applicants must submit a research proposal relevant to the oil and gas industry (of not more than 5 pages) to include: Topic, introduction, objective, methodology and mode of data collection.
- Applicants must include a valid admission letter, must be over 40 years of age; and must include their Masters Degree project.

For the Split-side PhD programme, please click on this link [split PhD](#).

N.B: Applicants are advised to note that only those who met the requirements shall be shortlisted and invited for a Computer Based Aptitude Test, in the case of MSc applicants, while oral interview will be conducted for PhD applicants (full time and Split-site) on dates to be announced later. Following the aptitude tests and interview, successful candidates will be selected and awarded the PTDF Scholarship.

Applicants are also to scan copies of the following documents and attach to their online application forms:

1. First Degree Certificate or Statement of Result
2. NYSC Discharge Certificate
3. WAEC/GCE/SSCE/NECO Results or provide PIN numbers on the application forms to enable PTDF view the results on the relevant website.
4. Recent Passport Photograph
5. Local Government Identification Letter
6. Master's Degree Certificate (PhD Applicants only)
7. Admission Letter (PhD Applicants)

Meanwhile, the Possession of a valid University Admission letter is compulsory for LSS, MSC & PHD applicants.



**DANGOTE FOUNDATION ENDOWS 17 PROFESSORIAL CHAIRS IN
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EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR POSITIONS OF PROFESSORS AND READERS

Following intervention of the Chancellor of the Kano University of Science and Technology, Wudil, Alhaji Aliko Dangote, GCON, President Dangote Group, to sponsor 17 Professorial Chairs in the University, applications from within and outside the country are invited from suitably qualified candidates for positions of Readers and Professors in the following areas of specialisations:-

1. Mathematics
2. Computer Science
3. Statistics
4. Civil Engineering
5. Electrical Engineering
6. Mechanical Engineering
7. Architecture
8. Geology
9. Urban and Regional Planning
10. Biology
11. Chemistry
12. Physics
13. Microbiology
14. Biochemistry
15. Educational Psychology
16. Educational Planning and Administration
17. Philosophy of Education

1. QUALIFICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS AND EXPERIENCE:

PROFESSORS (CONUASS 7)

A candidate must have a minimum of Sixty (60) points from publication and must be a PhD holder from a recognized Institution. He must have done supervision of Postgraduate students and have at least a minimum of thirteen (13) years cognate teaching experience at the University level.

- In addition, he must have:
- Disseminated knowledge through professional and academic activities.
 - Provided Academic leadership and the ability to attract and inspire others.
 - Demonstrated Administrative ability and

- administrative experience.
- Impeccable integrity.
- Favorable External Assessment.
- Evidence of supervision of Post graduate students.
- Must show verifiable evidence of community service

READERS (CONUASS 6)

A candidate must be a PhD holder from a recognized Institution. In addition, he must have a minimum of Forty (40) points from publication, eight (8) years cognate teaching experience at the University level and may be subjected to external assessment if not already a Reader.

- In addition he must have:
- Disseminated knowledge through professional and



- academic activities.
- Administrative ability and administrative experience.
- General academic leadership and the ability to guide others.
- Impeccable integrity and favourable External Assessment.
- Must show verifiable evidence of community service.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Candidates should submit 12 copies each of applications, Curriculum Vitae, Credentials and other supporting documents that can assist the University in the Comprehensive assessment of their Publications, Exposure, Experience and capabilities. Applications should be addressed to:

**The Registrar,
Kano University of Science and Technology,
Wudil,**

Applications not received within four (4) weeks of this publication will not be considered.

Professors and Readers all over the world are encouraged to apply. Applications for contract and leave of absence may be considered.

Applicants should request their three Referees to forward CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS on them.

Only applications of shortlisted candidates will be acknowledged, please.

Signed:

Alhaji Usman Yakubu, FIPMA
REGISTRAR

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION



ADVERTORIAL CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL OF THE NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES e-LEARNING PROGRAMME

The general public is hereby informed that whereas the Commission maintains its stand that online degrees are not accepted in Nigeria at the moment, this does not include the approved Nigerian Universities e-Learning Programme run within the shores of Nigeria.

The Nigerian Universities e-Learning Programme is a legitimate and well thought out pilot e-learning initiative. It is a Public Private Partnership between the National Universities Commission (NUC), Park Associates E-Learning Group, and four federal universities. Its goal is to provide new opportunities for students to access university education in Nigeria.

