

THE AWARD OF POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
At the 24th Annual Award of Postgraduate Scholarship of the S.O. Awokoya
Foundation for Science Education
March 19th 2019- Muson Center
BY- DR. FOLA AWOKOYA

Mr. Chairman, His Royal Highness Dr. Adedapo Tejuoso
Our Special Guest of Honour , Mr. Kayode Sofola
Our Guest Speaker Professor Adetokunbo Fabamwo
Our distinguished Honourees Chief (Dr.) Tunde Afolabi
and
Dr A.B. C Orjiako
Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

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It is my distinct honor and privilege to present the 2019
Awardees of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation For
Science Education Postgraduate Scholarship.

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When the Awokoya Foundation was started in 1995, some 24years 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.

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In the area of scholarship award, the Foundation has made a total of One
Hundred and Thirteen (113) postgraduate scholarship awards to date.

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The course programs that the postgraduate scholarship award
have been used for have included, for the masters course;
Architecture
Biochemistry
Biological Sciences
Biomedical Engineering

**Chemical Engineering
Chemistry
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Constuction Engineering Technology
Human Nutrition
Information Technology
Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering
Mechatronics
Microbiology
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**

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The beneficiaries of these awards have come from twenty seven (27) different universities. The distribution of the one hundred and thirteen (113) scholarship awards among the 25 universities is shown on this slide.

The top five(5) universities are;
University of Lagos with twenty nine (29) awards ,
The University of Nigeria, Nsukka with Fourteen (14) awards
University of Ibadan with Twelve (12) awards,
Nnamdi Azikwe University with Seven awards,
Covenant University and Obafemi Awolowo University with six (6) awards each.

This then tapers down to the last twelve universities with one award each. This set includes for the first time Afe Bablola University and The Federal University of Technology Akure, which are just receiving awards for the first time this year.

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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 among the best.

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This year, we had 150 nominations from 42 universities. The distribution of the nominations is shown on this slide, The top three universities with the highest number of nominations were;

**The University of Lagos with 21 nominations .
Federal University of Technology, Akure with twelve(12) nominations and
Sokoto State University with ten(10) nominations**

**On the low end of the number of nominations are the last fifteen (15)
universities with one(1) nomination each, from Abia State University to the
University of Jos on the bottom right hand side of the slide.**

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Out of the 150 nominations, there were

- 111 First Class Graduates or graduates with Distinctions**
- 33 Second Class Upper Honours Graduates**
- 6 Not Classified . This includes courses like Medicine
and current students**

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**The postgraduate scholarship award covers tuition and Board.
The value is now Three Hundred Thousand Naira (N=300,000) 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.**

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

**The first awardee for the Postgraduate Scholarship of the
Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation for Science Education
for the year 2019 is Mr. Joshua Adewolu.**

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Mr. Adewolu, please come up to the rostrum.

Mr. Adewolu attended the Neebenebor International School in Benin City for his primary schooling and the Igbinedion Education Centre also in Benin-City for his secondary schooling.

He had 9 distinctions out of nine (9) subjects in his Senior School Certificate exams and later went to study Mechatronics Engineering at the Afe Babalola University in Ado-Ekiti, where he graduated with a First Class honours degree, with a cumulative Grade point average of 4.88. He was the best graduating student in the Department of Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering of the Afe Babalola University for the 2017/2018 session.

Mr Adewolu intends to pursue a masters course in Mechatronics Engineering.
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The second awardee is Miss Oseremen Joy Idialu.

Miss Idialu, please come up to the rostrum.

Miss Idialu went to Word of Faith primary and secondary schools, both in Abuja. She had eight (8) distinctions in the nine(9) subjects she sat for in her SSCE exams. She later went to Redeemer's University where she studied computer science. She graduated with a first class degree in Computer Science with a cumulative grade point average of 4.98. Her cumulative grade point average of 4.98 was the highest ever recorded at Redemmer's University

Miss Idialu will be going for a Master of science degree in computer science.
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The third awardee is Mr. Laughter Fiyinfoluwa Olagunju

Mr. Olagunju, please come up to the rostrum.

Mr. Olagunju attended both the Sundest Progressive College and Our Lady and St. Francis Catholic College in Osogbo, Osun State for his secondary schooling.

He got 8 distinctions including 5 A1s in the nine courses he took in his senior school certificate exams.

