

## FUTMINNA WINS MINISTRY OF MINES RESEARCH GRANT

Three lecturers from the Department of Geology, Federal University of Technology, Minna have won a nine million naira research grant of the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development.

Former Head of the Department, Dr. Idris-Nda Abdullahi (lead researcher) along with two of his colleagues, Dr. Nuhu



Minister of State, Ministry of Mines and Steel Development, Alh. Abubakar Bawa Bwari presenting the letter of grant award to Director of DRID, FUT, Minna Prof. Hussaini Makun

Waziri and Dr. Thomas Ako won the grant for a collaborative work titled: **“Geological Mapping and Assessment of Metallic and Industrial Minerals in Parts of North Central Nigeria (FCT, Kaduna, Nasarawa and Niger States).”**

In an address during the presentation of the awards which took place yesterday at Abuja in the Conference Room of the Ministry. The Minister of State, Hon. Abubakar Bawa Bwari disclosed that the occasion marked the first time ever that the Ministry was having such a research collaboration with Nigerian tertiary institutions. He expressed delight over the development and assured that it would be sustained.

The minister further disclosed that a total of 84 million naira was disbursed among 11 universities that won the grants and urged the benefitting institutions to stick to the terms of reference of the awards and complete the work within six months as stipulated.

Hon Bwari said the universities won the grants based on the merit of their proposals and the potential to develop the mining sector.

He said the release of the funds for research development and collaboration to benefitting universities will increase the geosciences data available for investors in mining sector.

Hon. Bwari expressed hope that the effort will help improve the quality of learning by impacting on the students and lecturers that would be involved in field work.

The minister disclosed that following the signing of the 2018 budget, the second phase of the collaboration will soon commence, adding that the ministry intends to, in

future, increase the amount available for each research and further narrow the areas of study in order to deepen the actualization of its roadmap.

He called on tertiary institutions in the country to collaborate with the ministry to give Nigeria a befitting place on the mining world map.

Earlier in his remarks, Chairman of the Ministry’s Steering Committee, Prof. Olugbenga Okunola disclosed that proposals were received from 15 Nigerian universities, screened by the committee comprising five professors and 11 were found to be relevant to Mining Sector Roadmap.

He said that on completion of the studies, a peer review exercise will follow.

The Director, Research, Innovations and Development of FUT, Minna, Prof. Hussaini Makun received the award letter on behalf of the University.

Speaking with *Campus News* after the event, the lead researcher Dr. Abdullahi, said they had put in a lot of effort to ensure that their proposal was one of the best in the area they intend to work.

He expressed happiness that their efforts were crowned with success and gave assurances that they would study expeditiously to complete the work within the time limit.

A breakdown of the awards shows that other universities that won the same amount of grant with FUT, Minna are: Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; University of Nigeria, Nsukka and Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University (IBBU), Lapai.

University of Ibadan, University of Lagos, University of Port Harcourt, Nasarawa State University and Ebonyi State University all won grants worth N6.5 million each.

Responding on behalf of the benefitting institutions, Vice-Chancellor of IBBU, Prof. Nasiru Maiturare described the event as a landmark and enjoined other ministers to follow suit in the direction of collaborating with Nigerian universities.

He said that the event has given life to Nigeria’s quest for diversification and development of its mineral deposits, just as it amplifies the federal government’s drive for local content.

Prof. Maiturare thanked the minister for recognising the talents and patronising the resources in Nigerian universities in order to develop the country’s economy. He assured that the universities would deliver the assignments beyond the expectations of the ministry

It may be recalled that the FUT, Minna had last year received a reconnaissance permit and exploration licence issued by the Nigerian Mining Cadastre Office.

# NIESV COLLABORATES WITH FUTMINNA

The Chairman of the Plant and Equipment Valuation Faculty of the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV) Mr. Osato Osawaye in the company of delegates from Estate Surveyors Registration Board of Nigerian (ESVARBON) and Niger State Chapter of NIESV has visited the Federal University of Technology, Minna.

The visit took place on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at the Vice Chancellor's Conference Room, Main Campus.



VC's Rep. Prof. Kolo (m) and other PO's in a group photograph with delegates from NIESV and ESVARBON

Mr. Osawaye while briefing the Vice-Chancellor of the University. Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, represented by the Dean, Postgraduate School, Prof. Matthew Kolo said the visit was in pursuance of collaboration with the University to have an international workshop, training and course in conjunction with NIESV, ESVARBON and the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development.

According to him, there is a seriousness of the present government in the area of diversification of our economy and one of the quickest turn around product naturally given to us by the Almighty is our abundant reserves of mineral resources hence the need for us to go back to the business of growing the mining industry.