The four Participating Universities are:

- i. University of Uyo;
- ii. National Open University of Nigeria;
- iii. Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto; and
- iv. University of Maiduguri.

Students enrolled in the Programme can select any of the following undergraduate degree programmes: Economics, Banking & Finance, Accounting, Business Administration and Marketing for which they have requisite qualifications. The Programme for now is only available for candidates who wish to obtain BSc Degree in Economics.

The Commission wishes to use this medium to allay all fears and doubts concerning the legitimacy or NUC endorsement of the Nigerian Universities e-Learning Programme. This is one of the avenues that the National Universities Commission is exploring to increase access to university education without compromising quality. Students in the Programme are therefore advised to continue to pursue their studies without fear and prospective applicants are encouraged to enrol. Concerned parents, guardians, students and the general public may contact the Commission for further clarification on the Programme under reference.

Signed

Ibrahim Usman Yakasai
Director Information and Public Relations
www.nuc.edu.ng



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

IMPLEMENTING STEPS FOR NEW MEDICAL SCHOOLS, ACCREDITATION ISSUES AND THE NEW MINIMUM BENCHMARK (2015) FOR THE MBBS/BDS PROGRAMMES

PROGRAMMES

Following several Stakeholders' meetings in the last two years and as a prelude to the formal release of the New Minimum Academic Benchmark (2015), proprietors of Medical and Dental Schools in Nigeria (both current and prospective) are requested to note the following implementing steps including relevant adjustments relating to accreditation of Medical/Dental Schools.

1. From 1st September 2015, both current and prospective proprietors of Medical and Dental Schools should:
 - a. Write a letter to the Executive Secretary stating their intent and provide relevant information as available.
 - b. On receipt, (if NUC has no obvious reasons to disqualify the application), they would be sent a copy of the BMAS for MBBS/BDS and advised firmly to ensure that they are strictly complied with.
 - c. The setting up of medical schools is not an emergency exercise. To this end, prospective proprietors must own and have in place (prior to a request for a Resource Verification), a fully functional and well run tertiary type hospital. In the circumstance of the above not being in place, consideration for an affiliation with a tertiary government-owned institution may be given only when the said university owns a medical institution fully functional with a minimum of 150 beds and a rural health medical unit. (See Appendix 4 of the BMAS).
 - d. A Pre-clinical Accreditation would be expected to take place within two years of a positive Resource Verification. Students can only sit for the second MBBS professional examination (Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry) when they have a successful preclinical accreditation. The preclinical accreditation would, amongst others, concentrate largely on the Department of Anatomy, Biochemistry, Physiology, Pathology and Pharmacology and to a lesser extent, Community Health. All evaluated departments must have the minimum requirements in terms of academic staff, non academic staff and laboratory facilities. (See Appendix 3 of the BMAS)
 - e. The Commission has now approved a Clinical Accreditation expected to take place within twelve months of a successful preclinical accreditation. Subsequent to that, a reaccreditation exercise will take place every five years.
2. With respect to established medical schools, (and irrespective of their accreditation status), it should be noted that only institutions that (by the deadline of March 20th, 2016) have requested and obtained formal approval from the National Universities Commission for a re-evaluation based on the following considerations would be allowed to admit students into the MBBS/BDS programmes from the 2016/2017 academic year:
 - a. All Medical and Dental schools must have an approved, and appropriately utilized, Clinical Skills/Simulation centre.
 - b. Ensure strict adherence to the proper use of the course system for all approved programmes in Nigerian Universities. The implication of the above is that a particular programme (subject) is taught not only broken into cluster units of 1-4 but also have the components of university supervised examinations. For clarity, current end of posting examinations (practiced by some medical/dental schools) that neither have units allocated nor follow the standards of a University examination, do not conform to the Minimum Academic Standards as established by the National Universities Commission.
 - c. Universities are strongly urged to immediately review their current methods of teaching medical and dental students to include more tutorials, self study group teaching, use of IT in the delivery of courses and simulation/competency based evaluations that must be signed by a lecturer not below the status of a senior lecturer. It must be noted that the confirmation of a successful simulation/competency based evaluation should be a mandatory requirement before the students are eligible to sit for the various professional/sessional examinations

