



Senator Barau Jibrin Institutes Scholarship for PG Programmes in BUK, 5 Other 'Varsities

By Lamara Garba

In a move that emphasizes his commitment to empowering the next generation of leaders, the Deputy Senate President, Senator Barau I Jibrin, has instituted a scholarship program for 300 deserving students at Bayero University, Kano.

This generous initiative, which was announced during a visit to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, is set to transform the lives of talented students, providing them with the financial support they need to succeed in their academic pursuits.

Speaking during the formal presentation of the programme to the Vice Chancellor, the Chairman of the Committee, Professor Shehu Abdullahi Ma'aji, explained that the programme is for Engineering students only from Kano state and eligible candidates must have at least a minimum CGPA of not less than 3.5 points in his first degree and should not be above 35 years of age at the time of the application.

He explained that the scholarship program is in line with the Senator's broader efforts to promote educational development in the state. "By supporting initiatives like this, Senator Jibrin is helping to create a more educated and

skilled workforce, which is essential for driving economic growth and development in the state".

According to him, the project tagged Domestic Postgraduate Scholarship Programme 2025 is meant for Engineering and other related courses only and six universities were selected for the programme with special consideration for Bayero University, Kano.

Other institutions selected included Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, University of Ibadan, University of Nigeria Nsukka, Awolowo University, Ile-Ife and University of Lagos.

Professor Ma'aji, who is also the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the North West Development Commission, listed the selected programmes to be considered to include Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics Technology and Cyber Security. Others are Software Development, Data Science and Information Technology.

Also to be considered for the scheme are Mineral Exploration, Oil and Gas, Hydrogeology & Environment, Applied Geophysics, Metallurgical and Material



VC, Prof. S. A. Abbas with members of Senator Barau I. Jibrin Scholarship Team

Engineering, Climate Change, Mechatronic Engineering and Intelligence System, among others.

While receiving the team, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abbas, commended the initiative of the Deputy Senate President which he said would go a long way in producing more engineers and scientists in the state that were grossly lacking. He urged other public-spirited individuals to emulate this laudable gesture.

“The scholarship program is a significant investment in the education and future of these students, and it reflects Senator Jibrin's dedication to empowering young minds. Therefore, it is my conviction that by providing financial support to these students, certainly the programme will go a long way to alleviating some of the financial burdens

associated with pursuing higher education, allowing them to focus on their studies and reach their full potential,” said the VC.

Professor Abbas said the institution of this scholarship program by Senator Barau I Jibrin was a significant development that had the potential to make a positive impact on the lives of many families in the state and by extension in the country.

Earlier the Secretary of the Barau I. Jibrin Foundation, Postgraduate Scholarship Committee, Dr Maikudi Lawan, said the specifics of the scholarship program were for Master's degree in Engineering related courses and meant for any indigene of Kano state irrespective of his local government and that the program would be open to students who demonstrated academic excellence and a commitment to their studies.

WAAW Foundation BUK Chapter Hosts Inter-Secondary School Competition, Tackles Gender Disparities in STEM

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

Bayero University, Kano (BUK) was abuzz with excitement as the **WAAW Foundation BUK Chapter**, in collaboration with **Youth HUB Kano**, hosted an inter-secondary school competition aimed at finding innovative solutions to overcome gender disparities in STEM education.



Members of WAAW foundation in a group photograph

The event which took place on January 28th 2025 brought together students, educators and advocates under the theme: **“Competitive Solutions to Overcome Gender Disparities in STEM Education.”**

The opening address was delivered by **Hajiya Nana Hauwa Aliyu**, the Team Lead of the WAAW BUK Chapter, who shared her inspiring journey with the audience. Hajiya Nana reflected on the challenges she faced in her early days and how she was initially rejected but persisted until she found her place within the foundation.

She spoke of her experiences, including her participation in the WAAW Summit in Ghana and her outreach efforts at Community Grammar School in Ibadan and Staff Model Secondary School at BUK.

“WAAW Foundation has shaped me into the person I am today,” Nana said. *“It has strengthened my resolve to do more for my community and inspire others to break the barriers that hinder girls from thriving in STEM.”*

The keynote speaker, **Dr. Maryam Idris** from the Department of Physics, who stood in for **Prof. Rabia Sai'd** highlighted the numerous challenges that girls face in pursuing STEM education, including a lack of motivation, inadequate library facilities, absence of mentorship and limited exposure to role models.

