



AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON NEW PEDAGOGIES IN ENGINEERING EDUCATION (ACENPEE)

SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

Background

The Africa Center of Excellence on New Pedagogies in Engineering Education (ACENPEE) is proud to honour academically talented and exceptionally skilled students with a variety of scholarships. The Center will annually award more than \$50,000 in scholarships to regional graduate students as funded by the World Bank and as accrued to the Center based on the disbursement linked indicators (DLIs). The objective of this scholarship policy document is to provide details of how the Africa Center of Excellence on New Pedagogies in Engineering Education (ACENPEE) manages the selection and award process for Scholarships. This document ensures that the management of the Scholars is consistent with the World Bank guidelines. The Scholarships are part of a broader framework within the Center. Therefore, the Scholarship program aims to have a clear and transparent framework, policy and process that is responsive and targeted toward student success.

ACENPEE has a number of Scholarships available to students based on academic merit and leadership potential. Scholarships may be provided for partial or full tuition fees and the award of such Scholarships is at the discretion of the Selection Panel.

(a) The purpose of the academic merit aspect of the Scholarship is to provide students with a reward for academic excellence. A weighted average of 60% or above in subjects is the minimum academic requirement for granting of a Scholarship. Specific requirements and weighted averages are outlined in the conditions of each Scholarship.

(b) The purpose of the leadership aspect of the Scholarships is to invest in exemplary individuals who are likely to drive strong socio-economic outcomes in society throughout their careers.

There are two categories of Award:

1. The Centre awards scholarships to postgraduate candidates to enable them undertake higher degree studies in ACENPEE at Masters and Doctorate levels and for short professional training in engineering education and ICT.
2. ACENPEE awards scholarships on the basis of the need to acquire technological skill sets (Digital literacy, Entrepreneurship, Leadership and project management and

teaching pedagogies) to enhance the quality of the teaching of engineering courses and as a spin-off, serve as a boost to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education. The scholarship beneficiaries are expected to contribute actively to development in their countries.

Scholarship to be taken at:

Africa Centre of Excellence on New Pedagogies in Engineering Education (ACENPEE), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria.

Priority Fields

- Tuition (\$500)
- Living expenses (\$900)
- Books and School supplies (200/PhD, 150/Msc)
- Travel (\$500)
- Consular services (100)
- Research and publication (\$200/PhD, \$150/MSc)
- English language training for non-English speakers (\$100)

Commencement

2020

Type

Masters and Doctorate Degrees

Eligibility

To be considered for a postgraduate scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Citizen of African country
- **Minimum academic requirement:** Bachelor's or Master's degree or equivalent for Masters and Doctorate Degrees, or a minimum of 5 credits at O'Levels for short courses. For PhD applicants, a weighted average of 60% or above in subjects taken is the minimum academic requirement for granting of a scholarship
- Demonstrate a clear vision of how the training will be used to fill gaps and make reform in their home countries
- Satisfactory English or French proficiency to enable full participation in a training course delivered in English or French
- Satisfy all requirements of the Nigerian Government for the appropriate student visa.

Target Group

- Nationals of African Countries.

- Qualified candidate who wish to undertake a Masters or Doctorate degree in one of the Centre's fields of study.
- Candidates who have a clear agenda on how the knowledge and training gained through the programme will fill gaps in their proposed field of study.
- **Gender Equality:** ACENPEE targets equal participation of females and males. Applications from female candidates are strongly encouraged, and mechanisms are in place to support female applicants and awardees. Full scholarships will be awarded to regional female candidates where eligibility is proven.
- **Disability Inclusion:** ACENPEE aims to ensure that people with disabilities are given fair and equal opportunity to apply and obtain a scholarship.
- Special consideration will be given to Regional candidates (West African Sub-Region)

Number of Scholarships

Fifteen (15) for Masters Students, Five (5) for Doctorate Degree students

Value of Scholarships

The scholarship budget is valued at \$2,400 for Masters' student, \$2,500 for Doctorate degree

Duration of Scholarship

For the duration of candidate's programme, and renewed annually for academic programs. No scholarship would be allowed beyond the duration of the course.

