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A.B.U TO RECOGNISE 156 STAFF, SERVICE UNITS, AND OTHERS FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

Ahmadu Bello University will recognise a total of 156 staff, service delivery units, research group, and alumni for outstanding contributions to the development of the institution. The recipients for the different awards will be honoured at a ceremony to be announced later.

The University Reward and Recognition System Committee recommended the recipients for the 2025 awards in a report it submitted to the University Management on Wednesday, 25th February, 2026. The committee is chaired by Prof. Sani A. Abdullahi of the Department of Finance.

This is the third time the institution is conducting such an exercise since the establishment of the committee on 14th December, 2023 to institute a reward and special recognition system for staff members, service units, corporate bodies, alumni, and friends of the university.

Of the 156 to be recognised, 140 are staff, one university committee, one research group, one corporate body, three service delivery units, one Faculty Deanery, and nine alumni.

Rt. Hon. Dr. Abbas Tajuddeen, GCON, Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives, is one of the recipients. He will be recognised with the 'Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award' by the institution for his outstanding contributions to the objectives of the university as well as national and international developments.

'Overall Outstanding Performance Achiever Award (Teaching)' will go to Prof AFD Kana of the Department of Computer Science, while the University Task Force on Responsible Energy Use will receive 'Overall Outstanding Performing University Committee Award'.

Department of Biochemistry's Prof Emmanuel Oluwadare Balogun will be honoured with the 'Overall Outstanding Researcher of the Year (Individual) Award', just as Dr. Gloria Dada Chechet of the Department of Biochemistry will receive

'Overall Grant Fellow of the Year Award'.

'Most Outstanding Research Group of the Year Award' goes to the Physical Chemistry Research Group led by Prof. Adamu Uzairu while the 'Best Faculty Deanery Award' will go to the Faculty of Environmental Design.

Prof. Mujtaba Suleiman Abubakar of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences was recommended for the 'Researcher with the Highest Number of Registered Patents Award' while Jummai Juliana Haruna of the Library Complex was nominated for the 'Long Service Award'.

Equally, the committee recommended the eight recipients of the 2025 Presidential NYSC Honours Award, all graduates of Ahmadu Bello University, for 'ABU Distinguished Ambassadors Award' for outstanding community projects during their service year.

However, there are no nominations for the Overall Outstanding Performance Achiever Award (Non-Teaching), Integrity Award, and Sport Philanthropist of the Year (Individual) Award.

In carrying out the exercise, the committee was, among others, guided by the principal objectives and operational guidelines for rewards and recognition system in Ahmadu Bello University as established.

The committee was also guided by the established criteria/scoring templates for evaluation of outstanding performance and contributions to the university under the various accepted categories.

The exercise was based on nominations from heads of relevant units of the university using the appropriate instruments of evaluations as established.

While commending the committee for what he called 'a thorough job', the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adamu Ahmed, congratulated the awardees for the deserving honour, stressing that the recognition would instill trust and motivate employees.

Those nominated for the year 2025 recognition are as follows:

(i) Outstanding Performance Achiever Award - Academic Staff

Faculties

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| 1. Dr. Musa Muhammed Abdulkarim | Faculty of Administration |
| 2. Dr. Muhammad Buhari | Faculty of Agriculture |
| 3. Dr. Ibrahim Muhammed | Faculty of Allied Health Sciences |
| 4. Dr. Hauwa Muhammed Sani | Faculty of Arts |
| 5. Prof Ibrahim Sambo Aliyu | Faculty of Basic Clinical |
| 6. Dr. Zainab Bello | Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences |
| 7. Prof Mairo Adamu Bugaje | Faculty of Clinical Sciences |
| 8. Dr. Mohammed Gumi Abubakar | Faculty of Dentistry |
| 9. Prof Julius Atama Gwani | Faculty of Education |
| 10. Dr Habib Ismail | Faculty of Engineering |
| 11. Dr. Joseph S. Oladimeji | Faculty of Environmental Design |
| 12. Prof A.M. Madaki | Faculty of Law |
| 13. Prof I. A. Umar | Faculty of Life Sciences |
| 14. Prof Musa A. Abu Abdissamad | Faculty of Management Science |
| 15. Prof Yonni Eshovo Apeji | Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences |
| 16. Prof Sahalu Balarabe Junaidu | Faculty of Physical Sciences |
| 17. Dr Dangana Lukman Abdulrahman | Faculty of Social Sciences |
| 18. Prof Joseph Olusegun Ayo | Faculty of Veterinary Medicine |

