



# **Afe Babalola University, Ado – Ekiti (ABUAD)**

## **2018/2019 SEVEN-PAGE REPORT**

### **1.0 TOP OF THE REPORT**

The Acting Chairman of the Governing Council of Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD), is Ambassador Prof Tunde Adeniran OON while the Vice Chancellor is Prof. Michael O. Ajisafe. The University has eight Colleges: College of Medicine & Health Sciences, College of Law, College of Engineering, College of Social & Management Sciences, College of Sciences, College of Agriculture, College of Arts & Humanities and College of Postgraduate Studies.

### **2.0 INTRODUCTION**

ABUAD, a non-for profit Federal Government licensed private university, was established by the Legal colossus, Aare Afe Babalola, LL.D London, LL.D Unilag, etc, a self-made man; an acclaimed university administrator; the first holder of LL.D (honoris causa) of the University of London, the third and 2018 recipient of the prestigious Chief Obafemi Awolowo Prize for Leadership Award, who deserves one of the highest National Honours in the Nigeria for his transformational contributions to humanity in every areas of endeavours having awarded Officer of the Order of Niger (CON), Officer of the Federal Republic (OFR) and Commander of the Order of Niger (CON) In-spite of his classroom education stopping at Primary School level, he obtained Bachelor's Degree in Economics and LL.B Honours Degree of London University in 1959 and 1963 respectively by private studies. He was appointed the Pro Chancellor & Chairman of Council of the University of Lagos in 2000. On assumption of duties in UNILAG in 2000, he saw rot, decay, corruption and other ills which affected the quality and functionality of education in the country. Together with his colleagues in the Council, the University was repositioned for Better Academic Excellence in every area (learning, research and infrastructure). Consequently, he was voted the Best Pro-Chancellor twice by the NUC while UNILAG was voted the Best University in the country. Because of his strong belief in quality education he decided to establish a university which would be an example of how a university should be run. The University is a result-oriented institution for producing highly skilled and socially talented graduates capable of applying scientific knowledge for the resolution of social problems. ABUAD is equally committed to transforming students into expert thinkers, innovative managers and resourceful technocrats in all fields of learning. Even though the university is only nine years old, it has been acknowledged by all stakeholders including UNESCO and NUC as the leading University in quality and functional education in the country.

### **3.0 REPORT ON TEACHING**

The Founder recalls with relish that it was quality of teaching in his days in primary school has enabled him to read at home for both Cambridge GCE of London University as well as his degrees in Economics and law, Hence as far back as 2010 he instituted annual workshop for teaching and learning methods which all teachers attend in the first week of a new academic session. Resources persons from NUC, UNESCO and other Universities now attend the workshop. ABUAD is the first to use interactive boards for collaborative teaching in January 2010. The university prohibits the sales of handouts and dictation of notes to

students. The University insists on punctuality using biometric attendance system (clock in and clock out machine) and proper dressing to classes. Lecture begins at 8am promptly till 12noon with an hour break and resumes at 1pm to 3pm as well as 7pm to 10pm everyday. The students and staff academic engagement was also enhanced by the use of Online Learning Management System (LMS). Attendance Registers are opened for students who must achieve at least 90% attendance at Lectures as a pre-condition for writing their Semester Examinations. ABUAD has introduced problem-based learning where students work in groups to solve prevailing problems in alignment with the development goals and visions. ABUAD also established the ABUAD Salt Valley Associate (ASVA) where talented students across all levels and disciplines are brought together to develop innovative projects. ABUAD students performed excellently and far better in all competitions and examinations with their counterparts in other universities. For instance, about 6000 students across the country sat for the 2018 Finals Bar Examination of the Nigerian Law School ABUAD recorded 100% pass rate with Ekpo Naomi Uwem from ABUAD emerging the Overall Best Student, won 13 prizes while ABUAD graduates in all won 24 out of 36 prizes (Source: [www.nigerianlawschool.edu.ng](http://www.nigerianlawschool.edu.ng)), in the same vein, 43 students presented for the First MBBS Examination in July 2018 recorded an unprecedented 100% pass rate with eight (8) distinctions – the equivalent of First Class in other disciplines. This accomplishment makes ABUAD the first University in the Country (Nigeria) to produce Medical Doctors in six and half years after it Medical Programme flagged off. In 2018 Accounting Technician Scheme (ATS) examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICAN), a 200 Level, student of the Department of Economics, Miss Nellieken Ochinke emerged Second Best out of the 2500 candidates who sat for the examination in West Africa. UNESCO instituted a Professorial Chair in Entrepreneurship & Sustainable Development in the College of Sciences while our College of Engineering was described by Nigeria Society of Engineers (NSE) as the “Template of Engineering Education in Nigeria”. Consequently, outstanding teachers and students are awarded prizes at the Annual Convocation Ceremonies of the University. The introduction of foreign languages, leadership and entrepreneurship development into the curriculum of ABUAD has yielded good fruits in preparing our students for a better competitive advantage in the future. There is annual scholarship training in Chinese language in the Chinese Universities.

