

## INTERNATIONALISATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Internationalisation is a "commitment, confirmed through action, to infuse international and comparative perspectives throughout the teaching, research, and service missions of higher education. It shapes institutional ethos and values and touches the entire higher education enterprise". (Hudzik, 2015)

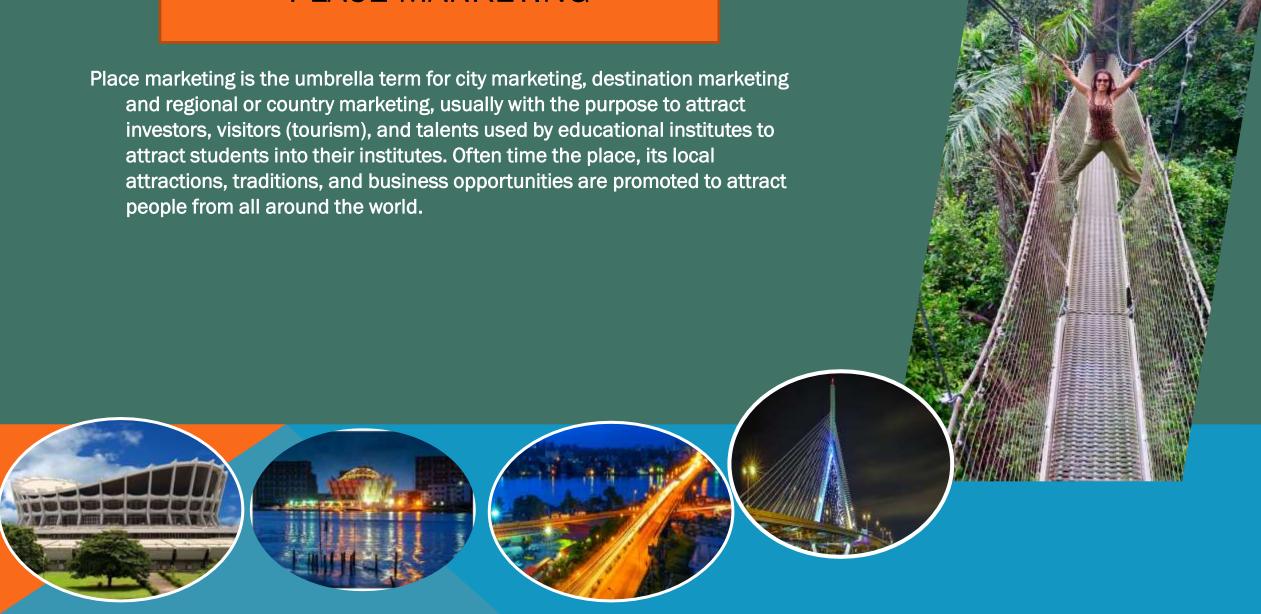
Internationalisation involves integrating an international, intercultural and global dimension into the purpose, functions and programmes for all students and staff of the University of Lagos, to advance the quality and impact of learning and teaching, research and innovation, in the meaningful service of society.



### WELCOME BACK PACKAGE

A major aspect of the internationalisation strategy in a university is the WELCOME PACKAGE. Universities like Stellenbosch, University of Glasgow and other foreign universities provide welcome packages for international students on entrance into the country and town where the university resides. The use of students as tour guides who provide history on major landmarks in the city and the university, the use of bus/cab drivers in the city who are representatives of the university and such provide information on key places in the city, recommend the university and advertise its qualities. These engineers a love for the place in the visitors and international students and creates a sense of being a part of the culture and being accepted. The result of this is an interest in the University and the country.

### PLACE MARKETING



## INTERNATIONAL VISITORS AND IRPP

The Office of International Relations Partnerships and Prospects is charged with the duty of receiving international students, visitors and delegation. Faculties, departments and other units of the University of Lagos who have international visitors are to contact and involve the Office of IRPP to receive these visitors.

A welcome package would be planned for international students and visitors coming into the university.



## FUNCTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

1

Serving as a central coordinating office for the University's various international initiatives, projects, undertakings and collaboration among faculty members, various centres, colleges and universities worldwide;

2

Developing opportunities for students of the University to engage in international collaborations, undertake international internships and study abroad, through students' exchange programmes;

3

Facilitating and supporting faculty and staff participation in international projects, programmes, research and scholarly pursuits;

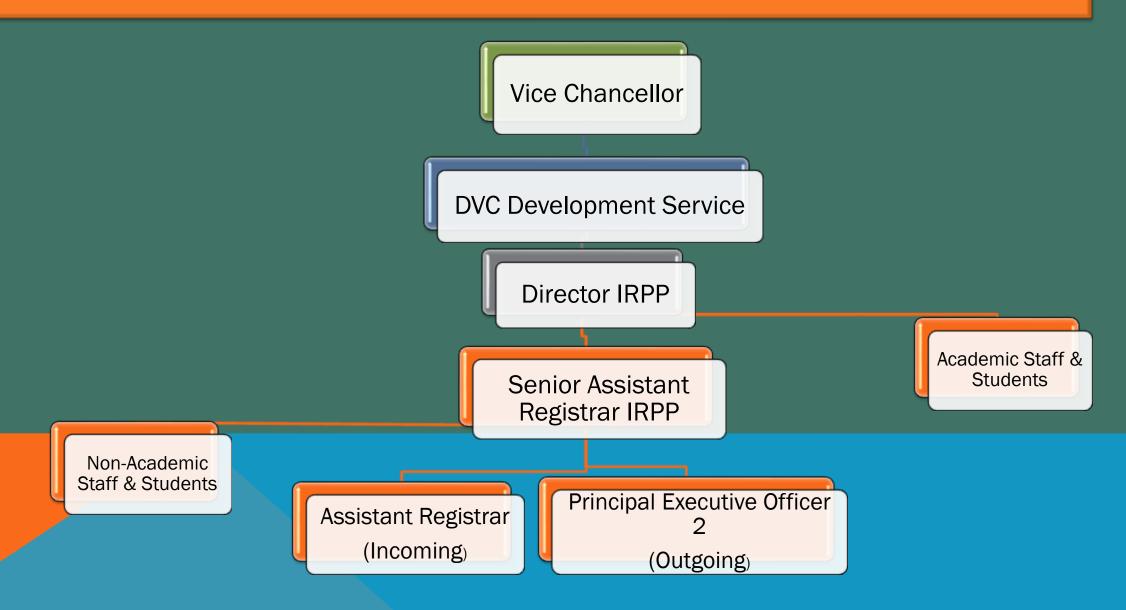
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Attracting and recruiting international students and providing relevant services as well as receiving international visits and delegations;

5

Providing liaison services which include exchanging information and working collaboratively with other universities governmental and non-governmental organisations.

## STRUCTURE OF THE UNILAG INTERNATIONAL OFFICE



## INTERNATIONALISATION ACTION PLAN

Research Internationalisa tion International isation of Teaching and Learning

Supporting the Core Business through Partnerships and Collaborations

International isation at Home

A Diverse International Student Body

### RESEARCH INTERNATIONALISATION

#### **ACTION**

Increase the participation of significant number of academics in various departments in working groups of the networks of which UNILAG is a member

Develop database of national and international research opportunities

Develop communication channels for research information

Identify and empower senior researchers to mentor junior academics in matters related to research

Applying for seed funding grant to leverage faculty's international partnership to develop opportunities for academics and students to conduct training and field research in international sphere.



### INTERNATIONALISATION OF TEACHING AND LEARNING



Participate in innovative teaching activities in collaboration with international institutions and Nigerian Universities through COIL and successful implementation of international student and staff mobility.(At least 1 in each department)