Institutes and Centres

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| 1. Dr. Amina Oiza Jimoh | University Library Complex |
| 2. Samuel Sunday | NAPRI |
| 3. Dr A.A. Sadeeq | Centre for Islamic Legal Studies (CILS) |
| 4. Prof Adamu Alhaji Yakubu | NAERLS |
| 5. Hajia Rabi Muhammad | Institute for Agricultural Research |
| 6. Prof Racheal Ayo Gbekele Oluwa | College of Agriculture, Samaru |
| 7. Abdullahi Muhammad Bashir | College of Agric and Animal Science, Mando |
| 8. Mr. Joshua Jimba | College of Agriculture, Kabba |

Academic Technologist

1. Comrade Mr. Ogonnaya Samuel Ochechukwu

(ii) Outstanding Performance Achiever Award (Non-Teaching Staff)

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| 1. Yahaya Yusuf | Registry (Senior) |
| 2. Muntari Umar | Registry (Junior) |
| 3. Malam Aminu Saidu | Bursary (Senior) |
| 4. Victorine Oliver Nzalak | Bursary (Junior) |
| 5. Jibrin Ahmadu | University Security Service (Senior) |
| 6. Anas Musa | University Security Service (Junior) |
| 7. Ibrahim Dalhat | Institute of Administration (Senior) |
| 8. Hassan Mohammed | Institute of Administration (Junior) |
| 9. Engr (Dr) Nuruddeen Abubakar | Centre for Energy Research & Training (Snr) |
| 10. Mal. Abdulhadi Usman Musa | Centre for Energy Research & Training (Jnr) |
| 11. Nasiru Amadu | Division of Agricultural Colleges (Junior) |
| 12. Malam Inusa Hussaini | Institute of Education (Senior) |
| 13. Mr. Obilogan Abiodun James | ABU Staff School |
| 14. Dr. Aisha Abba Dewu | University Health Services (UHS) |
| 15. Mrs. Ladi Musa | University Library Complex |
| 16. Malam Umar Abba Dewu | Iya Abubakar Institute of Computing (IAIICT) |

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| 17. Mal. Abubakar Sani | Physical Planning & Municipal Services (Snr) |
| 18. Mal. Adamu Mohammed Abdu | Physical Planning & Municipal Services (Jnr) |
| 19. Mrs. Adegun Felicia Oyefunmike | Demonstration Secondary School (DSS) |
| 20. Abubakar Balarabe | The Postgraduate College (Senior) |
| 21. Amina Ibrahim | The Postgraduate College (Junior) |

(iii) Overall Outstanding Performance Achiever Award (Teaching Staff)

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| 1. Prof A.F.D Kana | Department of Computer Science |
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(iv) Overall Outstanding Performance Achiever Award (Non-Teaching Staff)

