

THE AWARD OF POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
At the 21st Annual Award of Postgraduate Scholarship of the
S.O. Awokoya Foundation for Science Education
March 15th 2016- Muson Center
BY- DR. FOLA AWOKOYA

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Pascal Dozie

**Our Special Guest of Honour , Mr. Segun Ogunsanya, The
Chief Executive Officer of Airtel Network Ltd.**

Our Guest Speaker Professor Ivowi

**Our distinguished Honourees High Chief Dr. (Mrs) Awosika,
Engr. Dr. Lalude and Engr Dr. Olumide Phillips**

Our reviewer, Dr. Femi Olugbile

Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

1.

It is my distinct honor and privilege to present the 2016

Awardees of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation For

Science Education Postgraduate Scholarship.

2.

**When the Awokoya Foundation was started in 1995, some
21years ago, it was formed with the primary objective of
promoting science and science education in institutions of
higher learning in Nigeria. In furtherance of this primary
objective, the Foundation has made yearly awards of**

postgraduate scholarship for studies in the area of science and science education.

Our approach to the awarding of postgraduate scholarships is to reward excellence. The scholarship is awarded to the best students nominated from all the universities participating.

SLIDE 1

In the area of scholarship award, the Foundation has made a total of ninety two (92) postgraduate scholarship awards to date.

SLIDE 2

The course programs that the postgraduate scholarship awards have been used for have included, for the masters course;

**Biochemistry
Biological Sciences
Chemical Engineering
Chemistry
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Construction Engineering Technology
Human Nutrition
Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering
Pharmacology
Physics
Physiology
Production Engineering
Public Health
Science Education
and Special Education**

For the Ph.D. program, the courses have included

**Cardiovascular Medicine
Chemical Pathology
Clinical Pharmacy
Dental Surgery
Maths Education
Mechanical Engineering
Medicine
Paediatric Medicine
Pharmaceutics
Preventive Dentistry
and
Science Education**

SLIDE 3

The beneficiaries of these awards have come from twenty one (21) different universities, with the Candidates from the University of Lagos receiving twenty six (26) awards ,

The University of Nigeria, Nsukka receiving Twelve (12) awards, while University of Ibadan had Eleven (11) awards,

Covenant University and Nnamdi Azikwe University and Obafemi Awolowo University have had five (5) awards each. University of Benin has had four (4) awards.

Ladoke Akintola University and University of Ilorin have received three (3) awards each.

While Ahmadu Bello University, Bells University Of Technology , Lagos State University, Redeemers University, University Of Agriculture- Abeokuta and University of Port-Harcourt have all received two(2) awards each.

The rest of the universities in the list have all received one (1) award each. These include Bowen University, Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Ado Bayero University, Federal University Of Technology, Minna, Olabisi Onabanjo University and the University Of Maiduguri.

SLIDE 4

The process for the award of the scholarship starts with the nomination of candidates by the deans of the various faculties or heads of departments related to science or science education at the tertiary institutions in Nigeria. The nominees are expected to be the best graduating students from the various tertiary institutions.

The scholarship awardees are chosen based on excellence in educational performance, stated long-term objectives and an interview of the shortlisted candidates by the Board of Trustees.

It is important to note that the scholarship is not based on need but on excellence in educational performance.

In order to qualify for this award, you have to be very good in your educational performance both in your university and in comparison to other students in other universities.

The Awokoya Foundation scholarship is a reward for excellence and it is aimed at encouraging excellence in educational performance.

It is an award for the best of the best.

SLIDE 5

This year, we had 133 nominations from 33 universities.

The distribution of the nominations is shown on this slide, starting with 27 nominations from the University Of Agriculture, Abeokuta.