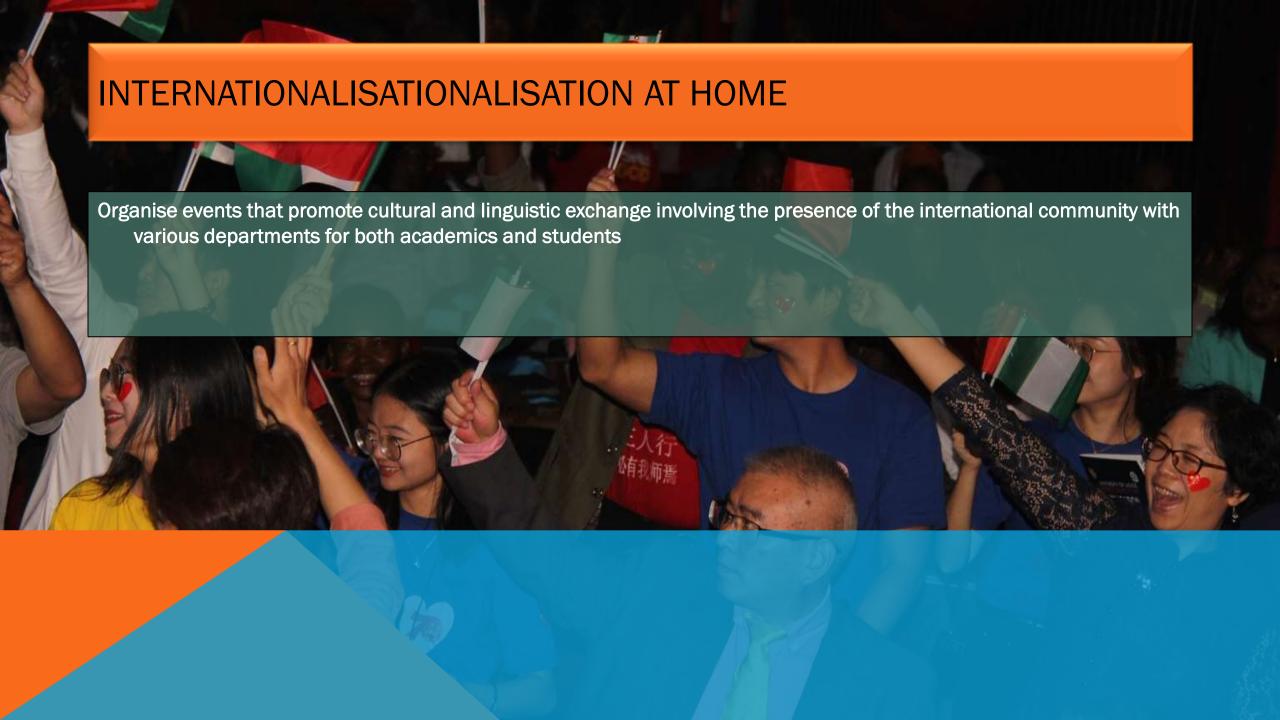
Identifying and participating in programmes within the faculty that enhances collaborative, Joint degrees and distance learning

# SUPPORTING THE CORE BUSINESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

Taking advantage of UNILAG's membership of networks and their governing councils by participating whenever possible in the activities and projects they carry out.

Identify internationalisation champions in various departments who will enhance the agenda of internationalisation through the functioning of UNILAG's networks and by establishing new collaborations.

Ensure academic staff international activities, resources, capabilities, opportunities, and accomplishments are proactively publicized and promoted via various communication channels.



# A DIVERSE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BODY

Identify programmes that could be marketed to prospective international students.

Develop and communicate clear admission requirements for dedicated international places to ensure the recruitment of high quality students.

Provide strategic incentives and rewards for departments that host international students.





# WORKING WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Office or IRPP understands the challenges faced by international students and how accessing support financially, academically, emotionally, and in the areas of accommodation is crucial to international students. This is why the department endeavours to access support from the Student Affairs Division, Counselling Unit, bursary, faculty/departmental heads and course advisers for international students before they arrive, when they are on campus, during registration and classes, and support after graduation.

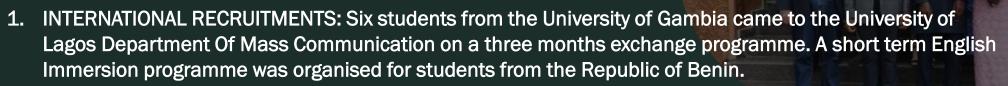


## MOU STANDARD TEMPLATE

The Office has a standard MoU template given to foreign partners, institutions and organisations. The standard MoU contract includes a confidentiality clause, objectives, staff and student exchange agreement, intellectual property, insurance, mutual non-circumvention, non-assignment, non-waiver, compliance with laws, accreditation, dispute resolution, duration, renewal, review, amendment, termination, and force majeure.



# THE RESULT OF OUR INTERNATIONALISATION EFFORTS



2. STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME: IRPP Collaborated with Stellenbosch University South Africa to start the African Student Leadership Network involving 15 other African universities. This exchange program saw six student union leaders from Stellenbosch University visiting their counterparts at the University of Lagos between October 12 and 20, 2019. UNILAG students were to visit in March 2020 but the program was cancelled because of COVID 19.