#### 4.0 REPORT ON RESEARCH

In a bid to deepen collaborative research and contribute to global knowledge, the researchers in the university have churned out over 600 peer-reviewed and collaborative journal articles that are of high impact in Scopus indexed Journals. ***This made ABUAD to be among the only 8 out of 74 Private Universities*** that are listed in Scopus Indexed Database by Elsevier (Source: [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/331674100\\_RESEARCH\\_TRENDS\\_IN\\_NIGERIAN\\_UNIVERSITIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_OF\\_NUMBER\\_OF\\_PUBLICATIONS\\_IN\\_SCOPUS\\_2008-2017](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/331674100_RESEARCH_TRENDS_IN_NIGERIAN_UNIVERSITIES_ANALYSIS_OF_NUMBER_OF_PUBLICATIONS_IN_SCOPUS_2008-2017)). The numbers of citations on the rich journal article publications of the University in the Google Scholar cannot be overemphasized. The university organized several research-grant workshop and seminars to widen the capacity of the staff so as to facilitate grant to the university. The staff members are given the list of grant awarding organization to facilitate getting grants from them which made the University to secure International Food for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Grant to empower the Youth on Agricultural Development and has also been instituted by UNESCO as Professorial Chair in Entrepreneurship Education and Sustainable Development. ABUAD the research programmes into problem-solving and theoretical so as to meet the research international standard and best practice. Serene Environment, power, water, air-conditioners and other technology-based infrastructure in our various research laboratories are major contributory factors to enhance research output of the University. The continual use of Open Educational Resources platform has helped in deepening knowledge

base via research. The Founder who appreciates the place and import of Technology in driving quality and functional education established 37 laboratories stocked with state-of-the-art equipment in the University's College of Engineering. The Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) affirmed that 40% of these equipment are not available in any other university in Nigeria. Many universities in Nigeria have been coming to see the towering triumph of Technology that ABUAD's Engineering College typifies and have been making use of the world-class equipment therein. The university has established the Geniuses Club called ABUAD Salt Valley Association (a technology/start-up hub) for bright students to interact, brainstorm and strategize on how to invent and solve the Nation's challenges. In addition to their regular SIWES programmes, ABUAD students engage in inventions and participate in building and practical works. Consequently, students and alumni of the university have been carting home national and international Awards, laurels, commendations and encomiums as well as recognitions. These include "Team LifeWatch", the inventor of AsthmaVisor, which emerged fourth out of the five teams nominated for Imagine Cup Ability Award in the 2015 edition of Microsoft Imagine Cup Competition in Seattle, United States of America, on account of the potential impact their projects could have on the lives of people with disabilities and design principles, usability and potential in the market place. An Alumnus of the University, Engr. Olamide Popoola, led "Team Nigeria" to win the Unilever Idea Trophy in Category Number 1 Award for "Authentically on Brand, Relevant to target Audience and Drives Talkability and Shareability (A.R.T)" in London (UK). Later Oluwaseye Bolaji Oguntuase, a 500 Level Mechanical Engineering student of ABUAD capped it all up when he won the 1st National Engineering Students' Competition in Abuja with his project, titled "Autonomous Pipeline leakage in the Niger Delta Area of Nigeria" beat 36 other contestants from the country's Six Geo-political zones in a competition organized by the Committee of Deans of Engineering and Technology of Nigerian Universities (CODET) among many other inventions by the Engineering Students. ABUAD was the Winner, South West Regional Medical Quiz organized by the Nigerian Medical Association, September 2017. It was the Winner of the April 26, 2017 Moot and Mock Trial Competition between Adekunle Ajasin University Akungba, and Afe Babalola University, College of Law. It also won the 2017 edition of the Lagos Model United Nations (LMUN) Competition among 180 delegates from 25 Nigerian Universities and two from the United Kingdom. It should be noted that the Founder's attitude to students and staff motivation through a robust reward system has contributed immensely to achieving these feats. These are in the areas of paying for publication of journal articles, paying for staff development training (Post-Doctoral Research, Ph.D Training, Professional Development), which made several academic staff to obtain Post Doctoral Fellowship in China, Brazil, USA, South Africa, Germany, Pakistan, Malaysia and Europe. Even his monetary and commendation rewards to staff and students is worthy of note.

