



BUK Launches ₦16m Female P.G. Scholars Fellowship

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Bayero University Kano has launched a female scholars fellowship scheme, funded by a MacArthur grant worth over 16 million Naira (\$100,000) to support female academic staff development. Letters of award were presented by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR to some of the first batch of 19 female academics pursuing their PhD and Masters programmes, last Friday, 5th April, 2013.

In a ceremony at the Senate Chambers, the Vice Chancellor said BUK is committed to supporting female academics in order to complete their P.G. programmes successfully. He urged the awardees to double their effort to surmount the challenges facing them, noting that beneficiaries of the scheme can still benefit from the University research grant. The VC added that female academics over the last couple of years have not been found wanting in their various departments, notwithstanding the challenges they

face compared to their male counterparts.

The Chairman of the MacArthur Grant Implementation Committee (MAGIC), who is also the DVC Academics, Professor Yahuza Bello, speaking at the occasion, said some female academics are making great sacrifices to study outside BUK, specializing in areas not available in the University. He gave instance of staff that defied challenges to go to ABU and Unilag to pursue postgraduate programmes, and urged the scholars to use the money for the specific purpose it was given.

The MacArthur grant is part of the measures taken to make BUK gender mainstreaming-compliant by boosting the number of female staff, which is rather less than it should be at the moment. Both the VC and DVC, explained that the University was ready to fund female scholars for a short visit abroad to research their specialist areas, as part of their P.G. studies.

Speaking on behalf of the awardees, Hajara Umar Sanda of the Department of Mass Communication and a PhD candidate, expressed appreciation and gratitude to the management.

Prof. Bello stated that the University would soon come out with a policy that would demand progress report from both the candidates pursuing higher degrees and their supervisors in its effort to ensure that studies are completed on time.

The award letters of the research grant given to the candidates were for 3 years, 2 years and 1 year, depending on the situation of one's study. Those pursuing their PhD abroad would receive ₦450,000 each year; candidates in some Nigerian Universities would receive ₦350,000 yearly while those studying in BUK are to receive ₦300,000 annually.

The event was also witnessed by the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, and Professor Ado Dan'isa, the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, who is also the MacArthur Foundation Grant Liaison Officer of the University.

It will be recalled that in the year 2009, 14 academic staff were sponsored by the MacArthur Foundation to pursue their PhDs, and 24 non-teaching staff were sponsored to update their skills, while in 2010, 20 academic and 29 non-teaching staff were sponsored. Out of the 34 academic staff trained in those years only three had been female.

BUK Moves To Establish a Centre for Gender Studies

A Centre for Gender Studies that will embark on advocacy programmes to empower and encourage women to have special interest in teaching is to be established in Bayero University.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR disclosed this during a ceremony to award fellowship grants to female PhD and Masters candidates last week.

Prof. Rasheed noted that women have a formidable role to play towards ensuring a better educated society as many have been found to be diligent, committed and intelligent. He said over the last couple of years women have been taking a leading position in terms of best performance in various departments of the University, hence the need to establish such a centre not just to encourage gender studies but to get more women to pursue postgraduate studies and scout creative minds for the teaching profession.

The Vice Chancellor recalled that in Malaysia 60% of students in their Universities are female and more than 50% of principal officers are also women who are competing favourably with their male counterparts.

He challenged the female teachers to be the role models of their female students.

English & French, Nig. Language Depts. Get New HODs

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, has approved the appointments of Professor Bashir Muhammad Sambo and Professor Mukhtar A. Yusuf as the Heads of the Department of English and French and Nigerian Languages, respectively.

In their separate letters of appointment signed by the Vice Chancellor all the appointments are for a period of two years with effect from 8th April, 2013.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Induction for New Doctors

The 12th set of newly qualified Medical Doctors from the Faculty of Medicine will be inducted on Thursday 25th April, 2013 at 9:00am at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus.

A statement signed by the Sub-Dean, Clinical Studies, Dr. M. J. Gambo, said the new Doctors would take an oath of practice and be issued license of the profession from the Registrar,

the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria.

The statement added that 44 candidates would be inducted.

Closure of U-Turn At Old Campus Gate

This is to inform the University community that in view of the accidents usually encountered at the U-turn opposite the Old Campus Gate, the Ministry of Works, Housing and Transport, Kano State has proposed to the University management to close the U-turn and shift it to a location 200m away from the pedestrian bridge recently constructed.

