** ABDULLAHI FODIO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ALIERO**

**(**Office of the Secretary – Postgraduate School**)**

**2025/2026 POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME ADMISSIONS**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the postgraduate programmes in the Postgraduate School, Abdullahi Fodio University of Science and Technology, Aliero for the 2025/2026 Academic Session:- M. Sc., M. Ed, M. Sc. Ed**,** M. Phil/Ph.D.**,** Ph. D & PGD full time.

1. ***ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS***
2. **Postgraduate Diplomas**

The following shall qualify for admission into Postgraduate Diploma programmes:

1. Graduates of AFUSTA or any other recognized University with minimum of 3rd class degree.
2. Holders of Higher National Diploma (HND, not HD) with minimum of Lower Credit or its equivalent in related areas.
3. Holders of HND (not HD) in non-related areas with minimum of Lower Credit. Such candidates may, however, be admitted after passing tests prescribed by the Department/Faculty in consultation with the Postgraduate School.
4. Candidates who hold qualifications other than the above which are acceptable to the Board of Postgraduate School and Senate of the University.
5. In addition to (i) - (iv) above, a candidate must satisfy the University’s matriculation requirements.
6. **Masters Degrees (Academic and Professional)**

The following shall qualify for the Masters Degree admission:

1. Graduates of AFUSTA or other recognized Universities who have obtained the approved Bachelor’s degree with at least second class honours lower division or its equivalent.
2. Candidates whose degrees are unclassified with average of “C” or 50%.
3. Candidates with only Bachelor’s degree in third division who have at least three years relevant working experience.
4. Candidates with Bachelor’s degree in third class division who have a postgraduate diploma with at least lower credit pass.
5. Candidates who possess HND (not HD) with at least a Lower Credit pass from recognized institutions **and** at least Lower Credit pass at Postgraduate Diploma of KSUSTA or any other recognized institution in the relevant areas.
6. Candidates who hold qualifications other than the ones listed above, which are acceptable to the Board of Postgraduate School and Senate of the University.
7. Candidates may be required to pass examination prescribed by Postgraduate School in consultation with relevant Departments to which they are seeking admission to determine their suitability for postgraduate work.
8. In addition to (i) – (vi) above, a candidate must satisfy the University’s matriculation requirements.

**(c) Masters of Philosophy (M. Phil.)**

The following shall qualify for the Masters of Philosophy admission:

1. Graduates of AFUSTA and other recognized Universities who have obtained good Masters Degrees with minimum GPA of not less than 3.0 on a 5-point scale or not less than 2.0 on a 4-point scale.
2. Candidates with the degree of Professional Masters with minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 5-point scale and at least a Bachelor’s degree not below third class division; the degrees of such candidates shall terminate at M. Phil.
3. Candidates who have been recommended by their respective Departments to be upgraded from Masters to M. Phil.
4. Candidates who hold qualifications other than the ones listed above, which are acceptable to the Board of Postgraduate School and Senate of the University.
5. In addition to (i) - (iv) above, a candidate must satisfy the University’s matriculation requirements.
6. **Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D)**

The following shall qualify for the Doctor of Philosophy admission:

1. Graduates of AFUSTA and other recognized Universities who have obtained good Masters Degrees with GPA of 3.5 and above on a 5-point scale or 3.00 on a 4-point scale appropriate to the proposed areas of study.
2. Candidates whose Masters degrees were through research only must have minimum of “B” grades or 60% score.
3. Candidates who hold qualifications other than the ones listed above, which are acceptable to the Board of Postgraduate School and Senate of the University.
4. In addition to (i) - (iii) above, candidates must possess Bachelor’s degree in at least Second Class Lower Division.
5. Candidates with relevant qualifications and must present acceptable research proposals.
6. In addition to (i)-(v) above, a candidate must satisfy the University’s Matriculation requirements

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**List of available Postgraduate Programmes for the 2025/2026 Academic Session**

**1. Faculty of Agriculture**

i**. Department of Animal Science**

**PGD**

M. Sc. M. Phil /Ph. D Animal Science

***AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION***

1. Animal Breeding and Genetics
2. Animal Nutrition and Biochemistry
3. Animal Physiology
4. Livestock Production System
5. Pasture and Range Management/Forage Science
6. Livestock Production Science

**ii. Department of Crop Science**

PGD, M. Sc. M. Phil /Ph. D Crop Science

***AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION***

1. Crop Production
2. Crop Breeding
3. Weed Science
4. Agricultural Entomology
5. Phytopathology

iii. **Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension**

PGD, M. Sc. M. Phil /Ph. D Agricultural Economics

***AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION***

(a) Agricultural Production Economics and Farm Management

(b) Agricultural Marketing

(c) Agricultural Finance

(d) Agribusiness Management

(e) Agricultural Resource Economics

PGD, M. Sc. M. Phil /Ph. D Agricultural Extension

***AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION***

(a) Agricultural Extension

(b) Rural Sociology

**V. Department of Forestry and Fisheries**

PGD Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology, M. Sc. Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology, M. Phil /Ph. D Fisheries

PGDF Postgraduate Diploma in Forestry, M. Sc. Environmental Forestry M. Phil /Ph. Forestry

Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology

**AREA OF SPECIALIZATION**

(a) Aquaculture

(b) Fish Nutrition

(c) Water Quality and Pond Dynamics

(d) Fish Production Development

(e) Fish Pond Harvest Technology

(f) Fish Breeding and Genetics

(g) Fish Ecology

(h) Fish Reproductive Biology

(i) Conservative Aquaculture

(j) Fisheries Management

**Environmental Forestry**

**AREA OF SPECIALIZATION**

1. Forest Management
2. Silviculture
3. Forest Ecology
4. Inventory and Mensuration

**Vi. Department of Soil Science**

M. Sc. M. Phil /Ph. D Soil Science

***AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION***

1. Soil Microbiology
2. Soil Survey and Land use Planning
3. Soil Physics and Conservation
4. Soil Chemistry and Mineralogy
5. Soil Fertility /Fertilizer Technology
6. Pedology
7. Environmental Soil Science

**2. Faculty of Life Sciences**

1. **Department of Plant Science and Biotechnology**

M.Sc .M.Phil/Ph.D Botany

***AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION***

(a) Plant Physiology

(b) Plant Ecology

(c) Plant Taxonomy

(d) Plant Pathology

1. **Department of Microbiology**

PGD, M. Sc. M. Phil /Ph. D Microbiology

***AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION***

(a) Microbial Biotechnology

(b) Medical/Pathogenic Microbiology

(c) Environmental Microbiology

(d) Food and Industrial Microbiology

1. **Department of Animal and Environmental Biology**

M. Sc. M. Phil /Ph. D Zoology

***AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION***

1. Entomology
2. Parasitology
3. Fisheries and Hydrobiology

**ii. Department of Biochemistry**

PGD**,** M. Sc. M. Phil/ Ph. D Biochemistry

***AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION***

(a) Environmental Biochemistry

(b) Clinical Biochemistry

(c) Nutritional Biochemistry

(d) Pharmacological and Toxicological Biochemistry

(e) Molecular Biology/Biotechnology

**3. Faculty of Physical Sciences**

**iii Department of Computer Science**

PGD, M. Sc. M. Phil /Ph. D Computer Science

***AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION***

1. Computer Science Theory/Foundation of Computer Science
2. Computer Systems
3. Software Engineering
4. Database Systems/Data Engineering
5. Computer Communications and Networks
6. Artificial Intelligence
7. Computer Forensics
8. Human Computer Interactions

**iv. Department of Pure and Applied Chemistry**

M. Sc. M. Phil /Ph. D Chemistry

***AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION***

1. Inorganic Chemistry
2. Organic Chemistry
3. Applied Chemistry
4. Environmental Chemistry
5. Analytical Chemistry
6. Petroleum Chemistry
7. Physical Chemistry

**V. Department of Physics**

M. Sc. M. Phil /Ph. D Physics

***AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION***

(a) Energy Studies- Alternative Energy Sources

(b) Condensed Matter/ Solid State Physics

(c) Instrumentation/Electronics

(d) Meteorology/ Physics of the Lower Atmosphere

(e) Geophysics

**Vi. Department of Mathematics**

M. Sc. M. Phil /Ph. D Mathematics

***AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION***

1. Fluid Dynamics
2. Algebra
3. Functional Analysis
4. Mathematical Modeling
5. Nonlinear Analysis
6. Computational Mathematics

PGD, M. Sc. M. Phil /Ph. D Statistics

***AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION***

1. Multivariate Analysis
2. Stochastic Process
3. Time Series
4. Biostatistics
5. Design of Experiments
6. Sampling Theory & Survey
7. ***ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS***
8. **Masters of Education (M. Ed)**

The following shall qualify for the Master’s Degree admission:

1. Five O’ Level Credits including English and Mathematics.
2. A candidate must have a credit in one Science subject and any other two (2) from area of specialisation.
3. Grade II with minimum of five (5) credits including English and Mathematics.
4. Graduates of AFUSTA or other recognized Universities who have obtained the approved Bachelor’s degree in Education with at least second class honours lower division or its equivalent.
5. Candidates with only Bachelor’s degree in third division who have at least three years relevant working experience.
6. Candidates who possess Lower Credit pass at Postgraduate Diploma in Education of AFUSTA or any other recognized institution in the relevant areas.
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**(b) Masters of Science Education (M. Sc. Ed)**

The following shall qualify for the Masters of Philosophy admission:

1. Five O’ Level Credits including English and Mathematics.
2. A candidate must possess in addition to (i) above credit in any other three (3) Science subjects and as the course may applied.
3. Graduates of AFUSTA or other recognized Universities who have obtained the approved Bachelor’s degree in B.Sc. Ed. with at least second class honours lower division or its equivalent.
4. Candidates with only Bachelor’s degree in third division who have at least three years relevant working experience.
5. Candidates who possess Lower Credit pass at Postgraduate Diploma in Education of AFUSTA or any other recognized institution in the relevant areas.
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1. M. Ed. Education Administration and Planning
2. M. Ed. Guidance and Counselling
3. M. Ed. Educational Psychology
4. M. Ed. Sociology of Education

**ii. Department of Science Education**

1. M. Sc. Ed. Biology
2. M. Sc. Ed. Chemistry
3. M. Sc. Ed. Computer Science
4. M. Sc. Ed. Mathematics
5. M. Sc. Ed. Physics

**2. METHOD OF APPLICATION**

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Applicants should arrange well in advance for their academic transcripts to be forwarded to the undersigned before the application closing date.

**(Signed)**

Nura Mohammed Kindi

(**Secretary, Postgraduate School)**

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