“These challenges threaten the future of STEM not only in Nigeria but globally,” Dr. Maryam noted. *“We must act now to ensure that the next generation is not held back by these limitations.”*

Drawing from her personal experience, Dr. Maryam shared her journey as the **first female PhD holder from Jahun, Jigawa State**, balancing education, marriage and motherhood. She emphasized the importance of mentorship, scholarships and creating a conducive learning environment to encourage girls to pursue careers in STEM.

“All hands must be on deck if we are to truly bridge the gap and secure the future of STEM,” she emphasized.

The inter-secondary school competition was not just an event; it was a movement and a reminder that every small step toward equality in STEM could create a ripple effect of change.

The debate session was a lively and captivating part of the event, with three schools, **Staff Model Secondary School, Bayero University, Kano, Governor's College, Kano** and **Mairo Tijjani Science and Technical School, Kano** showcasing their wit, confidence and creativity. Each team passionately presented innovative ideas to bridge gender disparities in STEM, addressing issues such as the need for mentorship, improved school facilities and the importance of female role models.

WAAW Foundation stands for Working to Advance Science and Technology Education for African Women.

It is a non-profit organization focused on promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education among African girls and women and aiming to reduce gender disparities and empower them to pursue careers in these fields.

BUK VC, Others Attend Workshop on Enhancing Success in Online Learning

By Lamara Garba



VC, Prof. S.A. Abbas with VC, University of London, Prof. Wendy Thompson

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Sagir Adamir Abbas, along with other stakeholders in tertiary education attended a high-profile workshop in the United Kingdom focused on developing innovative strategies for student success in online and distance education.

The workshop, which was organized by the Centre for Online & Distance Education of the

University of London, took place between 10th and 11th March, 2025 in the United Kingdom, brought together esteemed educators and experts from around the world to share best practices and explore the latest advancements in online learning.

Professor Abbas was accompanied by Professor Kabir Bello Dungurawa, Director of the Centre for Open and Distance Learning at Bayero University. The workshop provided a unique opportunity for the participants to engage with international experts and gain valuable insights into the latest trends and technologies shaping the future of online education.

The workshop focused on developing enhanced strategies for student success in online and distance education, with a particular emphasis on leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies to improve learning outcomes.

Participants explored topics such as personalized learning, adaptive assessment, and the use of AI-powered tools to support student engagement and retention.

Bayero University had demonstrated commitment to staying at the forefront of innovation in online learning. The knowledge and expertise gained from this workshop will undoubtedly inform the development of new strategies and initiatives aimed at enhancing student success in online and distance education at the University.



VC, Prof. S.A. Abbas (middle) with other participants at the UK workshop

Information Technology Dept. Improves Donated Solar Endowment Project ... Extends Solar Power to its Cyber security Lab

As part of efforts to improve electricity supply, the Department of Information Technology in the Faculty of Computing has carried out a major expansion of the solar system it recently benefited from HausaNLP Solar Endowment Project to cover its Cyber security laboratory.

It could be recalled that the HausaNLP Solar Power Endowment initiative was implemented for the Faculty of Computing. As part of the initiative, the department benefitted with a complete installation of solar power systems and solar-powered fans in one of its essential laboratories (i.e. the IT Lab).

However, considering the needs of the department to also equip the Cybersecurity Lab with a similar solar system and also improve the administrative and academic activities of staff, the department carried out the expansion of the solar system donated to it by the Hausa NLP team.

Under the expansion project, the department has successfully powered the Cybersecurity Lab with a similar solar system in the IT Lab. The solar power in the two laboratories shall improve students' practicals and enable the department to configure IT equipment such as servers, for provision of virtual resources to students and staff anytime from anywhere as part of the future plans of the department.

The purpose, according to the IT Head of Department, was to improve teaching, learning and research in the department. In

addition, the expansion project covered administrative and academic staff offices that included the following:

- The Exams Office
- The Departmental Student Library
- The Head of Department's Office
- About ten (10) academic staff offices, providing academic staff with solar power to support their teaching and research activities.

The expansion project was commissioned on 22nd February, 2025 alongside the HausaNLP Endowment project by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was ably represented by Professor Muhammad Shuaibu Abubakar, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering.

The Head of the IT Department, Dr. Ambrosa, expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor for his unwavering support and encouragement. He also conveyed his appreciation to the HausaNLP research team for its exemplary support and commitment towards elevating standard of the faculty.

He equally thanked all stakeholders, particularly the staff of the department, for their sacrifice, support and contributions to the successful implementation of the project, which marked a significant step forward in the department's commitment to sustainable energy and improved academic infrastructure.