The Chairman disclosed that the synergy between NIESV and the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development is in terms of developing capacity in the practice, development and exploitation of our mines, mineral assets and steel industry hence the need for the international conference.

"We lack capacity among the professionals that are engaged in the field of valuation; we need to grow their competencies which will prevent foreign investors from importing human capital," he stressed.

Mr. Osawaye said Niger State was deemed fit for the international workshop because it is like an abstract of Nigeria comprising of various cultures, also because the Minister of Mines is from Niger State and charity begins at home. He pointed out that FUT, Minna was chosen as the certificate awarding university that will work with NIESV towards enhancing the competency of the Nigerian valuer to provide expert valuation services to the myriad of investors that are trying to gate crash into our economy to take a chunk of the mining industry we have opened our borders to.

He disclosed that the proposed date for the conference which is going to be the first of its kind is November and

looked forward to the University hosting it.

Responding, the VC expressed appreciation for the honour given to the University, describing it as a welcome development.

The helmsman said collaboration is part of the University activity and will be delighted to host the workshop, while assuring them that the University has the capacity, resource and serene environment to host an international workshop of that magnitude.

The VC encouraged them to prepare very well for an impressive conference within the time frame so as to give a good first impression, adding that there is no doubt that the conference will be a pleasant outing with the credible members from the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development, NIESV ESVARBON and Departments of Estate Management and Evaluation and Geology of FUT, Minna.

## DELAY IN JUNE SALARY

Management has expressed its concern over the delay in payment of June, 2018 salaries which is due to some problems being encountered in Abuja. It calls for understanding of all staff as the situation is being addressed and the salaries will be paid as soon as the issues are resolved.

## SALE OF ONLINE POSTGRADUATE APPLICATION FORMS

The general public is hereby informed that the sales of online postgraduate application forms for admission into the 2018/2019 academic session has commenced.

### Requirements:

All applicants must possess the basic entry requirements in addition to five O'level credits, including English and Mathematics.

### Application Fee:

University charges an application fee of N10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira) only plus, N250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Naira) only Remita charges making a total of N10,250.00 (Ten Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Naira) only payable online via Remita platform with the use of Master or Verve card through the School portal.

### Closing Date:

Completed application forms must be submitted online through the University portal latest Friday, August 31, 2018. All necessary instructions on filling of forms must be adhered to and failure to do so is sufficient ground to disqualify an applicant.

### Important Notice:

Interested applicants should visit the Federal University of Technology, Minna website: [www.futminna.edu.ng](http://www.futminna.edu.ng) for further details on entry requirements, purchase, filling and submission of the online forms.

## DISCIPLINED STUDENTS

Senate at its 432nd and 433rd meetings held on Wednesdays, March 28 and April 25, 2018 respectively, considered among others, the withdrawal of the following from the University for spending more than the maximum allowable period of 7<sup>1/2</sup> (15 semesters). Serial number 1 - 4 are voluntary withdrawal, while 5 - 7 are due to over staying.

1. Olanrewaju Hafeez Abiodun (2014/1/52428PM) 200 Level, Department of Mathematics.
2. Oluwaseyi Caleb Akanbi (2012/1/43376BM) 400 Level, Department of Mathematics.
3. Bernard Prince Otunche (2014/1/51189PM) 200 Level, Department of Mathematics.
4. Mohammed Umar Kuta (2012/1/42698BL) 300 Level, Department of Geology.
5. Akanbe Olusola Olamide (2009/1/34863BL) 500 Level, Department of Geology.
6. Nnaegbuna Innocent Uchenna (2009/1/33720BL) 500 Level, Department of Geology.
7. Olorunmaiye Emmanuel Juwon 2009/1/34309BL) 500 Level, Department of Geology.

## SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES

Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators (ANUPA), Federal University of Technology, Minna Chapter calls on members of the University community and the general public to submit articles (not more than 1000 words) for publication in the magazine not later than Friday, July 27, 2018 in the following areas:

1. Corruption
2. Dietary and Nutrition
3. Education
4. Moral and Self-Discipline
5. Voluntary Asset Income Declaration Scheme and
6. Security

The articles in hard and soft copies should be forwarded to the Secretary, **Susan F. Otaru, (08037011424), Dean's Office, School of Electrical Engineering and Technology or [anupa@futminna.edu.ng](mailto:anupa@futminna.edu.ng)**

## ANUPA CORNER

### HEALTH

Medical literature tells us that the most effective ways to reduce the risk of heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, Alzheimer's and many more problems are through healthy diet and exercise. Our bodies have evolved to move, yet we use the energy in oil instead of muscles to do our work as we nowadays use more of machines instead of our body parts.

## CAMPUS NEWS LAUNCHES MOBILE APP

This is to inform our esteemed readers that FUT, Minna Campus News has launched its Mobile App.