In a letter the Director, Civil Engineering, Engineer Marwan A. Aminu, on behalf of the Commissioner, expressed appreciation for the maximum cooperation given by the University in ensuring the construction of the overhead pedestrian bridge at Old Campus, that provides easy crossing of the road by students and pedestrians, was completed successfully.

Registrar's Office New Phone Number

All the four Directorates of the Registry Department have been urged to substitute the old "064" number of

the Registrar's office on their letterhead with a new number, **08160107570**.

The acquisition of the new corrected number was notified in a letter dated 22nd March, 2013, and sent to all Directors by Tijjani Hassan, a Secretary in the office of the Registrar.

Centre for African Entrepreneurship, Research and Training (CAERT)

Forum on 2013-2016 Strategic Plans

On Friday 5, April 2013, the Centre organized a one-day forum in order to critique its draft 2013-2016 Strategic Plan. A report signed by Mu'azu H. Mu'azu, said the forum was chaired by Prof. M. C. Duze, the Director Academic Planning. Presentations were made on the following areas by the Deputy Directors of the Centre:

1. Research and Innovation - Dr. Amina Mustapha
2. Academic Programmes - Dr. Usman M. Shua'ib
3. Training and Development - Dr. Bala Ado K/Mata

After the detailed presentations, the Chairman of the occasion observed that the Centre's initiative to invite others with relevant experience to critique its Strategic Plan was an

innovative drive in moving the Centre forward and the University at large. He, however, encouraged the Centre to perfect the plan based on the inputs provided and strive to implement, even though some entries in the plans were somewhat ambitious. The former Executive Secretary, Strategic Planning Unit, Prof. Yusuf Adamu, challenged the Management of the Centre to come up with programmes that would target the informal sectors of the economy, which has been largely ignored for long.

In his remarks, the Director of the Centre, Prof. Murtala S. Sagagi, reiterated the Centre's philosophy and mission to be the leading centre for entrepreneurship education and research in Africa. He also emphasized the efforts of the Centre to forge collaborations with relevant institutions locally and globally. The Director observed that specific and measurable objectives, action plans and strategies for execution were required to enable the Centre to move fast to keep on with renewed corporate image of the University and the new challenges of our time. Bayero University is rapidly gaining the status of excellence, so its units cannot afford to remain bystanders. He assured the participants that the plan, which is earnestly expected by the University Management, would serve as a performance contract and a guide to maintain the Centre on track.

At the end of the forum, the management of the Centre gained new insights and had better understanding of the implementation pitfalls. The forum was attended by 21 staff of the University, including former administrative staff of the then Strategic Planning Unit.

Business Premises Envr. Sanitation on Sat. 20th April

1. The University community and in particular the Business operators in both Campuses are informed that there will be environmental sanitation of all business premises on Saturday 20th April, 2013 between the hours of 10.000am – 12:00noon.
2. All Business Operators in both Campuses are directed by the Business Premises Management Committee to pay all their outstanding rents up to 2012.
3. Verification of all payments will be conducted between the hours of 1:00pm – 3:00pm on Saturday 20th April, 2013 after the sanitation exercise.

Department of Sociology

PhD Internal Defence

This is to invite members of the Panel to a PhD Internal defence scheduled as follows:

Topic 1: *'An Assessment of the Works of a Contemporary Social Theorist: A study of the Contributions of Philip Rieff to Sociology.'*

Candidate: Kabir Bello
(PGS/05/SMS/02643)

Supervisor: Dr. S. S. Kurawa

Internal Examiner: Prof. Salisu Abdullahi

Date: 15th April, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Conference Room

Topic 2: *'A Study of Conflict and Conflict Resolution Mechanisms in Kaduna Metropolis.'*

Candidate: PGS/05/SMS/02635

Supervisor: Dr. S. S. Kurawa

Internal Examiner: Dr. M. A. Haruna

Date: 16th April, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Conference Room

Department of Mathematical Sciences

Departmental Seminar Series

The Department of Mathematical Sciences wishes to invite the University community to its weekly departmental seminar scheduled to hold as follows:



Title: *‘A Family of Enhanced Conjugate Gradient Algorithm via Memoryless Approach for Solving large-Scale System of Nonlinear Equations.’*

Presenter: Dr. M. Y. Waziri
Chairman: Dr. Saminu I. Bala

Date: Wednesday 17th April, 2013

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Computer Lab

Department of Mass Communication

PhD Seminar Presentation

The Department of Mass Communication wishes to invite members of the University community to the first PhD seminar presentation of the following candidates scheduled as follows:

Presenter 1: Muhammad Bashir Ali (SPS/10/PMC/00008)

Topic: *‘Women Representation in the Nigerian Video Films: An Analysis.’*

Supervisor: Professor Abdallah U. Adamu

Presenter 2: Haruna Isma’il (SPS/10/PMC/00007)

Topic: *‘Online News Readership: A Review of some Relevant Literature.’*

Supervisor: Dr. M. N. Malam

Presenter 3: Gausu Ahmad (SPS/10/PMC/00005)

Topic: *‘Towards an Appreciation of the Function of Newspaper in Society: A Global Perspective.’*

Supervisor: Professor Umar Pate

Chairman: Balarabe Maikaba PhD

Date: 19th April, 2013

Time: 11:00am

Venue: HOD’s office

Department of Physics

PhD Seminar

The Department of Physics wishes to invite members of the University community to its PhD seminar scheduled as follows:

Presenter 1: Abdulkadir Shu’aibu Gidado (SPS/09/PPY/00001)

Topic: *‘Geometry Optimization and Conformational Analysis of Deoxy 5 – Monophosphate Nucleotides.’*

Chairman: Dr. B. I. Tijjani

Presenter 2: Mustapha Shariff Abdulkadir (SPS/08/SCI/02249)

Topic: *‘Geometry Optimization and Conformational Analysis of Some Amino Acids.’*

Supervisor: Dr. U. M. Gana



Date: Thursday 18th April, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Physics Research Laboratory

AKCDRT: 30th Aminu Kano Memorial Lecture

The Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training (AKCDRT), Mambayya House will conduct the 30th Aminu Kano Memorial Lecture scheduled to hold as follows:

Guest Speaker: Right Honourable Alh. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, Speaker, House of Representatives.

Theme of the Lecture: The Rule of Law: Fundamental Condition for Sustainable Democracy.

Chairman of the Occasion: A. B. Mahmood, SAN

Date: Wednesday 17th April, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Sa'adu Zungur Auditorium Complex, Mambayya House, Kano

Department of English & French

The Department of English and French invites the University community to its PhD Seminar scheduled as follows:

Topic 1: *'The Use of Long, pompous Nouns and Passive Verbs by E.S.L. Writers.'*

Presenter: Ijema Paulette Ezuruike (SPS/11/PEN/00001)

Chair: Professor Mustapha Ahmad Isa

Topic 2: *'On the Question of the Ubiquity of the Conceptual Metaphor: The Semantic Analysis of Some Textual Advertisements.'*

Presenter: Usman Faruk (SPS/11/PEN/00002).

Chair: Dr. Sadiya Sani Daura

Topic 3: *'Assessing Writing in SSCE.'*

Presenter: Gordon Ejiroghene (SPS/11/PEN/00003)

Chair: Professor Mustapha Ahmad Isa

Date: Monday 22nd April, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Boardroom

USSA Congress Meeting

This is to invite members of the University Secretarial Staff Association to a congress meeting scheduled to hold on Thursday 18th April, 2013 at 2:30pm at SSANU Secretariat, Old Campus.

Wednesday Noon: Deadline for Bulletin Materials

The Publication Division reminds all that Wednesday noon is the deadline for all materials meant for inclusion in the Bulletin for that week.

Therefore, all materials for the Bulletin should reach the Director, General Administration, Registrar's Office, earlier than Wednesday. Only routine seminars and appreciation messages should be sent directly to the Publication Secretary.

SPORTS

Staff Team, Taura FC Friendly Match on 13th April 2013

The Staff football Team Acting Coach, Dr. M. Y. Waziri has said that a friendly match between the BUK Staff Team and Taura FC has been scheduled for Saturday 13th April, 2013 at the Taura township field, in honour of Dr. L. S. Taura, who was appointed as the Provost, College of Arts and Remedial Studies, Kafin Hausa.

LOST & FOUND

1. A student identity card belonging to Muhammad Mustapha Abdullahi (MED/04/MBBS/00803).

2. An original statement of result belonging to Yusuf Magami Abubakar.
3. A B.U.K identity card belonging to Akor Annie Salis (SMS/11/MAC/01270).
4. A Kano State Senior Secondary Schools Management Board belonging to Bilkisu Imamuddeen Bello.
5. A National I.D. card belonging to Habu Bashar.
6. National I.D. card belonging to Jibrin Isa.
7. U.B.A ATM card.
8. A bunch of keys.
9. Bayero University identity card belong to Umar Miyaheed SMS/08/GEO/00179.
10. BUK identity card belonging to Kabir Sehhu Ahmad EDU/08/DLIM/00284.
11. A Bayero University identity card belong to Ibrahim Amina Uba AIS/DAH/00266.
12. National I.D. card belonging to Aminu Ali Hamisu of 139 Dankuru Street, Zoo Road, Kano.
13. A local government indigene of belonging to Hajiya Amina Usman Baba K.

