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POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSIONS INTO POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES IN THE 2026/2027 ACADEMIC SESSION (GENERAL ADVERT)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into various Postgraduate degree programmes at the University of Ilorin.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

- (i) Only courses available for the session are advertised, and as such, candidates are advised to select courses available in this advertisement.**
- (ii) Candidates are advised to *PRINT* out the advertisement and *STUDY* thoroughly before *COMMENCING* the application procedure.**
- (iii) Applicants are to note that the University will not be liable or responsible for any mistake made arising from a wrong application**
- (iv) The Postgraduate academic session for Postgraduate programmes is 12 calendar months, commencing on 2nd October and ending on 30th September of the following year. The 12 calendar months start to count automatically from the date of first registration.**
- (v) Applicants are to note that programmes automatically lapse at the expiration of the prescribed maximum duration for each programme. A candidate may, however, apply for an extension of not more than 12 months, in the first instance, subject to a maximum of two such extensions.**

A. POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES OFFERED

1. Ph.D. Degree Programmes

These are available to holders of M.A.; M.Ed.; M.Eng.; M.Sc.; LL.M; and M.P.H degrees, with a minimum score of 60% or a minimum of 4 points on a 5 points Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) scale in their Master degree programmes. **A Ph.D. degree programme runs for a minimum period of 36 calendar months and a maximum period of 60 calendar months for full-time candidates OR a minimum period of 48 calendar months and a maximum period of 72 calendar months for part-time candidates. Relevant Courses will be taken for the Ph.D. studies where prescribed, and a Thesis is required at the end of the Ph.D. programme.**

2. M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree Programmes

Candidates who scored between 55.00 and 59.99 percent or 3.50 – 3.99 CGPA score on a 5-point scale can apply for admission into the Master of Philosophy

(M.Phil./Ph.D.) degree programme. The M.Phil./Ph.D. degree programme is available only to full-time candidates. It runs for a minimum period of 12 calendar months and a maximum period of 24 calendar months, and a **Dissertation** is produced after the research work. Candidates in this category are eligible for conversion to Ph.D. programme, following a progress assessment report to be made by a Panel of Examiners at the end of the first session of registration. To be eligible for conversion to the Ph.D. program, candidates are expected to score not less than 60% (aggregate) at the end of the first session.

3. **M.Phil. Degree Programmes**

Candidates who scored between 50.00 and 54.99 percent or 3.00 – 3.49 CGPA score on a 5-point scale, can apply for admission into the Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) degree programme. The M.Phil. degree programme is available only to full-time candidates. It runs for a minimum period of 18 calendar months and a maximum period of 24 calendar months on a full-time basis, and a **Dissertation** is produced after the research work.

4. **Master Degree Programmes**

M.A.; M.Ed.; M.Eng.; M.Sc.; LL.M and M.P.H. degrees run for a minimum period of 18 calendar months and a maximum period of 24 calendar months for full-time candidates OR a minimum period of 36 calendar months and a maximum period of 48 calendar months for part-time candidates. All Master degree programmes are by course work. This is in addition to a research report at the end of which a **Dissertation** is produced.

5. **Postgraduate Diploma Degree Programmes**

Postgraduate Diploma degrees are available to candidates with Third Class (honours) degrees.

B. ELIGIBILITY FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

General Requirements:

- i. All entry certificate requirements shall be available at the point of purchasing the application form. ***The National Youth Service Corp Discharge Certificate*** OR ***Exemption Certificate*** should be dated and presented on or before September 30th, 2026.
- ii. Applicants are expected to submit their application forms online, together with scanned copies of their credentials.
- iii. After the submission of the application forms online, as stated in (ii) above, all supporting documents in (i) above and the hard copy of the application form should be forwarded to the Secretary, Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria between **Monday, 1st June 2026 and Friday, 5th June 2026, while the submission of Transcripts of Academic Records should be addressed and forwarded to the Head of Department where the admission is being sought.** The Postgraduate School will not be held liable for any misdirected transcript.
- iv. All applicants must have 5 O/L Credit passes in the relevant subjects, which must include English Language and Mathematics. In line with Senate directives,

applicants who had their O/L results before the year 2015, may have a pass in English or Mathematics depending on the programme applied for.