3. Proprietors are urged to note the Essential Component changes of the new curriculum expected to be in use from the 2016/2017 academic session. Details of these changes are available in the New Minimum Academic standards booklet and at the National Universities Commission website. (www.nuc.edu.ng.) Major components include the following:
- (a) The approval of three alternative models viz;
- i. A seven year MBBS/BDS programme that encompass a mandatory seamless four-year acquisition of the B.Sc. (Basic Medical Science) with interest in either Anatomy/Physiology/Biochemistry. At the end of seven years, students would have acquired the Bachelor of Basic Medical Science, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees. In case of the dental programmes, the students would have acquired a degree in Basic Dental Science and Bachelor of Dental Surgery.
- ii. In order to allow for career change for interested non-medical health professionals, the Commission has also approved a four year programme leading to MBBS/BDS for interested and qualified graduates of Nursing, Pharmacology, Physiotherapy, Image Science, Paramedics, Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and Pharmacology. It must be noted for such to be considered for admission they must have at the WAEC/NECO levels minimum credit scores in Mathematics, English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology at one sitting, prior to the admissions for their first degrees. They must also have a good CGPA.
- iii. Admission into universities based on the current six year programme would be allowed to continue as suitable alternative based on the discretion of the University.
- iv. It should be noted and emphasized that all the above degrees have the Bachelor appellation as they remain undergraduate programmes.
- (b) Specific periods of posting to the department of Family Medicine. The obvious implication here is that, the Universities should create the Department of Family Medicine following their due process.
- (c) Redesignation of the Department of Pharmacology to the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics. The department is now expected to provide relevant basic clinical teaching and conduct relevant professional examination in Pharmacology. They will also be expected to provide relevant clinical teaching in Therapeutics. All Universities should set in motion the machinery to achieve the above.
4. In view of the above essential component changes of the new curriculum, the Commission will be organising a National training for Medical teachers in Nigerian Universities. Details of the training would be made available shortly.
5. Interested stakeholders are invited to send comments/suggestions on the above to: The Executive Secretary, NUC, okojie_julius@yahoo.com and copy to chiedu.mafiana@gmail.com

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RE-NOTICE OF VACANCIES AT ITU

The National Universities Commission (NUC), has received, through the Federal Ministry of Communications Technology, a circular notice on existing vacancy at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Geneva, Switzerland, for the post of Head, IT Applications & Operations, with notice no. 7P-206/TSB-OPD/EXTERNAL/P4 and Head, Accounts Division with notice no. 8P-2016/SG-FRMD/EXTERNAL/P5.

N.B Interested candidates are required to complete an on-line application form. The applicants are to refer to the section 'HOW TO APPLY,' on ITU web site: [http:// www.itu.int/employment/Requitment/index.html](http://www.itu.int/employment/Requitment/index.html), to download other requirements. The completed applications should be forwarded, through the Federal Ministry of Communications Technology, not later than 21/03/2016, for the two positions to the following address:

The Secretary General,
International Telecommunication Union,
Place de Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 20,
Switzerland.

Through: The Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Communications Technology, 2nd Floor, Annex 111, Federal Secretariat Complex, Abuja.
Attention: Director (Spectrum Management).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNESCO INTERNATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEE 2016 - 2019

The National Universities Commission (NUC) is in receipt of a call circular from the Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO, for nominations to the membership of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee (IBC), for a period of four years, from 2016 - 2019. Member States are invited to propose to the UNESCO Director-General, the names of suitable personalities for consideration for the renewal of one half of the membership, whose terms of office will expire by the end of 2015. Nominated candidates should include eminent personalities who are specialists in the Life Sciences, Social and Human Sciences including Law, Human Rights, Philosophy, Education and Communication, with the required competence and efficiency to perform the IBC's duties.

In line with UNESCO's commitment to promoting equity and fairness, the selection process will take into consideration cultural diversity and geographical representation for appropriate rotation and the need to ensure gender balance in the composition of the IBC.

Details of nominees should be forwarded with their Curriculum Vitae in soft copies via email to mamaidoh@yahoo.com on or before 16 October, 2015, to allow for processing and subsequent submission to the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris before the deadline of 14 December, 2015.

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

The National Universities Commission, cognizant of the need to streamline the operations of Part Time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities, had through a publication in the print media, including the Guardian and Sun Newspapers of Monday, 19th March, 2012, placed a moratorium on admission into parttime programmes in Nigerian universities. In the publication, the universities were requested to fully disclose all Part-Time and Sandwich programmes, with respect to enrolment and staffing profile, within four weeks of the publication, and to conduct in-house staff and student audit and forward same to the Commission. As a follow up to this, the Commission vide a letter dated 14 January, 2013, sent a reminder to the universities requesting those that were yet to provide information on their Part-Time and Sandwich programmes as well as affiliation arrangements to do so on or before 15 February, 2013.