Interested persons can visit the android play store, search "Futminna Campus News" to download the App.

You can also follow us via our twitter handle **@infounitfutmx** and our Facebook page **Futminna Infounit** for real time update on live events, details of upcoming activities on campus, exclusive pictures of events and lots more.

## NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

This is to inform our esteemed readers that the Unit will as from Friday, October 5, 2018 stop the production and distribution of hardcopy version of the University Weekly Campus News.

Consequently, we advise our readers who are not on our e-mail data base to forward their e-mail address to any of the following: [info@futminna.edu.ng](mailto:info@futminna.edu.ng), [ayo.olubiyi@futminna.edu.ng](mailto:ayo.olubiyi@futminna.edu.ng) and [ayoyemifavour@gmail.com](mailto:ayoyemifavour@gmail.com) or any of these phone numbers: **08037276484, 08036537032 or 08060893490.**

Help us in our commitment to serve you better.

## COUNSELLING TIP

Do not allow your physical self to limit your life set goals. It is not primarily ourselves that limit us but rather our mindset about our physical limits. Develop positive mindset towards yourself and people around you.

**Guidance and Counselling Unit,  
Students' Affairs Division.**

## LIST OF NEW ARRIVALS (BOOKS)

S/ N	Title	Author	Publisher	Year
1.	An Introduction to Security	Brett, C. T	Canada Ave	2016
2.	Current and Emerging Trends in Cyber Operations	Lemieux, F.	Syngress	2016
3.	Mechatronics: A Foundation Course	De silva, C. W	CRC Press	2015
4.	Channels, Propagation and Antennas for Mobile Communication	Vaughan, R	IET	2015
5.	Multi-Carrier Communication Systems With Examples In Matlab: A New Perspective	Hassan, E.M	CRC Press	2016
6.	Queuing Theory And Telecommunications Networks And Applications	Giambene G.	Springer	2016
7.	Data Communication Principles For Fixed And Wireless Network	Ahmed, A.	Kluwer Academic	2016
8.	Embedded Software Development The Open-Source Approach	Bertolotti, I.C	CRC Press	2016
9.	System-Level Design Methodologies For Telecommunication	Skavos, N.	Springer	2016
10	Boardband Bringing Home The Bits	Jayant, N.	NAP	2017

# Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, June 25, – Friday, June 29, 2018)

## DIAMOND BANK CONSUMER LOANS

SN	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Collection of Certificate	440,000.00
2	Transcript	230,000.00
3	Replacement of I.D. Card	500.00
4	Turnitin	24,000.00
5	Renewal of Association	5,000.00
6	Proficiency in English	12,000.00
7	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	14,000.00
8	Clearance Fees	12,000.00
9	Purchase of Academic Gown	30,000.00
10	Farm Land	1,000.00
11	Hostel Fees	213,750.00
14	Statement of Result	2,000.00
15	Hiring of University (BEE Daycare)	60,000.00
16	Semesterial Result	800.00
17	Postgraduate Forms	1,035,250.00
18	Postgraduate School Fees	1,558,250.00
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>3,638,550.00</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
19	<b>Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Refund	10,230,480.00
	(b) Advance	13,449,560.00
	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	(a) Brizelane Koncepts Ltd. - Supply	4,641,000.00
	(b) Abuja Electricity Dis. Comp. - Electricity Bill	7,433,692.65
	(c) El - Tij Global Nig. Ltd. - Supply of Diesel	3,407,350.00
	(d) El - Tij Global Nig. Ltd. - Supply of Diesel	3,407,250.00
	(e) El - Tij Global Nig. Ltd. - Supply of Diesel	3,407,250.00
	(f) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	139,600.00
	(g) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	125,000.00
	(i) P3 Consultancy Limited - Supply	1,695,750.00
	(j) Dele Otitoju & Co. - Service	540,000.00
	(k) Electronic Test Company Limited - Service	6,669,300.00
	(l) Brizelane Koncepts Ltd. - Service	297,150.00
	(m) A.C.O Business Ventures - Supply	197,500.00
	(n) Princess Az-zahra Lodge - Hotel Bill	183,250.00
	(o) Sarkin Pawa - Repairs	538,200.00
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>49,547,732.65</b>

This is to inform the University community that they can access loans from Diamond Bank Plc. The consumer loans are as follows:

1. Personal Loan: Which allows any staff to access a loan of N500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira) and above.
2. Auto Loan: Staff can access auto loan and pay over a period of four years for purchase of brand new cars from their (Bank) authorized vendors.
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5. Credit Cards: Staff are also entitled to get credit card which can allow them hold funds in their cards for emergency situations like urgent hospital bills etc.
6. And so many other benefits.

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