- v. Applicants for the Master degree programmes who are graduates of the University of Ilorin and other recognized universities must have a minimum of Second Class Honours Degree (Lower Division) and must be applying for programmes in which they had their first degrees. However, applicants with Second Class Honours Degree (Lower Division) and those with higher classes of degrees seeking admissions into programmes outside those in which they had their first degrees may be admitted, provided they satisfy the University of Ilorin Senate's requirements in a qualifying examination to be conducted. The least class of first Degree for all academic programme applicants is **Second Class Honours Degree (Lower Division). The Bachelor degrees should be obtained from the University of Ilorin or any other University recognised by the Senate of the University of Ilorin.** ALL applicants shall apply early for their official Bachelor degree transcript to be sent to the **Head of Department** where the admission is being sought, before the expiration of the stated deadline in B (iii) above. Again, the Postgraduate School will not be held liable or responsible for any misdirected transcript.
- vi. Applicants for the Ph.D. degree programme shall have obtained a relevant Master degree of the University of Ilorin or from other recognized Universities, with an average weighted score of at least 60% or a 4.0 points CGPA on a 5-point scale. Short-listed applicants would be required to satisfy the Postgraduate School in the qualifying interviews and assessments by the relevant Department. **Applicants are, therefore, expected to interact with the department to which they have applied to ascertain the interview date for the Ph.D. degree programme.** Regardless of the institution where the Master degree was obtained, all candidates must apply early for the official copy of their **academic transcripts to be sent to the Head of Department where the admission is being sought** for the purpose of this admission and before the expiration of the stated deadline. Applicants must note that the Postgraduate School will not be responsible for any misdirected transcript.
- vii. All Higher Degree applicants that attended foreign Universities, where English language is not the medium of instruction, should submit to the Head of Department where the admission is being sought, evidence of their English Language proficiency, e.g. TOEFL or IELTS scores obtained within the validity period of such certifications.
- viii. Applicants for the Postgraduate Diploma and Master Degree Programmes will be subjected to a qualifying examination, irrespective of the class of degree obtained. However, applicants from the University of Ilorin with a First Class or a Second Class, Upper Division (Honours), provided such applicant is not applying to a department that is different from the one in which he/she graduated from at the undergraduate level, will be exempted from the qualifying examination.
- ix. International applicants (who are domiciled outside Nigeria and non-Nigerians applying from outside the country) shall be exempted from the qualifying examination irrespective of the class of degree. All applicants are requested to submit a proposal of not more than 5 pages, giving details of their intended areas

of research interests. This should be sent electronically to pgschool@unilorin.edu.ng no later than Friday, 8th May 2026.

- x. Applicants applying for any of the full-time programmes of the University are expected to present a letter of release from their employers at the point of registration.

C. Programme Specifics

- i. Applicants for the **Postgraduate Diploma in Computer Science** shall satisfy one of the following:
 - a. a minimum of first degree in any of the following disciplines from a recognised University: Sciences, Engineering, Social Sciences or the Humanities.
 - b. HND in Computer Science or Engineering from recognized Polytechnics with a minimum of Lower Credit; and
 - c. HND in any other discipline different from those in (b) above but preferably from Sciences or Social Sciences with a minimum of Lower Credit from a recognized Polytechnic or equivalent institution, with at least one year cognate experience.
- ii. Applicants for **Postgraduate Diploma in Statistics** shall satisfy one of the following:
 - a. A minimum of an honour's degree from a recognized University in any of Science and Social Science disciplines;
 - b. HND in Statistics from a recognized Polytechnic with a minimum of Lower Credit.
- iii. Applicants for **Master of Public Health (MPH)** shall satisfy the following:
 - a. Have their first degree in one of the following fields; Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, Nutrition & Dietetics, Veterinary Medicine, Medical Laboratory Science, Health Information Management, Public Health or Microbiology;
 - b. Have at least two (2) years working experience in health facility, ministry of health, UN agencies or health related government and non-governmental agencies.

D. DETAILS OF AVAILABLE PROGRAMMES

1. FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

- i. **Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management**
M.Sc.; Ph.D. Agricultural Economics
- ii. **Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development**
M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Agricultural Extension
- iii. **Department of Agronomy**
M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Agronomy
M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Soil Science
- iv. **Department of Animal Production**
PGD.; M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Animal Production

v. Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries
M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Aquaculture and Fisheries

vi. Department of Crop Protection
PGD.; M.Sc.; Ph.D. Crop Protection

vii. Department of Forest Resources Management
M.Sc.; Ph.D. Forest Resources Management

viii. Department of Home Economics and Food Science
PGD.; M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Food Science
M.Sc.; Home Economics

2. FACULTY OF ARTS

i. Centre for Cultural Studies and Creative Arts
M.A.; Ph.D. Cultural Studies
M.A.; Ph.D. Creative Arts
M.A.; Ph.D. Museum and Archival Studies

ii. Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies
M.A.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Peace and Development Studies
M.A.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Peace and Strategic Studies
M.A.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Peace and Security Studies

iii. Department of Arabic and Transnational Studies
M.A.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Arabic Language
M.A.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Literature- in – Arabic

iv. Department of English
M.A.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. English Language
M.A.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Literature in English

v. Department of French
M.A.; Ph.D. French Language
M.A.; Ph.D. Literature-in-French

vi. Department of History and International Studies
M.A.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. History and International Studies

vii. Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages
M.A.; Ph.D. Linguistics
M.A.; Ph.D. Applied Linguistics
M.A.; Ph.D. Yoruba Literature

viii. Department of The Performing and Film Arts
M.A.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Performing Arts

ix. Department of Religions
M.A.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Christian Studies.
M.A.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Comparative Religious Studies