2.0. Universities That Made Submission

Based on the submissions received, a total of forty (40) universities indicated that they would run Part-Time and Sandwich programmes as detailed below:

A. Federal Universities

1. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
2. University of Benin, Benin
3. University of Calabar, Calabar
4. University of Lagos
5. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
6. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt
7. University of Uyo, Uyo
8. University of Abuja, Abuja
9. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
10. Michael Okpara University, Umudike
11. Moddibbo Adamawa University of Technology, Yola
12. University of Agriculture, Markurdi
13. Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto
14. University of Jos, Jos

B. State Universities

1. Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State
2. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State
3. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State
4. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko, Ondo State
5. Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State
6. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ogun State
7. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt

8. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu State
9. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Port Harcourt
10. Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State
11. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso
12. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
13. Niger Delta University, Amasoma, Bayelsa State
14. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
15. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State
16. Cross River State University of Technology, Calabar
17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
18. Osun State University, Osun State
19. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State

C. Private Universities:

1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
4. Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State
6. Benson Idahosa University, Benin – City, Edo State
7. Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State
8. Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo, Ondo State

3.0. APPROVALS GRANTED TO UNIVERSITIES TO RUN PART-TIME/ SANDWICH PROGRAMMES.

Up to date, a total of thirty six (36) universities forwarded their completed documents, based on the approved format. Following the analysis of the submissions by the Department of Academic Standards and having satisfied the laid down guidelines for running Part – Time programme and Sandwich courses in Nigerian universities, all the thirty six (36) institutions were recommended to the Executive Secretary for approval. Consequent upon Executive Secretary's approval, letters were communicated to the universities accordingly. The universities are:

A. Federal Universities

1. University of Lagos
2. University of Port Harcourt
3. University of Calabar
4. University of Benin
5. University of Abuja
6. University of Uyo
7. University of Jos
8. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife
9. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka



10. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
11. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
12. Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto
13. Bayero University, Kano
- B. State Universities
1. Ekiti State University, Ado – Ekiti, Ekiti State
2. Cross River State University, Calabar, Cross River State
3. Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State
4. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rivers State
5. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State
6. Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State
7. Enugu State University of Science & Technology, Enugu State
8. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ogun State
9. Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt
10. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State
11. Benue State University, Makurdi, Benue State
12. Niger Delta University, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State
13. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
14. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba – Akoko, Ondo State
15. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
16. Osun State University, Osogbo, Osun State
17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
18. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State.

C. Private Universities

1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
4. Lead City university, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State
6. Benson Idahosa University, Benin – City, Edo State
7. Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo, Ondo State
8. Fountain University, Osogbo

Dr. Gidado Kumo

Director, Academic Standards

For: Executive Secretary

GUIDELINES ON PART-TIME AND SANDWICH PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

Below are guidelines for conducting Part-time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities. All universities currently operating Part-time programmes are expected to comply with the guidelines on programme by programme basis.

Consequently, universities still interested in running Part-time programmes are advised to forward fresh applications to the NUC on programme by programme basis.

This is, however, subject to the readiness of the university to comply with the following extant guidelines on part-time programmes:

1. The admission and graduation requirements, Staffing, Library and physical facilities requirements must be in line with the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) for the various full-time academic programmes;
2. For a programme to be eligible to run on part-time basis, the approved full-time equivalent must be available in the university, must have earned full accreditation and must be run within approved campuses;
3. The enrolment into part-time programmes must not exceed 20% of total students' population in the programme;
4. The minimum duration of the part-time programmes must be 150% of the approved duration of the Full-Time equivalent;
5. Approval shall not be granted for part-time programmes in Environmental Sciences, Engineering/Technology, Law, Medicine/Medical Sciences, Pharmacy /Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dentistry; and Veterinary Science;
6. All admissions into part-time programmes must be through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Part-time programmes must be run within approved campuses of universities where the human and material resources for the teaching of the programmes are domiciled, i.e. on the main campus of the university;
7. Part-time programmes shall be subjected to the NUC accreditation assessment upon maturity of the programme;
8. For any programme to be eligible for part-time mode, it must have produced two (2) sets of graduates and satisfied the Resource Verification Requirements.
9. Commencement of a part-time programme MUST be subject to NUC's approval. Approval of commencement of all parttime programmes must be obtained.

