

Benue State University

Centre for Food Technology and Research (CEFTER) Scholarship Policy

Policy Statement

This policy has been designed to help CEFTER administration determine the most effective method of administering scholarships so as to ensure full compliance with the University's obligations with respect to the administration of ACE grant. The CEFTER Scholarship Policy is administered by CEFTER Management upon the recommendation of CEFTER Scholarship and Grant Allocation Committee. The policy is implemented in a manner consistent with all such policies, laws and regulations, as those may be amended from time to time. The rules and administrative processes set forth in this policy are subject to change and will be updated as needed to reflect such amendments.

Scope of Policy

The policy applies to full scholarship, Part funding and fellowship awards to regional and national students enrolled at the centre in the University. Scholarships are awarded to the two best applicants per course of study and a discretionary number based on regional interest. The scholarships are based on duration of program: 18 months for MSc. and 36 months for PhD. The scholarships are awarded yearly to new entrants.

Definitions

1. Full Funding

Full funding will cover tuition and accommodation, and will be granted taking into consideration the CGPA and gender balance of candidates. The best candidate for each of the program will be awarded.

2. Part Funding-Tuition

This support will cover only tuition and is mainly for local students (indigent).

3. Part Funding-Accommodation

This support will be granted to regional students and national students from other states, priority will be given to married female students.

4. Scholarship

Scholarship will be awarded to regional/foreign students. It will cover tuition, accommodation and monthly stipend for beneficiaries. CEFTER instituted this support to, primarily, boost intake of regional/foreign students. The award of this scholarship will take into consideration the highest CGPA among applicants, gender and regional spread.

5. Fellowship

Fellowship will exclusively be granted to Benue State University staff and staff of CEFTER partner institutions. Partner institutions will make request and recommend staff for training in critical areas of needs to deliver on their mandate. The award will cover tuition and accommodation. Partner institutions will allot numbers for the award within the life span of the project.

Guidelines for the Policy

Committee

The CEFTER scholarship scheme is administered by CEFTER management upon the recommendation of CEFTER Scholarship and Grant Allocation Committee. The composition of the Committee will include:

1. Deputy Director Research and Collaboration – Chairman
2. Deputy Director Operations – Member
3. Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences – Member
4. Head, Department of Mathematics/Computer Science – Member
5. Budget Officer – Member
6. Centre Secretary – Secretary

Application

All students admitted into CEFTER programs are eligible to apply for relevant categories of the scholarship, except fellowship which is reserved for students from our partners.

Call for application, after the release of admission for a particular academic session is made online at the Centre website www.cefterbsu.edu.ng under admissions (click on apply for students support) and is open to all admitted students. Interested candidates shall complete the form online, upload documents including credentials, Valid identification item, Statement of account duly signed from bank and International Passport with valid Visa or STR Visa for regional/international students. All applications are completed and submitted online within four (4) weeks of release of admission. The shortlisting, screening and ranking process takes a maximum of two weeks. Applicants can also contact the deputy director (Research) through soadejo@bsum.edu.ng

Courses and Priority Areas offered

Scholarships are awarded to applicants in all the M.Sc. and PhD. programs currently offered by the centre; Analytical/ Environmental Chemistry, Biostatistics, Food Chemistry, Food Processing Technology, Food Science and Technology, Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology, Post-Harvest Physiology and Management of Crops, Rural Sociology/Agric

Extention, Organic/Natural Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Radiation and Medical Physics, Economics.

Priority is given to the core science courses.

Selection Process

The uploaded documents shall be scrutinised by the committee prior to invitation for interview. Applicants invited for interview will be expected to come along with originals of the documents that were submitted.

After the interview, the committee shall meet, make recommendations and forward same to the centre management for consideration. The CEFTER management will make the final decision on the award of scholarship and its implementation.

Successful applicants are communicated through text messages, email and their names displayed on the notice board.

Complaints and Grievances

Awardees may submit a complaint or grievance in relation to the application of this policy to the centre management. All queries should be directed by email to the Centre management through the centre leader on aikyo@bsumail.org.ng

Violation and Termination of Scholarship

Violation of this policy and procedure or failure to timely cooperate in complying with its provisions may result in disciplinary action up to legal sanctions.

Beneficiaries of the support scheme will be required to sign an undertaking with CEFTER/University on the following terms.

- i) Be of good behaviour through the course of study at the university, failure of which relevant sanctions as outline in the Benue State University/CEFTER Student Handbook will be invoked.
- ii) Recipient of the scholarship who withdraws from his/her program loses the scholarship automatically.
- iii) Failure of the recipient of the scholarship to graduate within the stipulated duration of his/her program will amount to the withdrawal of the scholarship.