M.A.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Islamic Studies

x. Institute of Translation Art

M.A. Translation Art

3. FACULTY OF BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES

i. Department of Anatomy

M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Anatomy

ii. Department of Physiology

M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Physiology

4. FACULTY OF BASIC CLINICAL SCIENCES

i. Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Pharmacology and Therapeutics

ii. Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology

M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Medical Microbiology and Parasitology

iii. Molecular Diagnostic and Research Laboratory (MDRL)

PG Certificate Analytic Molecular Biology Techniques

5. FACULTY OF CLINICAL SCIENCES

i. Department of Epidemiology and Community Health

Master of Public Health (MPH)

Master of Community Health (M. Comm. H.)

Ph.D. (Public Health)

ii. Department of Nursing Science

M.Sc. Nursing Science

iii. Department of Paediatrics & Child Health

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Tropical Paediatrics

iv. Institute of Medical Research and Training

PGD.; M.Sc. Sport and Exercise Medicine

M.Sc. Addiction Medicine Study

M.Sc. Haematology and Transfusion Medicine

6. FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

i. Centre for Cybersecurity and Sustainable Development

Master in Cybersecurity (Professional)

PGD.; M.Sc.; M.Phil.; Ph.D. Cybersecurity

ii. Department of Computer Science

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

iii. Department of Information Technology

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Information and Communication Science

iv. Department of Library and Information Science

MLIS.; Ph.D. Library and Information Science

v. Department of Mass Communication

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Mass Communication

vi. Department of Telecommunication Science

M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Telecommunication Science

7. FACULTY OF EDUCATION

i. Department of Arts Education

M.Ed.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. English Language Education

M.Ed.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Arabic Language Education

M.Ed.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. History and Policy Education

M.Ed.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. History Education

M.Ed.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Religious Studies Education

M.Ed.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Comparative Education

M.Ed.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Curriculum Development

M.Ed.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Mother Tongue Education

M.Ed. M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Philosophy of Education

ii. Department of Adult and Primary Education

M.Ed.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Adult Education

M.Ed.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Childhood Education

iii. Department of Educational Management

M.Ed.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Educational Management

iv. Department of Educational Technology

PGD; M.Ed.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Educational Technology

v. Department of Educational Guidance and Counselling

M.Ed.; Ph.D. Educational Guidance and Counselling

PGD. Marriage and Family Life Counselling

PGD. Religious Counselling

vi. Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education

M.Sc. (Ed); M.Phil.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Health Education

Master of Public Health Education

Ph.D. Public Health Education

vii. Department of Human Kinetics Education

M.Sc. (Ed); M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Exercise and Sport Science

M.Sc. (Ed); Ph.D. Administration and Management of Human Kinetics and Sport

M.Sc. (Ed); Ph.D. Recreation and Tourism Education

viii. Department of Science Education

M.Ed., Ph.D. Agricultural Education

Ph.D. Curriculum Development (Science)

M.Ed., Ph.D. Mathematics Education

M.Ed., Ph.D. Science Education (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

ix. Department of Social Sciences Education

M.Ed.; M.Phil./Ph.D. Curriculum Development in Social Sciences Education

M.Ed.; Ph.D. Educational Psychology

M.Ed.; Ph.D. Educational Research, Measurement and Evaluation

M.Ed.; Ph.D. Sociology of Education

M.Ed.; M.Phil./Ph.D. Social Studies Education

8. FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

i. Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

M.Eng.; Ph.D. Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (Processing and Storage; and Farm Structures Options Only)

ii. Department of Biomedical Engineering

M.Eng. Biomedical Engineering

iii. Department of Chemical Engineering

M.Eng.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Chemical Engineering

iv. Department of Civil Engineering

M.IWRM Integrated Water Resources Management

M.Eng.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Civil Engineering

v. Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering

M.Eng.; Ph.D. Electrical and Electronics Engineering

vi. Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering

M.Eng. Materials and Metallurgical Engineering

vii. Department of Mechanical Engineering

M.Eng.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering

9. FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

i. Department of Architecture

M.Sc. Architecture

ii. Department of Estate Management

PGD; M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D. Estate Management

iii. Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics

PGD; M.Sc.; Ph.D. Surveying and Geoinformatics

iv. Department of Quantity Surveying

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Quantity Surveying

v. Department of Urban and Regional Planning

PGD; M.Sc.; M.Phil.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Urban and Regional Planning