(v) Overall Outstanding Performing University Committee

1. University Task Force on Responsible Energy Use

(vi) Researcher of the Year

Faculties

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| 1. Dr. Shehu Sani | Faculty of Administration |
| 2. Dr. Yusuf Usman Oladimeji | Faculty of Agriculture |
| 3. Dr. Idris Nasir Abdullahi | Faculty of Allied Health Sciences |
| 4. Dr. Nadir Nasiru | Faculty of Arts |
| 5. Dr. Zainab Ali Adamu | Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences |
| 6. Prof. S.B. Dan-Borno | Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences |
| 7. Prof Philip Ibinaye | Faculty of Clinical Sciences |
| 8. Prof Fomete B. | Faculty of Dentistry |
| 9. Dr. Akorede Seun Nurudeen | Faculty of Education |
| 10. Dr M.U. Kasan | Faculty of Engineering |
| 11. Prof Ismaila R. Abubakar | Faculty of Environmental Design |
| 12. Dr. Umar Sani Bebeji | Faculty of Law |
| 13. Prof Emmanuel O. Balogun | Faculty of Life Sciences |
| 14. Prof Idris Ahmed Aliyu | Faculty of Management Science |
| 15. Prof Shafiu Muhammed | Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences |
| 16. Prof Adamu Uzairu | Faculty of Physical Sciences |
| 17. Dr Hamisu Sadi Ali | Faculty of Social Sciences |
| 18. Joseph Olusegun Ayo | Faculty of Veterinary Medicine |

Institutes and Centres

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| 1. Dr. Sanni Remilekun Tawakkaltu | NAPRI |
| 2. Prof Adetunji Iyiola-Tunji | NAERLS |
| 3. Prof Ado Adamu Yusuf | Institute for Agricultural Research |

(vii) Overall Outstanding Researcher of the Year (Individual)

1. Prof Emmanuel Oluwadare Balogun

(viii) Most Outstanding Research Group of the Year

1. Physical Chemistry Research Group led by Prof Adamu Uzairu

(ix) The Most cited Staff of the year – Faculty

Faculties

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| 1. Prof Silas Felix Anyio | Faculty of Administration |
| 2. Prof Nafiu Abdu | Faculty of Agriculture |
| 3. Dr. Idris Nasir Abdullahi | Faculty of Allied Health Sciences |
| 4. Dr. Joyce Ogofure | Faculty of Arts |
| 5. Prof Reginald O. Obiako | Faculty of Basic Clinical |

6. Prof S. A. Musa	Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences
7. Prof Mu'awuyya Babale Sufyan	Faculty of Clinical Sciences
8. Prof Sunday Olusegun Ajike	Faculty of Dentistry
9. Dr. Zakariyya Yusuf Feyisara	Faculty of Education
10. Prof Kolawole Juwonlo Osunubi	Faculty of Engineering
11. Prof Ismaila R. Abubakar	Faculty of Environmental Design
12. Prof Salim B. Magashi	Faculty of Law
13. Prof. Mohammed Awwal Ibrahim	Faculty of Life Sciences
14. Prof Kabiru Jinjiri Ringim	Faculty of Management Science
15. Prof Shafiu Mohammed	Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences
16. Prof Adamu Uzairu	Faculty of Physical Sciences
17. Dr Hamisu Sadi Ali	Faculty of Social Sciences
18. Prof Joseph Olusegun Ayo	Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Institutes and Centres

1. Dr. Fadlullah Olayiwola Issa	NAERLS
2. Dr. Grace Ziba Rekwot	NAPRI
3. Prof Muideen Oyekunle	IAR

(x) Overall Most Cited Staff of the year 2025

1. Dr Shafiu Mohammed	Pharmaceutical Sciences
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(xi) Outstanding Performing Service Delivery Units Award 2025

1. Students Affairs Division (SAD)
2. University Security Services (USS)
3. Bulk Metering Unit (BMU)

(xii) Long Service Award

1. Jummai Juliana Haruna	Library Complex
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(xiii) Leadership Excellence Award