**Sixteen (16) nominations from the Nnamdi Azikwe , University
University Of Benin with 9 nominations Enugu State Uni. Of
Science & Technology with 8 nominations Ambrose Alli
University with 7 University Of Lagos with 6 Five (5)
nominations each from Bells University Of Technology,
Ahmadu Bello University and Obafemi Awolowo University.
Four (4) nominations each from Federal University Of
Technology, Akure, Ajayi Crowther University,
Bowen University, and Joseph Ayo Babalola University.**

**Three (3) nominations each from
the University Of Ilorin,
Federal University of Technology
Benue State University, Makurdi.
And
Ekiti State University**

**There were two (2) applications each from
The University Of Uyo,
Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University ,
University Of Abuja,
Federal University of Technology, Minna,
University Of Port Harcourt**

**and
the University Of Ibadan**

**The rest of the universities had one (1) nomination each
including**

**University Of Calabar,
Kwara State University,
Ladoke Akintola University Of Technology,
Kano University Of Science & Technology
Gombe State University,
Imo State University, Owerri,
Ado Bayero University,
Igbinedion University
and Usman Danfodio University**

SLIDE 6

Out of the 133 nominations, there were

- 82 First Class Graduates or graduates with Distinctions**
- 43 Second Class Upper Honours Graduates**
- 12 Not Classified. This includes courses like Medicine**

**I must mention that almost a quarter of the nominations
arrived too late to be considered for the scholarship awards.**

**The cut-off date was the end of January 2016. All the
nominations that arrived after that date were not considered as
the award decisions had already been taken.**

SLIDE 7

The postgraduate scholarship award covers tuition and Board.

The value is now Two Hundred Thousand Naira (N=200,000) per student per annum.

It is renewable each year, for a maximum of three years, provided the awardee maintains a good record of academic performance as attested to by the authorities of the university he or she attends.

It is tenable in any Nigerian university.

For nominees that have admission into foreign universities, we convert the scholarship into a travel grant.

SLIDE 8

This year we have eight (8) postgraduate scholarship awardees chosen from the nominations received.

SLIDE 9

The first awardee for the Postgraduate Scholarship of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation for Science Education for the year 2016 is Mr. Daniel Damilare Adeleke.

Mr. Adeleke, please come up to the rostrum.

Mr. Adeleke attended the Tomia Community Junior and Secondary Schools in Alagbado , Lagos for his secondary schooling. He had 9 distinctions in his Senior School Certificate exams and later went to study Civil Engineering at the University of Benin, where he graduated with a First Class

degree, with Cummulative Grade Average of 4.793. He was the best graduating student from the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Benin in the 2014/2015 academic year.

Mr. Adeleke intends to pursue a Masters course in Civil Engineering.

SLIDE 10

The second awardee is Mr. Olaposi Titilope Lawore.

Mr. Lawore, please come up to the rostrum.

Mr. Lawore attended the University of Lagos Staff School for his primary schooling and the International School at the University of Lagos for his secondary schooling. He got eight (8) distinctions in his Senior School Certificate exams. He later attended University of Lagos, where he studied Architecture and graduated with a Fist Class Honours degree, with a cumulative grade point average of 4.70. He was best graduating student in Architecture in the year 2015.

Mr. Lawore intends to pursue a Masters degree in Architecture.

SLIDE 11

The third awardee is Dr. Bala Ningi Umar.

Dr. Umar, please come up to the rostrum.

Dr. Umar is from Ningi in Bauchi State. He went to primary school at the Manu Memorial Secondary School, at Ningi in Bauch State.

He did his secondary schooling at Government College, Toro in Bauchi State. He got four distinctions out of 9 subjects including three (3) A1 s in his SSC Exams. He later gained admission into the Ahmadu Bello University to study Veterinary Medicine. He graduated with doctor of veterinary medicine degree and was the best graduating student in his class with cummulative grade point average of 4.78.

Dr. Umar intends to pursue a Master of Science degree in veterinary pharmacology and toxicology.

SLIDE 12

The fourth awardee is Miss. Esse Michelle Aigbokhan.

Miss. Aigbokhan please come up to the rostrum.