He later attended Federal University of Technology, Akure, where he studied Architecture and graduated with a First Class Honours degree, with a

cumulative grade point average of 4.57. He was the best graduating student in 2017/2018 set.

Mr. Olagunju intends to pursue a masters degree in Architecture.

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The fourth awardee is Miss Adedoyin Olutoyin Adeyemi.

Miss Adeyemi please come up to the rostrum.

Miss Adeyemi attended Cenfex High School in Mokola Estate in Ibadan, Oyo State, for her secondary schooling.

She got nine(9) distinctions in the nine subjects she took in her SSC exams. including four(4) A1s.

She studied Microbiology at the University of Ibadan, where she graduated with a B.Sc First Class honours degree with a cumulative grade point average of 6.7 out of a maximum of 7. She was the best graduating student in Microbiology for her set.

Miss Adeyemi will be pursuing a postgraduate degree in microbiology.

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The fifth awardee is Mr. Obinwanne Enewally

Mr. Enewally, please come up to the rostrum.

Mr Enewally attended the International School at the Universty of Lagos for his secondary schooling.

He got eight (8) distinctions out of the nine subjects he sat for in his SSC exams , including 4 A1s.

He later attended the University of Lagos, where he studied Pharmacy and graduated with a cumulative grade point average of 4.87 out of a maximum of 5.

Mr. Enewally will be pursuing a masters degree in pharmacy.

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Our sixth awardee is Mr. Chukwuemeka Nwagu

Mr Nwagu, please come up to the rostrum.

Mr Nwagu attended the University of Nigeria Primary School and Secondary School in Nsukka for his primary and secondary schooling.

He got nine (9) distinctions out of the nine subjects he sat for in his SSC exams , including 7 A1s.

He later attended University of Nigeria, Nsukka, where he studied Electronic Engineering and graduated with the best results in his department with a first class honours and cumulative grade point average of 4.83 out of a maximum of 5.0 .

Mr. Nwagu will be pursuing a master's degree in electronic engineering.

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Our seventh awardee is Miss Patience Nnena Abugu

Miss Abugu, please come up to the rostrum.

Miss Abugu attended the Housing Estate Nursery and Primary School , Abakpa-Nike, Enugu for her primary schooling. She also attended Aunty Alice College in Maramba, Nasarawa State and Federal Government Girls College , Bwari, Abuja for her secondary schooling.

She got nine (9) distinctions out of the nine subjects she sat for in her SSC exams , including 8 A1s.

She later attended University of Nigeria, Nsukka, where she studied Pure and Industrial Chemistry and graduated with a first class honours and a cumulative grade point average of 4.84 out of a maximum of 5.0 .

Miss Abugu will be pursuing a masters degree in pure and industrial chemistry.

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Ladies and Gentlemen , the eight and final awardee of today is from the chemical and petroleum engineering department of the University of Lagos.

I would like to say a few words about the department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering of the University of Lagos.

We don't get nominations every year from that department, but whenever we do, their nominated candidates tend to top our charts and metrics.

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Ladies and Gentlemen , the eight and final awardee of today is Mr. Adeola Adeyemo.

Mr. Adeyemo, please come up to the rostrum.

Mr. Adeyemo attended Maryland Convent Private School in Maryland , Lagos for his primary schooling and the Apostolic Faith Secondary School in Anthony , Lagos for his secondary schooling.

He had nine (9) distinctions in the 9 subjects that he took in his SSC exams including seven (7) A1.

He later attended the University of Lagos to study Chemical and Petroleum Engineering .

He graduated at the top of his class with a first class honours B.Sc degree in Petroleum & Gas Engineering and 4.92 cumulative grade point average, with a GPA scale of a maximum of 5.0.

He was the President of the Student Chapter of the Society of Petroleum Engineers in his final year 2017/2018

Mr. Adeyemo will be pursuing a postgraduate degree in Petroleum and Gas Engineering,

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Ladies and Gentlemen: , please congratulate the distinguished awardees of the 24th Annual Postgraduate Scholarship award of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation for Science Education

Mr. Adeola Adeyemo

Miss Patience Abugu

Mr. Chukwuemeka Nwagu

Mr.Obinwanne Enewally

Miss Adedoyin Adeyemi

Mr. Laughter Olagunju

Miss Osemeren Idialu

and

Mr. Joshua Adewolu

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 Ph.D.(Engr.)
Member, Board of Trustees**