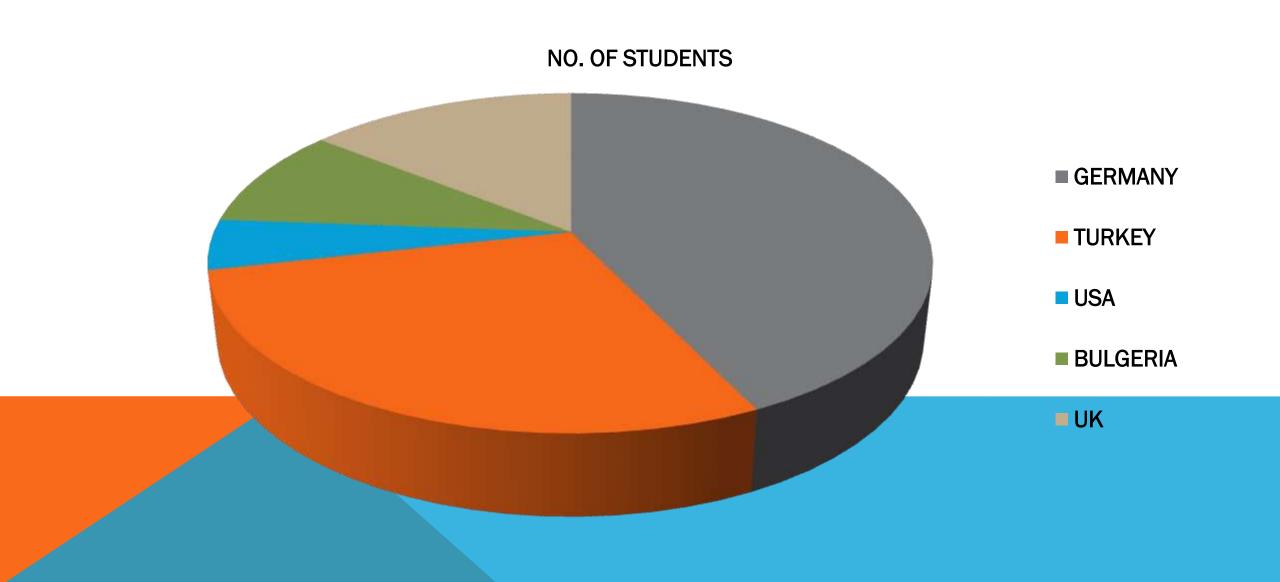


# STAFF AND STUDENTS MOBILITY STAFF AND STUDENTS MOBILITY

# **OUTGOING (STUDENTS)**

S/N	HOST INSTITUTION	NO. OF STUDENTS
1	GERMANY	9
2	TURKEY	6
3	USA	1
4	BULGERIA	2
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5	UK	3
	TOTAL	21

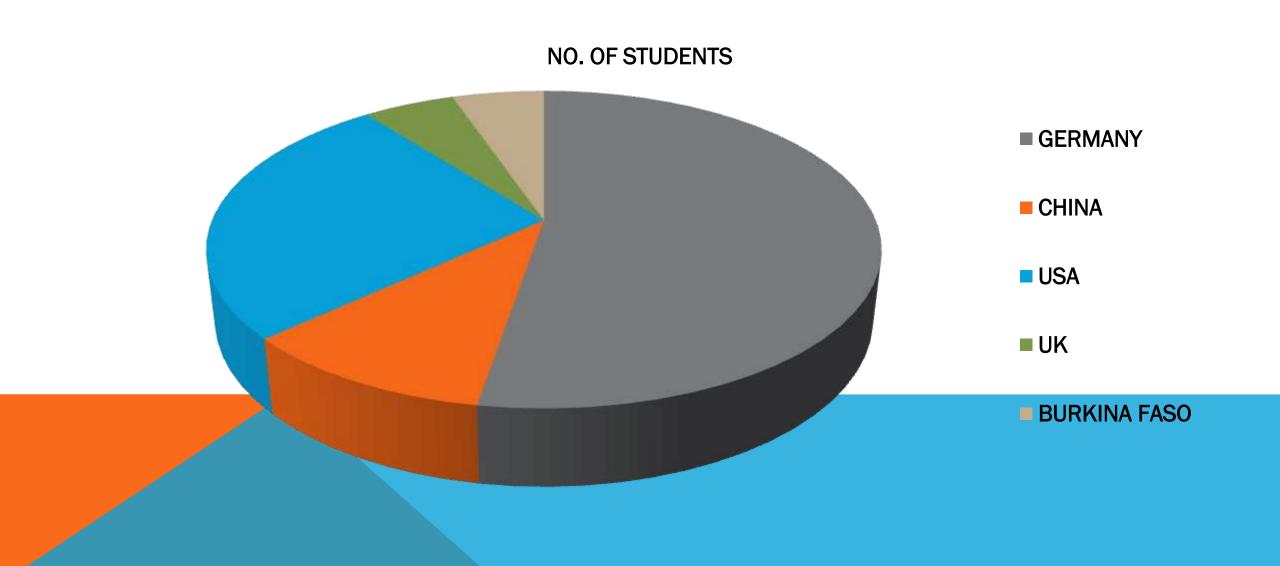
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# **INCOMING (STUDENTS)**