Miss Aigbokhan attended Aunty Ayo International School in Ikoyi, Lagos for her primary and secondary schooling.

She got six (6) distinctions in the eight subjects she took in her SSC exams.

She studied Biomedical Engineering at the Bell University of Technology in Ota, Ogun State, where she graduated with a B.Sc First Class honours degree with a cumulative grade point average of 4.71. She was the best graduating student in the Department of Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering in 2015.

Miss. Aigbokhan will be pursuing a postgraduate degree in Biomedical Engineering.

SLIDE 13

The fifth awardee is Mr. Obiora Clement Okafor

Mr. Okafor, please come up to the rostrum.

Mr. Okafor attended Command Day Secondary School in Enugu for his secondary schooling and the Anambra State University , Uli Campus , now called Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, where he studies Mechanical Engineering.

He got eight (8) distinctions out of the nine subjects he sat for in his SSC exams, including 5 A1s.

He graduated from the Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University with a first class honours degree in mechanical engineering, with a cumulative grade point average of 4.8.

Mr. Okafor will be pursuing a Masters degree in mechanical engineering

SLIDE 14

The sixth awardee is Mr. Oladipupo Francis Ayoola.

Mr. Ayoola , please come up to the rostrum.

Mr. Ayoola attended Tuyo Nursery and Primary School in Papa Ajao, Mushin , Lagos and the Federal Science and Technical College in Ijebu-Mushin in Ogun State for his secondary schooling. He later attended the University of Lagos, where he studied Electrical & Electronics Engineering.

He had eight (8) distinctions in the 9 subjects he took in his SSC exams and graduated at the top of his class with a first class honours B.Sc degree and 4.91 cumulative grade point average.

Mr Ayoola will be pursuing a Masters degree course in Electrical/Electronics engineering.

SLIDE 15

The seventh awardee is Mr. Temitope Oluwaseun Okesanya

.

Mr. Okesanya , please come up to the rostrum.

Mr. Okesanya attended the Palmgroove Nursery and Primary School in Benin City. For secondary schooling he attended Greater Tomorrow Secondary School in GRA Benin City and finished at Caleb International College, Lekki Lagos, where he sat for his SSC exams. He had eight (8) distinctions in the eight subjects he sat for including 4 A1.

He later attended the University of Lagos where he studied Petroleum and Gas Engineering. He graduated with first class honours degree in petroleum and gas engineering with a cumulative grade point average of 4.93.

He was the best graduating student in his department and the Faculty of Engineering in 2014/2015 academic session.

Mr. Okesanya will be pursuing a Masters degree in Petroleum and Gas Engineering.

Ladies and Gentlemen the eighth and final awardee of today is Mr. Tolulope Ayo Oladele.

SLIDE 16

Mr. Oladele, please come up to the rostrum.

Mr. Oladele attended Saint Claire Nursery and Primary School in Osogbo, followed by secondary schooling also at Osogbo at the Our Lady and Saint Francis Catholic College. Mr. Oladele got Nine (9) distinctions in the nine subjects he took in SSC exams, including six A1.

He then gained admission to Bowen University, where he studied computer science and information technology.

He graduated as the best graduating student in his department with a B.Sc first class honours degree in computer science and information technology and a cumulative grade point average of 4.84.

Mr. Oladele will be pursuing post graduate studies in computer science.

SLIDE 17

Ladies and Gentlemen: , please congratulate the distinguished awardees of the 21st Annual Postgraduate Scholarship award of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation for Science Education

Mr. Daniel Damilare Adeleke

Mr. Olaposi Titilope Lawore

Dr. Bala Ningi Umar

Miss. Esse Michelle Aigbokhan

Mr. Obiora Clement Okafor

Mr. Oladipupo Francis Ayoola

Mr. Temitope Oluwaseun Okesanya

and

Mr. Tolulope Ayo Oladele

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation for Science Education, I congratulate you all.

I wish you every success in your academic endeavors

Dr. Fola Awokoya

Member, Board of Trustees