The National Universities Commission shall not hesitate to apply appropriate sanctions on any university which violates any of the stipulated Guidelines on Part-Time and Sandwich Programmes.

Signed
Management



LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

FEDERAL			STATE			PRIVATE		
S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979	1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	2	Madonna University, Okija	1999
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	5	Covenant University, Ota	2002
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho	1990	8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	9	Redeemers University, Ede, Osun State	2005
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	13	CETE P City University, Lagos	2005
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	14	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	15	Anambra State University, Uli	2000	15	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	16	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	17	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	18	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005
19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	19	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005
20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	20	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005
21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	21	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005
22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005
23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	23	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005
24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti Pupa.	2008	24	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006
25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	25	Caleb University, Lagos	2007
26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	26	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007
27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	27	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007
28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	28	Bukar Abba Ibrahim University, Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	28	Salem University, Lokoja	2007
29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	29	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007
30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	30	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	31	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007
32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007



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33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	33	The Achievers University, Owo	2007
34	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State	2011	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	34	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007
35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	35	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009
36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	36	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009
37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012	37	Northwest University, Kano	2012	37	Nigerian Turkish Nile, University, Abuja	2009
38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013	38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012	38	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009
39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausas	2013	39	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009
40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015	40	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009
						41	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009
						42	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011
						43	Baze University, Abuja	2011
						44	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011
						45	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011
						46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012
						47	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012
						48	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012
						49	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012
						50	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012
						51	Augustine, University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015
						52	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015
						53	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015
						54	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
						55	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
						56	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owghrode, Delta State	2015
						57	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
						58	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
						59	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
						60	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
						61	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015

- BOOK OF THE MONTH -

Book Title: Nigeria Yesterday Today

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Publisher: Safari Books Ltd

Place of Publication: Ibadan

Year of Publication: 2012

A book is a device to ignite the imagination

— Alan Bennett.

List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has observed with great concern that some Nigerian universities are running unapproved postgraduate programmes, leading to the award of Masters and PhD degrees. The Commission has also observed that some Parastatals and Institutes are awarding these same Postgraduate degrees, either on their own or through unapproved affiliations with Nigerian and foreign Universities. Such practices are not only unethical, but also antithetical to time-tested quality assurance best practices. The qualifications/awards resulting therefrom are not recognized. The Commission hereby notifies the general public that only the following universities have approval to offer postgraduate programmes at the Masters' and Ph.D levels in Nigeria, as of 30th July, 2012:

Federal Universities :

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| 1. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi | 13. University of Abuja, Gwagwalada |
| 2. Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria | 14. University of Agriculture, Abeokuta |
| 3. Bayero University, Kano | 15. University of Agriculture, Makurdi |
| 4. Federal University of Technology, Akure | 16. University of Benin, Benin City |
| 5. Federal University of Technology, Minna | 17. University of Calabar, Calabar |
| 6. Federal University of Technology, Owerri | 18. University of Ibadan, Ibadan |
| 7. Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike | 19. University of Ilorin, Ilorin |
| 8. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola | 20. University of Jos, Jos |
| 9. National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos. | 21. University of Lagos, Akoka |
| 10. Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna | 22. University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri |
| 11. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka | 23. University of Nigeria, Nsukka |
| 12. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife | 24. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt |

State Universities :

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| 1. Abia State University, Uturu | 12. Imo State University, Owerri |
| 2. Adamawa State University, Mubi | 13. Kogi State University, Anyigba |
| 3. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko | 14. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho |
| 4. Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma | 15. Lagos State University, Ojo. |
| 5. Anambra State University, Uli | 16. Nasarawa State University, Keffi |
| 6. Benue State University, Makurdi | 17. Niger-Delta University, Wilberforce Island |
| 7. Cross River University of Technology, Calabar | 18. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye |
| 8. Delta State University, Abraka | 19. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt |
| 9. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki | 20. Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina |
| 10. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti | 21. Gombe State University, Gombe |
| 11. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu | |

Private Universities :