● **Best performing Head of Department 2025**

1. Prof Lawal Saleh	Faculty of Administration
2. Prof Oseni Yusuf	Faculty of Agriculture
3. Dr. Muhammed Yusuf Muhammed	Faculty of Allied Health Sciences
4. Prof Iliyasu Abbas	Faculty of Arts
5. Prof Hafsatu Maiwada Suleiman	Faculty of Basic Clinical
6. Prof Jibril Mohammed El-Bashir	Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences
7. Prof Adebiyi Gbadebo Adesuyin	Faculty of Clinical Sciences
8. Dr E. C. Otoh	Faculty of Dentistry
9. Prof Sulaiman Usman Omeiza	Faculty of Education
10. Dr Basirah Yahaya	Faculty of Engineering
11. Prof Abubakar D. Abdulzeez	Faculty of Environmental Design
12. Dr. Dahiru M. Sani	Faculty of Law
13. Prof Ramatu Enehezeyi Aliyu	Faculty of Life Sciences
14. Dr. Muhammad Mustapha Bagudo	Faculty of Management Science
15. Dr. Abdulrahman Adamu	Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences
16. Prof Ibrahim Hamidu	Faculty of Physical Sciences
17. Dr. Mohammed Bashir Abubakar	Faculty of Social Sciences
18. Prof M.K. Lawan	Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

● **Best Faculty Deanery**

1. Faculty of Environmental Design

(xiv) Grant Fellow of the Year

Faculties

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| 1. Dr. Sanni Abdulrahman | Faculty of Agriculture |
| 2. Dr. Zubairu Lawal Bambale | Faculty of Arts |
| 3. Prof Hayat Gommaa | Faculty of Allied Health Sciences |
| 4. Dr. Muhammad Umar Adam | Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences |
| 5. Dr. Musliu Adetola Tolani | Faculty of Clinical Sciences |
| 6. Prof Yinka Sanusi | Faculty of Engineering |
| 7. Dr. Hassan Adaviriku Ahmadu | Faculty of Environmental Design |
| 8. Dr. Gloria Dada Chechet | Faculty of Life Sciences |
| 9. Prof. Sani Alhaji Abdullahi | Faculty of Management Sciences |
| 10. Dr. Salisu Awwalu | Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences |
| 11. Dr. Micheal Oluwakayode Oni | Faculty of Physical Sciences |
| 12. Dr. Abubakar Abubakar Khalid | Faculty of Physical Sciences |
| 13. Prof Maryam Ibrahim | Faculty of Social Sciences |
| 14. Dr. Muhammed Talba Ahmed | Faculty of Veterinary Medicine |

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| 1. Prof Idris Ahmed Aliyu | ABU Business School |
| 2. Dr. Cornelius Micheal Ekenta | Division of Agricultural Colleges |

(xv) Overall, Grant Fellow of the Year

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| 1. Dr. Gloria Dada Chechet | Faculty of Life Sciences |
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(xvi) Researcher with the highest number of Registered Patents

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| 1. Prof Mujtaba Suleiman Abubakar | Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences |
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(xvi) Integrity Award

(xvii) Best Casual Staff Service Award

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| 1. Halima S. Dahiru |
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(xxiv) Sport Philanthropist of the Year (Individual)

(xviii) Pro-bono Service Excellence Award

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| 1. Abba Bello Ingawa |
| 2. Dr. Rautha Charity Gandu |
| 3. Mr. Emmanuel Opeyemi Oladunni |
| 4. Dr. Mujtaba Muhammad Abdulsheed |

(xxv) Sport Philanthropist of the Year (Corporate)

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| 1. Royal Choice Limited |
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(xxvi) Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award

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| 1. Rt. Hon. Dr. Abbas Tajuddeen, GCON |
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(xix) Best Performing Sport Team

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| 1. ABU JUDO Team |
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**(xxvii) ABU Distinguished Ambassadors Award
(Presidential NYSC Awardees - 2025)**

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| 1. Oyeshola Simon Olawuwo |
| 2. Musa Idris Danjuma |
| 3. Haruna Samson Peri |
| 4. Nunaya Polycarp |
| 5. Maimuna Sulaiman Muhammad |
| 6. Abdurrahman Idris Kakihum |
| 7. Khadija Lukman |
| 8. Bello Habib Hassan |

(xx) Sport Coach of the year

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| 1. Coach Umar Musa |
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(xxi) Most Valuable Sport Man of the year

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| 1. James Gideon Longmun |
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(xxii) Most Valuable Sport Woman of the year

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| 1. Salma Jubril |
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(xxiii) Sport Legend of the Year

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| 1. Coach Oliver B. Johnson |
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