Management Approves Creation of New Units in Public Affairs Directorate ...Nura Garba to Lead Digital Media Unit, Salisu Rabi'u heads Publicity and Outreach

In a strategic move to enhance the effectiveness of the Public Affairs Directorate, the management of Bayero University, Kano has approved the creation of new units within the directorate.

This development which followed a submission by the Head of the Directorate, is aimed at strengthening the directorate's capacity to manage the university's image, communicate its mission and values, and engage with various stakeholders.

As part of this restructuring, the Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has approved the appointment of Nura Garba of the Information and Publication Unit as the head of the newly created Digital Media Unit.

This unit will focus on leveraging digital platforms to promote the university's brand, engage with online communities, and provide timely updates on university news and events.

Equally, the Vice Chancellor has appointed Muhammad Salisu Rabi'u, formerly of the Protocol Unit to head the Publicity and Outreach Unit.

This unit will be responsible for developing and implementing strategies to promote the university's achievements, programs, and services to various audiences, including the media, alumni, and the general public.

These new units will complement the existing functions of the Public Affairs Directorate, which include media relations, university publications, official functions, and public relations support for management



Malam Nura Garba



Malam Muhammad Salisu Rabi'u

Both appointments were contained in separate letters dated March 12th, 2025 and signed by the Registrar, Dr. Haruna Aliyu.

Nura Garba is expected to bring his wealth of experience in digital media, content creation, and social media management, with extensive local and international training in the field. His expertise is expected to drive innovation and enhance the University's digital footprint.

Salisu Rabi'u with extensive experience in media and public relations, having previously served as the Manager of Bayero University, Kano FM, is expected to use his expertise in strategic communication and media management, which will be instrumental in strengthening the University's outreach efforts.

The appointments were with immediate effect.

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointment of the underlisted staff into various positions:

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Kabir Abdullahi	Legal Unit, Registry Department	Appointed as the Head of Legal Unit	With immediate effect
2	Dr Shukrah Bello	Department of Business Administration	Appointed as Assistant Manager of BOI-BUK Innovation Hub	1 st March, 2025 to 28 th February, 2027
3	Professor Bala Ado Kofar Mata	Director, Center for Entrepreneurship Research and Training (CERT)	Appointed as Member (Advisory Committee) of BOI -BUK Innovation Hub	1 st March, 2025 to 28 th February, 2027
4	Ali Umar Yakasai	Registry Department	Appointed as Information Technology Officer (IT) of BOI -BUK Innovation Hub	1 st March, 2025 to 28 th February, 2027
5	Dr Murtala Aminu Ibrahim	Department of Business Administration	Appointed as Coordinator (Commercialization and Business Development) of BOI -BUK Innovation Hub	1 st March, 2025 to 28 th February, 2027
6	Professor Ibrahim Ahmad Rufai	Director, Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP)	Appointed as Member (Advisory Committee) of BOI -BUK Innovation Hub	1 st March, 2025 to 28 th February, 2027

Staff Guidelines Review Committee Submits Report

By Nura Garba

The Non-Teaching Staff Guidelines Review Committee has submitted its report to the Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu, in his office.

Presenting the report, the Chairman, Adamu Saleh Yanganau, stated that the committee diligently worked within its terms of reference, focusing on reviewing the existing training guidelines for non-teaching staff and identifying areas for necessary updates and improvements.

He highlighted that the committee held multiple meetings, conducted extensive consultations and engaged with key stakeholders to formulate comprehensive recommendations aimed at enhancing the current guidelines. These recommendations covered critical areas, such as PhD study policies for non-teaching staff, sabbatical leave provisions, recognition of additional qualifications and participation in seminars, conferences and workshops, as well as study fellowship requirements.

Receiving the report on Monday, March 3, 2025, the Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu, commended the committee for its thorough and meticulous work. He expressed confidence in the quality of the report, given the expertise and dedication of the committee members. Malam Haruna Aliyu assured that he would carefully

review the document, incorporate any necessary inputs and subsequently forward it to the University Management for approval.

Other members of the committee are: Aliyu Abubakar, Hayatu Dalhatu, Usman Mohammed Hassan, Mahfuz Z. Ibrahim (SSANU representative), Ladi Musa (NASU representative), Adamu Ibrahim Chigari (NAAT representative), Usman Sarki Waziri and Salisu Adamu, who is the Secretary.



Registrar, Haruna Aliyu receiving the committee's report

Sociology Class 2003 Donates Equipment, honours lecturers

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Class 2003 Sociology Department of Bayero University, Kano has donated some equipment as well as honoured their lecturers as a way of giving back to the department the good training they received while they were students. The occasion took place on Friday 21st February, 2025 at the conference room of the department.