The owners should come and claim their items.

**List of Non-Teaching Staff Sponsored for Workshops, Seminars &
Conferences from January – December 2012
(Part 1)**

S/N	NAMES	DEPARTMENT	SEMINAR, CONF. NATIONAL/WORKSHOP	VENUE	DATE	DURATION
1.	Sani Kabiru Saidu	Internal Audit	Forensic Auditing Reporting & Investigation Workshop Organized by ICAN	Kaduna State	21st – 24 th February, 2012	4 days
2.	Jibrin H. Danmati	PPD & MS	Mandatory Continuing Professional Development Programme	Lokoja	20 th – 21 st June, 2012	2 days
3.	Muhammad Imam Yunusa	PPD & MS	Mandatory Continuing Professional Development Programme	Lokoja	20 th – 21 st June, 2012	2 days
4.	Jamilu Salisu Ahmad	Internal Audit	Conference on Fraud Exam. Evidence using Forensic Approach by ICAN	Kaduna	19 th – 22 nd March, 2012	4 days
5.	Jafar N. Yakubu	Soil Science	Hands-on Training on Lab. methods & procedure by NISLT	Ibadan	22 nd – 28 th April, 2012	7 days
6.	Umar Faruk Khalil	Pure & Industrial Chemistry	Hands-on Training on Lab. Methods & Procedure by NISLT	Ibadan	22 nd – 28 th April, 2012	7 days
7.	Balarabe Nuhu Dalhat	Central Laboratory Complex	MGT Development Program on Operation Maintenance and Repair Analytical Equipment	India	4 th – 8 th May, 2012	
8.	Dennis G. Khelpai	Pharmacology	Workshop on Science Research Method, Quantitative Research & Data mgt by NISLT	Ibadan	6 th – 12 th May, 2012	7 days
9.	Safiya S.M. Adamu	Medical Microbiology & Parasitology	Workshop on Science Research Method, Quantitative Research & Data mgt by NISLT	Ibadan	6 th – 12 th May, 2012	7 days



10.	Yusuf I. Rurum	Crop Protection	Workshop on Science Research Method, Quantitative Research & Data mgt by NISLT	Ibadan	6 th – 12 th May, 2012	7 days
11.	Muhammad A. Adamu	Agronomy	Workshop on Science Research Method, Quantitative Research & Data mgt by NISLT	Ibadan	6 th – 12 th May, 2012	7 days
12.	Alhaji A. Zubairu	Bursary	Mandatory Continuing Professional Devt. Programme (MCPDP) by ANAN	Kaduna	14 th – 17 th May, 2012	4 days
13.	Rabiu Maitafsir	Bursary	Mandatory Continuing Professional Devt. Programme (MCPDP) by ANAN	Kaduna	14 th – 17 th May, 2012	4 days
14.	Haj. Shabiki S. Jimeta	Bursary	Mandatory Continuing Professional Devt. Programme (MCPDP) by ANAN	Kaduna	14 th – 17 th May, 2012	4 days
15.	Kasimu U. Nasidi	Bursary	Mandatory Continuing Professional Devt. Programme (MCPDP) by ANAN	Kaduna	14 th – 17 th May, 2012	4 days
16.	Shehu Abdullahi	Medicine	Training Workshop on Lab. Quality system & ISO standard, by NISLT	Ibadan	20 th – 26 th May, 2012	7 days
17.	Col. Auwal A. Muhammed (Rtd)	Security Division	Bi annual Campus Security Conference in Tertiary Institutions	Lagos	21 st – 31 st May, 2012	3 days
18.	Hussaini Salihu	Pure & Industrial Chemistry	Workshop on Chromatographic Techniques by NISLT	Ibadan	10 th – 16 th June, 2012	7 days
19.	Salisu Abdulhamid	EMC	Advance Training on Equipment Maintenance, Repairs, Calibration, Testing & Application by NISLT	Ibadan	8 th – 14 th July, 2012	7 days

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