The Process

- ACENPEE will place an advert in two National dailies and on their website as well as send fliers to other regional ACE Centres, use ACENPEE social media handles and contact relevant embassies for student recruitment.
- ACENPEE opens the portal (scholarship.nitda.gov.ng) for application, which will be open for 12 weeks from the date of advert.
- Applications will be reviewed and screened
- Successful applicants are notified through email and SMS.
- Verification of original certificates and oral interview of successful applicants.
- Release of award letters to successful candidates.

Application Process

Application Forms can be obtained on <https://www.acenpee.edu.ng>: and closes 12 weeks from the date of publication

Requirements

MSc

1. A minimum of Second Class Upper (2.1) qualification in the first degree or its equivalent
2. Possession of five (5) O/level credits or its equivalent, including English or French language.

PhD

1. A minimum of Second Class Upper (2.1) or its equivalent in their first degree and a good second-degree certificate;
2. Must submit a research proposal (of not more than five (5) pages) to include: Topic, introduction, objective, methodology and expected results

English Language Requirements: Applicants whose first language is not English are usually required to provide evidence of proficiency in English at the higher level required by ACENPEE

Required Documents

Applicants are advised to scan copies of all relevant academic documents and attach to their online application form.

NOTE:

Special consideration will be given to regional students.

How to apply for ACENPEE scholarship award

- Application Form must be requested online: Go to <https://www.acenpee.edu.ng>
- Choose a course (Masters, Doctorate Degree)
- Carefully read the eligibility criteria to check that you are eligible to apply
- Fill in the details, upload relevant documents and submit request
- Acknowledgement will be sent via Email address

Check list:

1. Completed application form
2. Recent passport-size photograph
3. Certified copies of academic certificates and transcripts
4. Certified copies of passport or national identity card indicating citizenship
5. Two (2) reference letters with contact

No additional documents can be submitted other than those listed above in the required format, unless specifically requested by the ACENPEE Secretariat. No applications will be considered if received after the submission deadline or if they do not strictly meet the guidelines, notably as concerns the specified format.

Selection Process

Scholarships in ACENPEE are highly competitive and only applicants who are outstanding across board are selected. A selection committee will be constituted to assess applications using the following criteria;

- Academic merit as evidenced by quality of degrees, full academic transcripts, and relevant publications to be referenced by applicants
- The viability of the study/research plan (PhD Applicants only).
- Applicants are required to make a case for their scholarship by submitting a statement of purpose (maximum 500 words) stating the reason(s) they want to undertake the study, and a proposed research concept note (maximum 1500 words) . These documents should show the potential to impact on national development (MSc and PhD Applicants only).

After the application deadline, all applications will be evaluated by the selection Committee of ACENPEE. At Stage 1, the Selection Committee will screen applications as per the set eligibility criteria and seek evaluations from a scientific committee comprising all the Academic Members of ACENPEE. At Stage 2, the Selection Committee will seek evaluations from the Project Management Committee Members of ACENPEE for the final decision. In submitting their application to ACENPEE for scholarships, the applicant acknowledges and accepts the fact that the identity of reviewers will not be disclosed. Decision regarding all submitted applications for scholarship will be published on ACENPEE website approximately 8 weeks after the application deadline.

Scholarship Acceptance and Terms

Acceptance of an individual scholarship award is an agreement to the terms and conditions of that award as well as all policies governing the scholarships. Every student's financial award package is subject to audit with the final determination to be made by the Project Management Committee Members in compliance with the World Bank regulations. A student's scholarship funds may not exceed in-state direct costs (tuition, fees, room and board). If the student also receives external scholarships, the total of all funds cannot exceed the total direct and indirect costs of education. Indirect costs include allowances for personal expenses and transportation.

- ACENPEE reserves the right to adjust individual scholarship awards after letters have been accepted to ensure it is in line with approved policy.
- Renewable awards are contingent upon maintaining a minimum grade point average, and meeting all other conditions of the renewal criteria as specified.
- All ACENPEE scholarships will be visible on the students' portal and will be automatically disbursed to their accounts before lecture begins.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is a fundamental concept underlying the educational enterprise of ACENPEE. We are committed to honesty, fairness, trust, respect, and taking responsibility

for our actions. All students are expected to abide by the principles of academic integrity and the ACENPEE Student Code of Conduct. All policies and procedures described are subject to change. All statements in this publication concerning requirements, dollar amounts, conditions or other matters are for informational purposes only and are subject to change without notice.

Questions

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The answers to questions may be published on the ACENPEE website.