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2010 EDUCATION TRUST FUND ACADEMIC STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The University of Ibadan has been allocated an amount of ₦60 million by the Education Trust Fund (ETF) for academic staff training and development, with emphasis on Science Education & Instructional Systems Designing, Sciences, Technology and Engineering-based courses and programmes.. The broad objective of this initiative is *to break the unhealthy culture of in-breeding of academic staff by exposing them to other intellectual traditions within and outside Nigeria.*

The University hereby invites applications from qualified academic staff for any of the following categories of training grants:

- (a) **grants for sponsorship** of academic staff for postgraduate training within and outside Nigeria, and
- (b) **grants for academic staff development** through sponsorship for short-term doctoral research (i.e. **PhD candidates in pure and applied sciences** for exposure and access to state-of-the-art facilities) for lecturers already pursuing their doctoral courses in Nigeria.

FEMALE STAFF ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

Objectives, Eligibility and Application Procedure

(c) Grants for sponsorship within and outside Nigeria

The objective of **grants for sponsorship** in (a) is to provide sponsorship for academic staff to undergo postgraduate training leading to the award of **master's** or **doctorate** degrees in **Nigeria or abroad**. Sponsorship for **master's** programmes will be for a maximum of 1 year while doctoral candidates will receive sponsorship for a maximum of 3 years. Beneficiaries of these grants will be bonded.

An application should consist of **four hardcopies** and an electronic **copy** in **Microsoft Word**, and must include the following:

- (i) A covering application letter.
- (ii) A short proposal (maximum of 10 pages) in 12-point Microsoft Word on A4 paper. The proposal should include a short statement of problem, plan of study/training, methodology, expected outcomes, duration of the support sought, a line-item budget, and proposed location of study/training.
- (iii) Applicant's curriculum vitae in University format (including e-mail and mobile telephone number).
- (iv) A letter of admission for the 2010/2011 academic year.
- (v) A letter of support from the applicant's Head of Department.

(d) Grants for academic staff development

The objective of **grants for academic staff development** in (b) is to furnish academic staff, who are pursuing doctoral degree programmes in Nigerian universities, with the opportunity to travel overseas for about **three to six months**, but not exceeding one year, as non-tuition scholars, to use equipment that are crucial to their research activities but are unavailable within Nigeria. Applicants must be academic staff who are currently pursuing doctoral programmes in Nigeria universities. Beneficiaries of these grants will be bonded.

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- (i) A covering application letter.
- (ii) A short proposal (maximum of 10 pages) in 12-point Microsoft Word on A4 paper. The proposal should include a short statement of problem, plan of study/training, methodology, expected outcomes, duration of the support sought, a line-item budget, proposed location of study/training, and a statement about how the study/training will contribute to the timely completion of the applicant's PhD programme.
- (iii) Applicant's curriculum vitae in University format (including e-mail and mobile telephone number).
- (iv) A letter from the Dean of the Postgraduate School confirming that the applicant is a bona fide PhD candidate.
- (v) A letter from the applicant's Head of Department describing the state of the applicant's PhD programme.

All applications should be submitted, not later than **2:00pm on Friday, July 23, 2010**, to:

The Chairman,
Staff Training and Research Capacity Building Sub-committee,
MacArthur Foundation Grant Implementation Committee,
c/o MacArthur Grant Liaison Office,
Suite 6-7 ICT/Digital Library Building,
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