10. FACULTY OF LAW

i. Department of Common Law

LL.M; M.Phil.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Common Law

ii. Department of Islamic Law

LL.M; M.Phil.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Islamic Law

iii. Institute For Legislative Studies

PGD; MA.; Ph.D. Legislative Studies

PGD; MA.; Ph.D. Legislative Drafting

PGD; MA.; Ph.D. Constitutional Law and Development

PGD; MA.; Ph.D. Election and Political Party Management

PGD; MA.; Ph.D. Parliamentary Administration

11. FACULTY OF LIFE SCIENCES

i. Department of Biochemistry

PGD; M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Biochemistry

ii. Department of Microbiology

M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Microbiology (Environmental, Medical & Industrial Microbiology)

iii. Department of Plant Biology

PGD; M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Plant Biology

iv. Department of Zoology

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

12. FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

i. Centre for Management and Leadership Ilorin

PGD. Management and Leadership

M.Sc. Community Leadership

M.Sc. Procurement Regulation and Management

M.Sc. Leadership and Accountability

Ph.D. Management and Leadership

ii. Department of Accounting

M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Accounting

iii. Department of Business Administration

M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Business Administration

iv. Department of Finance

M.Sc.; M.Phil.; Ph.D. Finance

v. Department of Industrial Relations and Personnel Management

M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Employment Relations and Human Resource Management

vi. Department of Marketing

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Marketing

vii. Department of Public Administration

PGD; M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Public Administration

13. FACULTY OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

i. Department of Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry

PGD; M.Sc.; Ph.D. Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry

ii. Department of Pharmaceutics and Industrial Pharmacy

M.Phil.; M.Phil./Ph.D. Pharmaceutics and Industrial Pharmacy

iii. Department of Pharmacognosy and Drug Development

M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D. Pharmacognosy

iii. Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology

M.Sc. Pharmacology

iv. Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Practice

14. FACULTY OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

i. Department of Chemistry

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

ii. Department of Industrial Chemistry

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

iii. Department of Mathematics

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

iv. Department of Statistics

M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Statistics

v. Department of Geology and Mineral Sciences

PGD. Geology

M.Sc. Applied Geology

M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Geology

vi. Department of Geophysics

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Applied Geophysics

vii. Department of Physics

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

15. FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

i. Department of Economics

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Economics

ii. Department of Criminology and Security Studies

M.Sc. Criminology and Security Studies

iii. Department of Geography and Environmental Management

M.Sc.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Geography and Environmental Management

iv. Department of Political Science

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Political Science

v. Department of Social Works

PGD.; M.Sc. Social Works

vi. Department of Sociology

M.Sc.; M.Phil.; M.Phil./Ph.D.; Ph.D. Sociology (Rural and Urban Sociology, Industrial Sociology, Criminology, Medical Sociology, Sociology of Development and Social Change, Sociology of the Family and Gender Studies, Sociology of Entrepreneurship, Demography and Population Studies)

16. FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

i. Department of Veterinary Anatomy

M.Sc.; Ph.D.; Veterinary Anatomy

ii. Department of Veterinary Medicine

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Veterinary Medicine

iii. Department of Veterinary Microbiology

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Veterinary Microbiology

iv. Department of Veterinary Pathology

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Veterinary Pathology

v. Department of Veterinary Parasitology & Entomology

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Veterinary Parasitology

vi. Department of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Veterinary Pharmacology

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Veterinary Toxicology

vii. Department of Veterinary Physiology and Biochemistry

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Veterinary Physiology

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Veterinary Biochemistry

viii. Department of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine

ix. Department of Veterinary Surgery and Radiology

M.Sc.; Ph.D. Small Animal Surgery
M.Sc.; Ph.D. Large Animal Surgery
M.Sc.; Ph.D. Veterinary Anaesthesiology
M.Sc.; Ph.D. Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging

x. Department of Theriogenology and Production

M.Sc. Animal Production and Health
M.Sc.; Ph.D. Theriogenology

E. APPLICATION FEES

The non-refundable application fee for all programmes is **₦25,000.00** (Twenty-five Thousand Naira) only for applicants within Nigeria OR **\$200.00** only for international applicants.

PLEASE NOTE:

While this advertisement serves as the invitation for the Qualifying Examination, which will be held on Saturday, 13th June 2025, all applicants are strongly advised to provide their functional GSM number and e-mail addresses for further information and necessary communication. The University shall not be held responsible for any disappointment occasioned by wrong information on the part of applicants. You are hereby required to be checking your e-mails and phones frequently.

F. METHOD OF APPLICATION

Application forms are to be completed online and **will close on Friday, 22nd May 2026**. Note that the latest date for receipt of supporting documents is **Friday, 5th June 2026**. Successful applicants will be notified through their University of Ilorin application portal.

**M. A. Alfaola
Registrar**