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| 1. African University of Science and Technology, Abuja | 10. Caleb University, Lagos |
| 2. American University of Nigeria, Yola | 11. Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State |
| 3. Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo | 12. Nigerian Turkish Nile University, Abuja |
| 4. Benson Idahosa University, Benin City | 13. Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State |
| 5. Bowen University, Iwo | 14. Lead City University, Ibadan, (MSc. only) |
| 6. Covenant University, Ota | 15. University of Mkar, Mkar (MSc. only) |
| 7. Igbinedion University, Okada | 16. Madonna University Okija (MSc. only) |
| 8. Pan-African University, Lekki | 17. Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin (MSc. only) |
| 9. Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State | |

Employers of labour, educational institutions and other stakeholders are to note that only certificates issued by these universities, for their approved programmes, are valid for employment, further studies and other purposes. When in doubt about the status of any programme or certificate, the National Universities Commission should be contacted through webmaster@nuc.edu.ng and the following telephone numbers: 08027455412, 07054407741, 08067787753, 07039254081 and 07082024412 (FAX). Further information can also be obtained from the Commission's website: www.nuc.edu.ng

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Fourteen-Step Process for the Establishment of Private Universities in Nigeria

The National Universities Commission (NUC), wishes to announce to the general public, especially prospective promoters of private universities, the fourteen-step procedure for establishing private universities in Nigeria.

1. Application in writing stating the intent for the establishment of the university
2. Interview of prospective proprietors
3. Collection of application forms
4. Submission of application forms and relevant documents
5. Intensive review/analysis of documents by experts in

relevant NUC departments

6. Revision of documents by proprietors, based on report of SCOPU
7. Interactive meeting of SCOPU with the proposed university
8. First site assessment visit
9. Finalisation of document
10. Second (final) site assessment visit
11. Security screening of proprietors and Board of Trustees
12. Approval by NUC Management
13. Approval by NUC Board
14. Approval by FEC

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List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed “Degree Mills” have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act CAP E3 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. The “Universities” are:

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- 6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
- 8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
- 9) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
- 10) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 11) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- 13) Saint Augustine’s University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
- 14) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 15) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
- 24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 25) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- 27) Atlas University, Ikot Udosu Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 28) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegebe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure

- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State
- 38) Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja
- 39) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State
- 40) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State
- 41) Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja.
- 42) Temple University, Abuja
- 43) Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 44) National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State.
- 45) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos.
- 46) University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 47) Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 48) African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 49) Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study Centre.
- 50) Evangel University of America & Chudick Management Academic, Lagos
- 51) Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko Campus)
- 52) career Light Resources Centre, Jos
- 53) University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT
- 54) Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State
- 55) Kaduna Bussiness School, Kaduna
- 56) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger Delta
- 57) West African Union University in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nig., operating anywhere in Nigeria.

In addition to the closure, the following Degree Mills are currently undergoing further investigations and/or ongoing court actions. The purpose of these actions is to prosecute the proprietors and recover illegal fees and charges on subscribers.

- 1) National University of Nigeria, Keffi, Nasarawa State
- 2) North Central University, Otukpo, Benue State
- 3) Christ Alive Christian Seminary and University, Enugu
- 4) Richmond Open University, Arochukwu, Abia State.
- 5) West Coast University, Umuahia.
- 6) Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State
- 7) Volta University College, Aba, Abia State.
- 8) Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.

For the avoidance of doubt, anybody who patronises or obtains any certificate from any of these illegal institutions does so at his or her own risk. Certificates obtained from these sources will not be recognised for the purposes of NYSC, employment, and further studies.

The relevant Law enforcement agencies have also been informed for their further necessary action.

** This list of illegal institutions is not exhaustive.*

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This Week's Diary

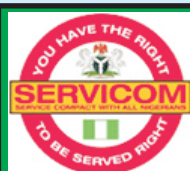
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This Week's Birthdays



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT
ORIABURE IYAYI	28 March	DESO
ALEX ANWOSU	28 March	DMSS
OBIANUJU MARYANNA EZENYI	29 March	DLOL
MARYAM OZIYEREMI SADIQ	29 March	DAS
AYODEJI ADETUTU ODEJOKE-MAXWELL	30 March	DRI
VICTORIA EBERE AKUMA	31 March	DSSS
UZOAMAKA ONYEKELU MIKE - MBANEFO	31 March	DESO
UMMA BABAF	31 March	DMSS
ABUBAKAR TAKUMA USMAN	1 April	DMSS
JOYCE RAYMOND IDIO	2 April	DAF
ONYEMAUCHE DONATUS MADUKA	2 April	DMSS

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