Members of Class 2003 in a group photograph with departmental staff

Some of the items donated included an automated photocopier machine, stationary, printing and writing materials and a podium, which were in honour of the late Dr. Muhammad Auwal Umar, one of their lecturers.

Alhaji Yusuf Mamman Dantalle, a former Presidential candidate of Allied People's Movement (APM) and the

current National Chairman of the Interparty Advisory Council (IPAC) who led the team, thanked the lecturers for the academic and moral values instilled in them which he said had taken them to places.

According to him, so many of the students from the department were doing well and also contributing positively to the society and that the donation and award were their own way of giving back to the department the good deeds inculcated in them, adding that the Class of 2003 would continue to do more.

He commended his colleagues for the initiative and the commitment they exhibited to organize the event and hinted that the Class 2003 Alumni would find a way to reach out to the family of the late Dr. Umar.

Among the award recipients were Dr. Hamza Kankia, Prof. Salisu Abdullahi, Prof. Baffa Aliyu Umar, Prof. Bala Saleh D/Tofa, Prof. Ismaila Zango, Prof. M. C. Duze and Prof. Sadiq Isa Radda. Others were Prof. Haruna Mohammad Awaisu, Prof. Nu'man Habib and Prof. Sani Lawal Malumfashi.

Prof. Baffa who spoke on behalf of the awardees thanked the organizers for the recognition and the wonderful reception. He said the honour was in recognition of the harmonious relationship that existed between the lecturers and students and also a testament that their lecturers had a remarkable impact on them.

The Head of Department, Dr. Amin U. Ali, in his vote of thanks expressed his profound gratitude for the donation, saying that it was timely, as it was obvious that the organizers had carried out a Need-Assessment of the department before donating the equipment. He said the donation was timely and promised that it would be judiciously utilized.

Among members of the alumni present were lecturers in the Department of Sociology and Malam Mustapha Abdullahi, an author and also a lecturer with the Kaduna State Polytechnic and Malam Suleiman Adejoh as well as Hajiya Maryam Sani Aikawa of Bayero University Registry Department, among others.

Prof. Abbas Advises JCI on Advocacy, Sensitization

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, has advised the Management of Junior Chamber International (JCI) to embark on advocacy and sensitization aimed at

awareness on campus by organizing events to showcase what JCI was all about.



BUK Management in a group photograph with members of JCI

creating awareness on their activities.

Professor Abbas who was speaking when he received the JCI team led by its President, Ambassador Oluwatoyin Atanda, on a courtesy call on Thursday 20th February, 2025, thanked them for their commitment and resilience in building people with leadership quality, which meant that Nigeria's future would be bright.

He urged the JCI members, most especially the BUK chapter, to spearhead the enlightenment campaign to create

Prof. Abbas said that part of the strategic plan of BUK was to build leaders in the University who would earn degrees through character and learning. He promised that the University would get closer to the organization and give their necessary support.

Earlier, the National President Junior Chamber International (JCI), Ambassador Oluwatoyi, thanked the Vice Chancellor for the warm reception accorded them.

She said that JCI was a global organization across over 100 countries and 30 states in Nigeria that believed in developing leaders in a changing world by providing leadership responsibilities. She expressed happiness that JCI members in Bayero University, Kano were contributing positively to the society. "Junior Chamber International are young leaders who learn by doing and taking up different responsibilities and positions to learn," she said.

The Executive Vice President, Northwest Geopolitical Zone, Amb. Akinwande Ayodeji, solicited the support of the University to enable them to achieve their goal of building more leaders. He said the organization wished that the Vice Chancellor would attend JCI events so as to accord it more credibility.

BUK Radiography Department Celebrates Cleaners

In a display of gratitude and communal spirit, the Radiography Department of Bayero University, Kano turned an inspiring idea conceived by the Head of Department into action last week, as students and lecturers pooled resources to honour the often-overlooked heroes of their academic environment departmental cleaners.

What began as a passing suggestion from the Head of Department (HOD), Dr Musa Y Dambele, blossomed into a coordinated effort led by course representatives and culminated into a surprise gift-giving ceremony that left both recipients and participants deeply moved.

Within days, the Radiography students organized voluntary contributions, with many donating from their allowances, while lecturers added to the fund in solidarity. The collective effort amassed enough to assemble gift packages. The gesture was unprecedented for the cleaners

many of whom have served the department for years.



