

THE AWARD OF POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
At the 27th Annual Award of Postgraduate Scholarship of the
S.O. Awokoya Foundation for Science Education
March 18th 2025- Muson Center
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Mr. Chairman, Chief Wole Olanipekun
Our Special Guest of Honour , Dr. Olutoyin Okeowo
Guest Speaker Professor Eyitope Ogunbodede
Our distinguished Honourees
Professor Ogbemi Omatete
Ms Funke Opeke

and

Engr. Austin Avuru

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 2025
Awardees of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation For
Science Education Postgraduate Scholarship.

When the Awokoya Foundation was started in 1995, some
30 years 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, Technology, Engineering, and
Mathematics (STEM).

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.

In the area of scholarship award, the Foundation has made yearly awards of postgraduate scholarship for studies in the area of science and science education for the past 30 years, except for the covid years of 2021 to 2023.

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The Foundation has made a total of One Hundred and Thirty Four (134) postgraduate scholarship awards to date

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The course programs that the postgraduate scholarship award have been used for covers a broad range of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) courses;

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The 134 total number of scholarships awarded to date have gone to beneficiaries from thirty (30) different universities.

The top five(5) universities benefiting from these 134 awards to date are shown on this slide with;

University of Lagos having thirty one (31) awards,

and ending with

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Covenant University having eight (8) awards.**

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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.

The interview this year was done via Zoom

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 153 nominations from 56 universities.
The distribution of the nominations is shown on this slide,**

**The top ten universities with the highest number of
nominations are shown on this slide.**

**With Landmark University having 15 nominations, to the
University of Lagos having 4 nominations**

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Out of the 153 nominations, there were

- 111 First Class Graduates or graduates with Distinctions**
- 32 Second Class Upper Honours Graduates**
- 10 without transcript automatically disqualifying the
application.**

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The postgraduate scholarship award covers tuition and Board.

**The value is Five Hundred Thousand Naira (N=500,000) 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.**

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This year we have seven (7) 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 2025 is Miss. Ifeoluwapo Oseni.

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Miss Oseni please come up to the rostrum.

Miss Oseni attended St Mary's School and Roemichs International School respectively for her primary and secondary schooling , both in Ilorin Kwara State, She had Nine(9) distinctions in the nine subjects she took in the SSCE exams, including 4 A1s. She later attended Babcock University where she studied anatomy and got a first class honours degree with a cumulative grade point average of 4.71.

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**The second awardee is Miss Elizabet Akanni
Miss Akanni, please come up to the rostrum.**

Miss Akanni, attended the International School of the University of Ibadan for her secondary schooling. She had 9 distinctions out of nine (9) subjects in her Senior School Certificate exams, including five A1. She later went to the University of Ilorin, where she graduated with a first class degree in Nursing Science, with a cumulative grade point average of 4.81.

Ms. Akanni intends to pursue a masters course in Nursing Science.

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The third awardee is Mr. Israel Obodeh.

Mr. Obodeh, please come up to the rostrum.

Mr. Obodeh attended the Hortative Comprehensive College in Akute, Ogun State, where he got nine(9) distinctions in his SSCE exams including 3 A1s.

He later went to the Delta State University, Abraka, where he graduated with a first class/distintion in pharmacy with a cumulative grade point average of 4.91.

Mr. Obodeh will be going for a Master of science degree in Pharmacy.

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The fourth awardee is Mr. Oreoluwa Onanuga.

Mr. Onanuga , please come up to the rostrum.

Mr. Onanuga attended Praiseland Schools and Praiseland College in Ota, Ogun State for his primary and secondary schooling respectively.

He got eight(8) distinctions in the 9(nine) subjects he sat for with 4 A1s in his SSCE exams.

He later attended the Federal University of Agriculture , Abeokuta to study electrical and electronics engineering. He graduated with a first class B.Sc. honours degree with a cumulative grade point average of 4.82

Mr. Onanuga intends to pursue a masters degree in electrical and electronics engineering.

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The fifth awardee is Miss Amarachi Eze.

Miss Eze please come up to the rostrum.

Miss Eze attended the Dayton Model School, in Oro Igwe, Delta State for her primary schooling and the Queens College, Yaba, Lagos for her secondary schooling.

Miss Eze got 8 distinctions in the 9 subjects she took in her SSCE exams including 4 A1. She later went to the University of Nigeria, Nsukka to study Pharmaceutical Science, where she graduated with a first class honours B.Sc degree with a cumulative grade average of 4.98.

She was the best overall graduating student in both the faculty and the university in 2023

Miss Eze will be pursuing a masters degree in pharmaceutical science.

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The sixth awardee is Miss Priscilla Ojo.

Miss Ojo please come up to the rostrum.

Miss Ojo attended the St. Annes Secondary School in Kaduna State.

She got 8 distinctions in the 9 subjects she took in her SSCE exams including 5 A1s. She later went to the Landmark University in Kwara State to study Biochemistry, where she graduated with a first class honours B.Sc degree with a cumulative grade average of 4.98.

She was the best overall graduating student in both the faculty and the university in 2023

Miss Ojo will be pursuing a masters degree in biochemistry.

Ladies and Gentlemen , the final awardee of today is Mr. Tochukwu Egwuchika

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Mr. Egwuchika please come up to the rostrum.

Mr. Egwuchka attended the Shalom International School and Shalom Academy for his primary and secondary schooling, respectively, both in Nsukka.

He got 9 distinctions in the 9 subjects he took in his SSCE exams including 7 A1.

He later attended the Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka to study Electronics and Computer Engineering.

He graduated with a First Class honours degree with a cumulative grade point average of 4.95.

He was the best graduating student in his class.

Mr. Egwuchika will be pursuing a postgraduate program in electronics/computer engineering .

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Ladies and Gentlemen: , please congratulate the distinguished awardees of the 27th Annual Postgraduate Scholarship award of the Stephen Oluwole Awokoya Foundation for Science Education

Mr. Tochukwu Egwuchika

Miss Priscilla Ojo

Miss Amarachi Eze

Miss Ifeoluwapo Oseni

Mr. Oreoluwa Onanuga

Mr. Israel Obodeh

and

Miss Elizabeth Akanni

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**