

Zeribe Nwosu Scholarship

Starting from this year (2021), I will be awarding the Zeribe Nwosu Scholarship (**ZNS**) to selected students as a way to give back to the society. The aim of this scholarship is to help highly motivated students to pursue their academic goals and aspirations. The scholarship will focus on applicants with biomedical science background who are applying to or are already admitted into a Nigerian university. The criteria and value of each year's scholarship may vary and will be communicated in December of the year preceding each application round. The ZNS award will be contingent on the availability of fund.

Signed – Zeribe Nwosu, Ph.D.

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Call for the 2021 ZNS application

Application is hereby invited from qualified candidates who are determined to pursue or are currently enrolled in a Life Science Masters (MSc) program. Specific **subject areas** include MSc in Medical Laboratory Science/Biomedical Science, Cancer Biology, Bioinformatics, Molecular/Cell Biology, and Public Health. Although the award will be mainly merit-based, it will prioritize meritorious applicants who are already enrolled but have difficulties self-funding their studies. **Application for ZNS is free of charge.**

Eligibility criteria

Applicants should:

- A. Have at least a Second Class Lower (2:2) degree.
- B. Hold a bachelor's degree in Medical Laboratory Science. Note that priority will be given to graduates of Ebonyi State University in this maiden ZNS edition.
- C. Include an Admission letter (or NYSC certificate if not yet admitted).
- D. Be currently enrolled in an MSc in any of the above subject areas. Applicants not yet enrolled should include evidence of already purchased or submitted admission form, admission test result or a letter from the department confirming that his or her name is already on the admission list (if applicable).
- E. Applicants that have already finished coursework but not the research part of the MSc can apply. However, include a brief explanation on the need for the fund.

Number of awards and amount

3 selected applicants will each be awarded between **N100,000 – N200,000** (one hundred to two hundred thousand naira only). The exact amount will be at the discretion of the reviewers and based on the case made by the applicant. The money can be used to support school expenses, e.g., fees, research project cost, laptop/internet access, books, or other costs, e.g., house rent as may be necessary for the successful completion of the study. **This fund will be awarded only once for the entire MSc program.** Therefore, applicants should explain how the remaining MSc costs will be covered (if not yet enrolled) or was covered (if already enrolled) – see Application materials #5.

Application materials

1. A personal statement (~**1000 words**) describing the applicant's academic background, motivation for MSc studies, career goals, and example(s) of prior or current volunteer services.
2. CV
3. One letter of recommendation on official letterhead (**1-2 pages**) from current **and or** prior supervisor(s).
4. Evidence of current or prior academic performances – e.g., transcripts **or** certificate from bachelor's degree. Include an unofficial MSc transcript if already enrolled and have completed some exams or continuous assessment tests.
5. A statement indicating the estimated total cost of the MSc studies and how costs outside of the scholarship amount will be or was covered, e.g., through salaries, from family, another scholarship, etc. (~**100 words**).
6. Abstract of the actual or anticipated MSc project, including the topic, aim, methods and expected results (~**200 words**).

Application portal

Please submit the application through this link: <https://forms.gle/YJpfDddSG97ZyFBx6>

Combine all application materials and certificates into one PDF or Word document file and upload accordingly. Please note that no fee is required to submit this application.

Timeline

Application opens – January 1, 2021

Deadline – **April 1, 2021**

Interview – July 1-20, 2021

Announcement of successful candidates – August 1, 2021

(Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered)

Review/Selection process

Please pay attention to the details outlined above. **After the deadline**, the applications will be assessed by three (3) reviewers with expertise in Life Sciences. The reviewers will score each application based on the eligibility criteria, strength of the application materials and the applicant's communication skills.

Scores will be allocated as follows: eligibility criteria (10%), personal statement (30%), CV (10%), referee letter and evidence of academic performance (10%), statement on estimated MSc cost (10%), abstract (10%) and interview (20%). The topmost ranking applicants will receive the award.

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