S/N	HOME INSTITUTION	NO. OF STUDENTS
1	GERMANY	10
2	CHINA	2
3	USA	5
4	UK	1
5	BURKINA FASO	1
	TOTAL	19

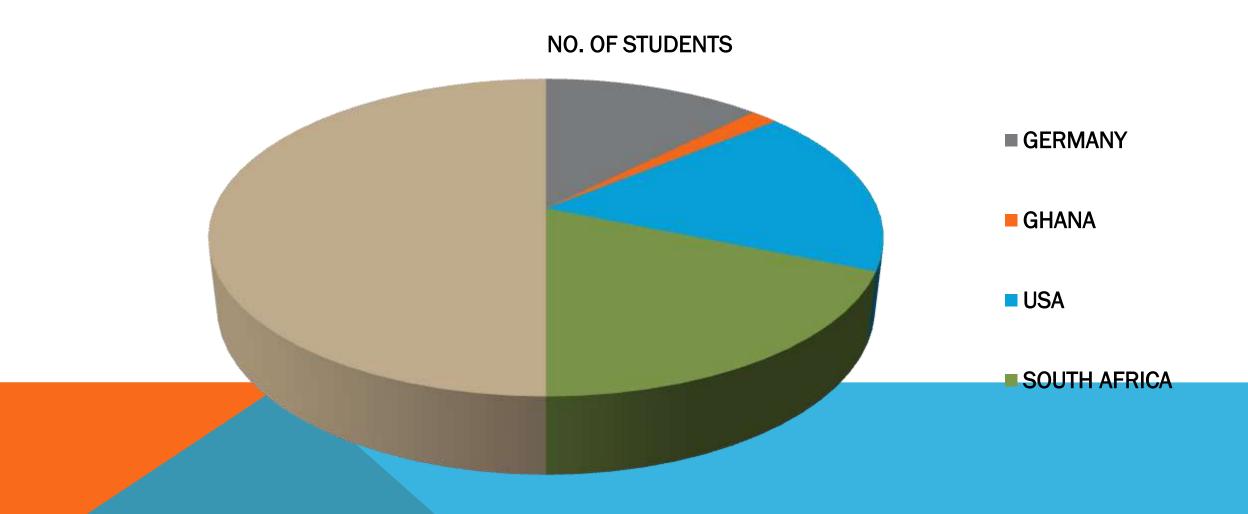
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# **SUMMER SCHOOL (STUDENTS)**

