



UPDATE ON THE GUIDELINES FOR ACCESSING THE LOCAL COMPONENT OF THE TETFUND SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC STAFF (TSAS) INTERVENTION

As part of the efforts by the Fund to ensure effective and efficient implementation of the TSAS Intervention, and in line with the prevailing economic realities, the Board of Trustees of the Fund has approved the review of the scholarship rates as follows:

A. New Local Scholarship Rates

S/N	PROGRAMME	STIPEND/ UPKEEP AND OTHER ALLOWANCES (₦)	HONORARIUM FOR SUPERVISOR (₦)	TOTAL EXCLUDING TUITION (₦)
1	Masters (Science Courses)	4,400,000.00	250,000.00	4,650,000.00
2	Masters (Art & Social Science Courses)	4,050,000.00	250,000.00	4,300,000.00
3	PhD (Science Courses)	8,800,000.00	250,000.00 (Per Year)	9,550,000.00
4	PhD (Art & Social Science Courses)	8,200,000.00	250,000.00 (Per Year)	8,950,000.00

Tuition fee will be disbursed based on rates approved by selected Training Institution.

B. Mode of Payment of Tuition and Upkeep/other Allowances:

- i. Direct payment of tuition fees to training Institutions, which would be determined by the fee stated on Admission Letter and invoice submitted to the Fund at the time of application for sponsorship.

- ii. Direct Payment of upkeep and other allowances to scholar(s) Bank account which would be based on receipt of verifiable and satisfactory academic progress report duly endorsed by both the Training Institution and Home Institution.
- iii. For Masters scholars, **60% of** the upkeep/allowances shall be paid at the commencement of the programme, while **40%** will be paid upon receipt of a satisfactory academic progress report after 12 months; and for Ph.D scholars, 40% shall be paid at the commencement of the programme, while 30% each will be paid in the second and third year upon receipt of satisfactory academic progress report of the preceding academic year.

C. Modalities for Payment of Honorarium to Supervisors:

- i. The sum of **₦250,000.00** honorarium for supervisor(s) of each Masters scholar shall be disbursed as follows: **40% (₦100,000)** at the commencement of the programme, and **60% (₦150,000.00)** upon submission of evidence of completion of the programme.
- ii. Honorarium for supervisors of PhD students shall be disbursed maximum three times (**that is ₦250,000.00 at the end of each academic year, totaling ₦750,000.00 for three years**), the first and second disbursement to be made upon receipt of satisfactory academic progress report, while the final disbursement shall be made upon receipt of evidence of completion of programme by the scholar.
- iii. Tenable Institutions shall send to the Fund details of supervisors and the list of TETFund-sponsored scholars under their supervision.
- iv. Disbursement of honorarium shall be made to respective tenable Institution who will in turn release the money to the supervisor(s) and provide evidence of such to the Fund before further disbursements.
- v. TETFund Scholars may be sponsored to attend reputable local and international conferences where the outcome of their research findings may be presented, to ensure quality research. The cost to be sourced from Conference Attendance Allocation of respective Beneficiary Institution of the scholar.

- vi. The outcome of the research of TETFUND scholars in the form of publications and/or patents may be sponsored by the Fund to enhance the visibility of the scholars, TETFUND and the University.
- vii. The Fund may sponsor product development arising from quality research findings of scholars that will contribute to solving national priority issues.

D. While implementation of the new rates shall commence effective **2025/2026** academic year, kindly note that:

- a) Request for variation/upward review of already approved and ongoing programmes will not be entertained by the Fund;
- b) Requests for sponsorship to study at Institutions outside the approved tenable institutions will not be considered; and
- c) Beneficiary Institutions are expected to release their nominees on a full-time basis, in accordance with the Guidelines for accessing TSAS Intervention.