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## Sir Aigbomian Odibo Postgraduate Scholarship for Daughters

### BACKGROUND

#### **Bangor University**

Founded in 1884, Bangor University has a long tradition of academic excellence and a strong focus on students' experience. Over 2,500 international students from 120 countries choose to study at Bangor University. As you would expect from a university that places great emphasis on student support, Bangor University is very keen on offering extra help to students and have over the years provided Bursaries and scholarships worth over £1M.

**Mona Peters Benevolence Trust (the Trust)** is a non-profit organisation that serves as a source of relief to those in need by reason of age, ill-health, financial hardship or other disadvantages. The Trust was registered with the Nigeria Corporate Affairs Commission, in June 2016 and since its incorporation, it has carried out health screening project, educational campaigns and offered financial support to various students, majority of which are Bangor University students.

**Axelle Education Consult (AEC)** is a well-established recruitment agency with expertise in student recruitment, the provision of quality educational experiences and low-cost student support services. Axelle Education Consult is also a registered recruitment agent for Bangor University.

Both **the Trust** and **AEC** are a brainchild of Dr Monalisa Odibo, a graduate of Bangor University and were both successfully developed and established during her time at Bangor. **Mona Peters Benevolence Trust** was a **Santander** award-winning benefactor under Bangor University Student's Union (SVB) scheme and was recognised for raising over £2000 for a cancer screening project in Uvwie Local Government Community, Delta State, Nigeria.

Dr Monalisa Odibo is currently a Law Lecturer at the University of Central Lancashire and attributes her success to her dad (Sir Aigbomian Odibo) giving her the opportunity to obtain a Doctoral degree, even as a female child. She strongly believes that if more female children can be empowered to further their studies, they can contribute meaningfully to their various local communities.

#### Scholarship Aim

The 'Female child' in Nigeria is often marginalised simply because it is not the cultural norm for her to be educated (or highly educated). **The Trust**, however, believes that highly educated women make better-informed choices, save lives and builds stronger families, communities and economies. With the opportunity to further their studies, female children can better

understand their rights, have a greater sense of what is needed to support their families, improve their health and wellbeing, and will have greater opportunities to be employed in a fulfilling way, as well as achieve their full potentials. To drive this idea, **Axelle Education Consult**, in collaboration with **Bangor University**, are offering two scholarship routes.

**1) One Community-based Scholarship (100% Tuition)**

*(Must originate from Edo or Delta State in Nigeria and meet the general eligibility criteria below).*

**2) One Merit-based Scholarship (50% Tuition)**

*(Students from any state in Nigeria; must have obtained a high 2:1 or a 1<sup>st</sup> class in their undergraduate degree and meet the eligibility criteria below).*

It is hoped that through the above scholarships, the 'Female Child' can be the best of what she can be, regardless of her background, biased perceptions of her community or restrictions of age or marriage.

**Eligibility & Selection Criteria:**

Applicants must:

- Be female
- Be a bachelor's degree holder (minimum of 2:2\*)
- Be between the ages of 18-40
- Display Intellectual ability and leadership potential
- Have not already had the chance of studying in the UK or other developed countries
- Be credible and genuinely looking to advance their capabilities
- ONLY apply for one of the above scholarships at a time

\*Only applicable to the Community-Based Scholarship

Unsuccessful FINALISTS who wish to proceed to study at Bangor University will be offered a free travel ticket to the UK to a maximum amount of £1,000 (T&C apply)<sup>1</sup>

**How to Apply**

**Step 1**

- Show a strong desire to study at Bangor University and can afford part of their financial cost (i.e., part tuition fee, living cost, visa arrangements and other travel expenses)

**Step 2**

- Email Axelle Education Consult for an application pack ([info@axelleeducationconsult.com](mailto:info@axelleeducationconsult.com))

**Step 3**

- Submit all required documents before the 3rd of March 2023

**Terms of Acceptance**

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<sup>1</sup> To be arranged by Axelle Education Consult

- Successful students **must pledge to give back** by way of financial aid, mentoring or educating an indigent girl child; and promoting the objectives of the Trust.
- It is expected that the successful student will be dedicated to her studies and must pass their master's degree at the first attempt. Where they are unable to do this, the Trust will not pay for any fees associated with resitting exams or resubmitting written work.
- The student must not transfer to any other educational institution.
- The student must not transfer to any other course of study than that confirmed in her Final Award Letter without the express permission of the Trust/AEC.
- The student must not defer her admission without the knowledge of the Trust/AEC. If the student decides to defer her offer, the scholarship will be awarded to the next deserving candidate, and such a student may be given the option to re-apply the following year; however, there is no guarantee that she will be shortlisted again (only strong extenuating circumstances will be accepted in this case).
- The student must abide by all regulations concerning immigration and entry clearance (visas) as set out by the UK Home Office.
- The student must provide the Trust/Axelle Education Consult with an irrevocable undertaking that during the period of her studies, she will not be involved in any activity that will bring disrepute to the Trust, AEC and Bangor University.

### **2023 Scholarship Application Timeline**

- Application start date - 23rd of January 2023
- Application deadline - 3rd of March 2023
- Shortlisting - WC 13th March 2023
- Notification of selected finalists - WC 20th March 2023
- Interviews/Notification of Winners- WC 27th March 2023
- PreCAS Preparation and Submission of Visa Application Documentation (Proof of Funds, Bank Statement, TBTest etc.)- May 2023
- Visa Application - June 2023

Best wishes,

Scholarship Selection Committee