S/N	HOME INSTITUTION	NO. OF STUDENTS
1	GERMANY	8
2	GHANA	1
3	USA	11
4	SOUTH AFRICA	12
	TOTAL	32

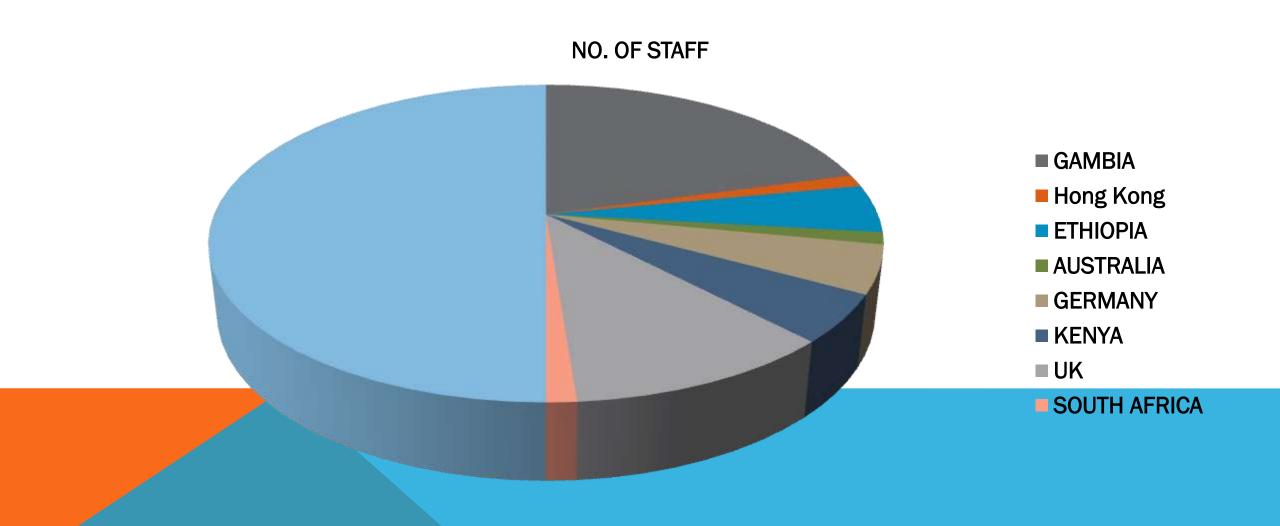
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## **STAFF MOBILITY PROGRAMMES**

S/N	HOST INSTITUTION	NO. OF STAFF
1	GAMBIA	17
2	Hong Kong	1
3	ETHIOPIA	4
4	AUSTRALIA	1
5	GERMANY	4
6	KENYA	4
7	UK	9
8	SOUTH AFRICA	1
	TOTAL	41

# INCOMING (STUDENTS) PIE CHART



## **UPSKILLING OUR MEMBERS OF STAFF AND STUDENTS**

Through our partnership with Coursera, we have brought global learning opportunities to over 600 members of staff who have received training and certificates from global institutions from all around the world.

# INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN REPUTABLE INSTITUTIONS

3. More than 15 University of Lagos students secured paid internship placements with top-performing companies in Lagos through our partnership with the New York-based Nigerian Higher Education Foundation between 2019 and 2020. Two University of Lagos students from the Chemical Engineering Department secured nine months of a paid internship placement with Dow Chemical Academy in Switzerland. Five University of Lagos students secured paid three months internship placements with Bank of America/Merrill Lynch in their UK office.



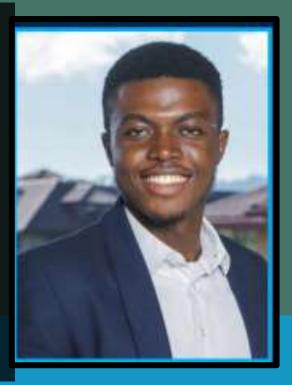


### **SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS**



4. Two University of Lagos student Ayodele Dada (Psychology) and Solomon Oyakhire (Chemical Engineering) won the prestigious Knight Hennessy Scholarship to pursue a PhD programme at Stanford University, USA.

This scholarship at Stanford is one of the most prestigious scholarships in the world with an acceptance rate of approximately 1%.



## INTERNATIONAL WEEK



## UNILAG IN THE WORLD

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ADETOKUNBO C. DARAMOLA Vice-President/Executive Director at Goldman Sachs, London, United Kingdom.



"University of Lagos was the foundation and inspiration on which I pursued a global career. The university facilitated international internship opportunities that were instrumental in my education and provided me the opportunities to mix with great mind and as such do great things."

	NAME	WHERE IN THE WORLD	NAME	WHERE IN THE WORLD
	Emmanuel Omotayo Akande, Ph.D	Economist at Central Bank of Nigeria	Ibrahim Eniola Sanusi	Systems Engineer at Alten UK
	Notey Akpotive	HR partner at Google Canada	Peter Bello	Engineer at ExxonMobil)
	Augustine Eloka	Software Engineer at Azure Cosmos DB, Microsoft Corporation, Canada.	Lauretta Pearse	Civil & Environmental Engineer at Engineering Consulting, Calgary, Canada
	Bodunde Ajenifuja	Lawyer/attorney at Hogan Lovells International LLP	Ibukun Gabriel Awolusi	Assistant Professor at the University of Texas, San Antonio, Texas, United States.