## **5.0 REPORT ON COMMUNITY SERVICE**

In 2018, the University continues to be the largest employer of labour after the government in Ekiti State while its Founder, Aare Afe Babalola, SAN is and still remains the highest tax payer in the state, a feat that he had held onto since Ekiti was part of Ondo State. The University embarked on two sessions of Free Medical Outreach Services for Nigerians at the Federal Teaching Hospital, Ido-Ekiti and the other at the new ABUAD Multi-System Hospital that commenced full operations in March 21, 2018. The University has embarked on a health related project tagged "Helping Babies Breathe" which is done in partnership with USA-based Project CURE. Over 25 communities have benefited from this project. This project is coordinated by the Wife of the Founder Yeye Aare Modupe Babalola and the Department of Nursing Sciences of the University The College of Law and Law Clinic offers free legal services to inmate in Ekiti State Prisons. More than a dozen inmates were bailed

out by the Law Students using their personal resources through the free legal service. Advocacy and awareness campaign on drug possession, use and abuse and environmental impact are always done by the students and staff of the University. At the Annual Poverty Alleviation Programme on January 3, 2017, 20 people went home with N100,000 each, another set of 180 returned home with N50,000 each, 300 with N10,000 each and the last batch of 500 people carted home N5,000 each, totaling N16.5 million in all. ***In the same vein, I have been providing annual scholarship to ABUAD teachers and students totaling N7m, N17.5m, N32million, N35million, N42million, N45 million, N72 million and N135million in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 respectively.*** During the 2017 edition of the Annual Afe Babalola Agricultural Expo (ABA-EX), I gave ₦1 million to the Best Farmer in the Ekiti State and ₦250,000 to the Best Farmer in each of the 16 Local Government Areas of the state. On January 25, 2018, ABUAD turned the sod of its Research Industrial Park. The Park will facilitate intellectual ability to interpret and translate the Research efforts of Nigerian Universities, particularly ABUAD, into viable products and services through the establishment of various industries in a dedicated Park, thus buoying the economy of the state and reduce unemployment. The University road is always being maintained by the University while the neighboring communities are also benefitting from the university power supply.

## **6.0 REPORT ON ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The university is currently running 44 undergraduates and 62 postgraduates programmes across all disciplines. Biomedical Engineering, Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, Post Graduate Programmes in all Engineering programmes, Ph.D programmes in almost all the Programmes in Colleges of Sciences, Medicine and Health Sciences and Social and Management Sciences were introduced in 2018 while **Performing Arts, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Architecture and Optometry are awaiting NUC approval.** The university has 44 and 62 fully accredited undergraduate and postgraduate programmes respectively. The three flagship programmes remained Law which the National Universities Commission, NUC, the Regulatory Authority for University Education in Nigeria, has described as the ***“Best in West Africa”***, Engineering which the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) acknowledged as the ***“Template for Engineering Education in Nigeria”*** and **Medicine and Health Sciences** which the former Minister of State for Health, Dr. Khaliru Alhassan, said ***“will be difficult for any other university in Nigeria to equal”***. The three programmes are often over-subscribed because of the quality of education on offer in ABUAD. ABUAD has also partnered with the Channels Television to establish Channels Academy to train our students on all areas of Journalism and the art of speech making. Approval has been given by the NUC for Open & Distance Learning (ODL) and some part-time programmes in Colleges of Social & Management Sciences.

## **7.0 REPORT ON PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

The magnificent 400-bed ABUAD Multi-System Hospital was completed and commissioned on October 30, 2017 and commenced full operations in March 21, 2018. The accompanying Staff Quarters for Medical Staff and Hostels for Medical and Allied Students were also completed. The completion of more senior staff quarters, more New Female hostels, the Fuel Dump Station. The completion of ultra-modern 4,000-seater PTCF Amphitheatre, while a modern Shopping Mall housing a Chinese Restaurant, Bukateria and Fast Food Point was put in place. Apart from the above, the University's 18-metre Planetarium was completed (The first in Africa). The completion of the Post Graduate College, Post Graduate Halls of Residence, Post Graduate Cafeteria, and the gigantic College of Social & Management

Sciences. In the same vein, it completed the construction of its Morgue (Mortuary) and the Mechanical Workshop at ABUAD Farm while it re-constructed its Mango Juice Factory. It has completed the Pharmacy building while Principal Staff Quarters and the Ultra-modern Senate Building are nearly completed with more male hostels undergoing construction.