Some of the items before disbursement



BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO REMEDIAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

Applications are invited from qualified candidates for admission into Remedial Science Program for the 2024/2025 session.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants with SSCE O-level result or its equivalent are eligible to apply when they have:

- Minimum of FIVE O-level CREDITS in relevant science subjects including English and Mathematics in not more than two sittings.
- Minimum of THREE O-level CREDITS but must remedy the deficient credits before absorption into a degree program.

ABSORPTION REQUIREMENTS

Admitted candidates who passed the remedial program, possess FIVE O-level credits including Mathematics and English and obtain the BUK minimum UTME points shall be absorbed into a degree program. Candidates who passed the remedial program but missed the minimum UTME score could also be absorbed subject to waiver from JAMB.

VALIDITY OF THE RESULT

The result for the program shall be valid for two admission sessions for candidates who successfully passed the program but could not satisfy the O-level credits or UTME requirements.

NATURE OF THE REMEDIAL PROGRAM

The program is for one academic session only and will be free of any interruption.

COMMENCEMENT

The program is to commence in 2024/2025 session and successful candidates who satisfied all the conditions will be eligible for admission into a degree program in the following (2025/2026) session.

APPLICATION FEE

A non-refundable fee of Five thousand naira only (N5,000.00) for assessing the online application form.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application link and steps will be provided at <https://buk.edu.ng> by 15th March, 2025.

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 Remedial Program Coordinator

Department of Mass Communication: *M.Sc. Proposal/Internal Defense*

Presenter 1: Godiya Lawal (SPS/20/MMC/00014)

Topic: Prospects and Challenges of Broadcast Investigative Journalism in Kano

Supervisor: Dr. Muhammad A. Haruna

Proposal Defense: Proposal Defense

Presenter 2: Zainab Tahir (SMS/21/MMC/00004)

Topic: Utilization of Artificial Intelligence Tools among Broadcast Journalists in News Sourcing and Writing: A Study of Arewa and Premier Radio Kano

Supervisor: Professor Hajara Umar Sanda

Proposal Defense: Proposal Defense

Presenter 3: Gidado Umar Muhammad (SPS/20/MMC/00013)

Topic: Knowledge and Use of Emojis among Undergraduate Students of Nigerian Universities: A Study of Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare

Supervisor: Dr. Sunusi Iguda

Proposal Defense: Proposal Defense

Presenter 4: Ishaq Isa (SPS/18/PMC/00017)

Topic: Online Investigative Newspapers Operations and Survival in Nigeria: A Study of Premeium Times

and the Cable Newspapers

Supervisor: Prof. Mustapha Nasir Malam

Presenter 4: Zulaikha Abdulrazak (SPS/20/MMC/00003)

Topic: Newspaper Coverage of Gender Based Violence: An Analysis of Daily Trust and Premium Times

Supervisor: Professor Usman I. Abubakar

Proposal Defense: Internal Defense

Presenter 5: Suraja Aliyu Umar (SMS/18/MMC/00030)

Topic: Assessment of Audience Perception on Rahma and Freedom Radio Religious Programmes in Kano Metropolis

Supervisor: Dr. Sule Ya'u Sule

Proposal Defense: Internal Defense

Chairman: Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa

Date: Tuesday 18th March, 2025

Time: 9:30am

Venue: Mass Communication Departmental Board Room

WORDSCAPE

With Yusuf M. Adamu, PhD, MNAL, FANA, FANG



WHEN I DIE

When I die, all about me will end
Perhaps, except the little good I've done
My chapter will be closed
All the sentences and paragraphs
The dots and other punctuation
Will become another foregone story
In the endless landscape of memories.

NEVER EVER GIVE UP

Ga Barde ga Madugu
No shortage of valour
nor that of direction
a new battle has been declared
the foot soldiers are here
the adversary is so powerful
stronger than it has ever been
the masses, for whom
the battle is fought are gullible
ripe and vulnerable to deceit
the strike is indefinite and total
the veteran are used to it
they know the survival strategies

as for the newly recruited
ASUU expect total loyalty from
you
the journey will be challenging
it will try our will power and willingness
no matter what happens
we must never ever give up.

THE BLACK OWL

Blue sky appears reddish at sunset
Milk powder crooks dark when burnt
When an emperor is encircled by schemers
All is lost without notice or warning
Ignorance chops away wisdom and wit
It breeds arrogance and blinds the heart
What a pity, a city and its people doomed
Its emperor is acting wild dog, barking loud
Now a wounded lion roaring with indignation
I saw him climbing to the tree top like a monkey
The black Owl is skyward, soaring in the air
One of its wings has broken...
It did not notice it!