## 8.0 CHALLENGES

The need to reiterate the major challenges encountered by the university is imperative. Funding and lack of such necessary infrastructure like good motorable Roads, Airport, Electricity and Water are the major challenges. Being a private university, the Founder remains the sole financier of the gigantic university project which includes two big farms, a Multi-System Hospital and the 121-unit Industrial Park. The issue of paucity of funds is compounded by the attitude of Nigerians to giving. An average Nigerian does not believe in giving. This is very much unlike the practice in a University like Stanford, Harvard, Yale, Oxford, Cambridge etc., which realizes trillions of Dollars per year in Gifts, Endowments and Grants which allow it them to embark on Research and other developmental projects. ***The failure of Government to extend Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) to private universities is unfortunate. The problem of funding is further compounded by unfulfilled promises by the State Government. When Ekiti State Government under Engr. Segun Oni persuaded the Founder to site the University in Ekiti instead of Ibadan which was original intention of the Founder, it promised to provide land, construct roads and provide water. None of these promises was fulfilled.*** When the Founder persuaded the Federal Government to construct an airport in Ekiti along with others including Delta, Bayelsa and Gombe, it set aside over N800million for its take-off; however, the former, (now incumbent) Governor Fayemi said that an airport was not his priority. Today ABUAD Students come from all the states in Nigeria including Cameroon. One can only imagine the sufferings of student and parents in coming to ABUAD sited in Ado – Ekiti in a landlocked state with no good motorable roads, rail line nor airport. This makes movement to and fro Ekiti a herculean task. Today, ABUAD provides its own water through sinking of Boreholes. It also provides its own electricity through the instrumentality of 18 Giant Generators. It has been maintaining the roads that lead to the university since inception. These are daunting challenges that need to be addressed without any further delay.

## 9.0 PROSPECTS FOR 2019

We want to address the critically important issues of transportation. We implored the Federal Ministry of Transport, FERMA, and Ministry of Aviation as well as the Federal Ministry of Works to look into the peculiar problems of lack of good roads and an Airport in Ekiti State to commence immediate action to proffer last solutions to them. Good enough Ekiti State Government has been approached to give us land to construct our own Air Strip. We have also reached an agreement with ABUAD Plant Limited, a Joint Venture for the provision of 5.67 Megawatts of electricity. We shall be exploring the use of ICT in learning, teaching, and governance so as to have a paradigm shift from transportation to communication that will change ABUAD to a paperless environment and strengthening Open and Distance Learning platform. We also plan to stem medical outward tourism in Nigeria through provision of affordable and quality health-care. We plan to provide food security and create wealth by training youth on agriculture, agribusiness, entrepreneurship and space development. ***We pray that the TETFund policy will be reviewed to include well-qualified private universities to benefit.***

## 10.0 CONCLUSION

There is no gainsaying that ABUAD has been contributing and providing quality and functional education in Nigeria and sub-Saharan Africa. This and every other activities of the University are encapsulated in the University anthem and so visible in the contributions of the ABUAD Alumni to the world ecosystem. There is an increase in the international mobility of staff and students and in students' employability that is gradually positioning the university to attain a world class status.

### Funding

S/No	Indicator	
1	Average Annual Undergraduate Tuition (2018)	<b>N802,343.75</b>
2	Average Annual Undergraduate Other Charges (2018)	<b>N301,718.75</b>
3	Total Undergraduate Fees per Session (Tuition and Others Charges) - SCIENCE STUDENTS (2018)	<b>N4,354,862,411.00</b>
4	Total Undergraduate Fees per Session (Tuition and Others Charges) - NON-SCIENCE STUDENTS (2018)	<b>N2,821,543,839.00</b>
5	Percentage of Students on Bursary, Scholarship and Loan Schemes (2018)	<b>9.34%</b>
6	Average Unit Cost for Training an Undergraduate in the University (2018)	<b>N1,298,337.00</b>
7	Percentage of Personnel Cost Provided by the Proprietor (2018)	<b>45%</b>
8	Total Capital Grant released to the University (2018) ( <b>NOT FROM TETFUND OR NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT</b> )	<b>N1,262,784,257.19</b>
9	Total Cost of Running the University in 2018	<b>N8,439,190,507.19</b>
10	Percentage of Total Cost of running the University in 2018 that was funded from Internally-Generated Revenue (IGR)	<b>2.54%</b>

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