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FOREWORD

I am immensely delighted to write this foreword on this maiden edition of the Prospectus of the School of Postgraduate Studies. Let me commend the Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies,, all Deans of Faculty, Associate Deans and Sub-deans of the School, Heads of Department and all others who made inputs towards the accomplishment of this notable achievement.

The prospectus provides the relevant information that may be needed by postgraduate students and their teachers and supervisors; the beginnings and philosophy of the School of Postgraduate Studies; its aim and objectives; vision and mission; approved postgraduate programmes and areas of specialization; course outlines; stages of progression of postgraduate students; duration of programmes; postgraduate examination panels; indeed every information required by the postgraduate student to facilitate a successful navigation through the programme, as well as being a guide to staff involved in teaching and supervision of postgraduate students for the effective discharge of their duties.

Undoubtedly, this prospectus shall be found a worthy companion to staff, students and all others, who in one way or the other, have a stake in the affairs of the School of Postgraduate Studies of Nnamdi Azikiwe University.

Prof. J.E. Ahaneku, FAS
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DEAN'S WELCOME

Dear Graduate Student,

It is my delight to welcome you to the School of Postgraduate Studies, Nnamdi Azikiwe University. Are you planning to embark on a postgraduate programme? This is the School of choice! If you are among the few who have scaled through the competitive process to join the elite academic community of the graduate students of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, congratulations on your admission into the School and the programme of your choice. The rigorous process of your admission already tells you of the serious commitment required for success in the programme.

I wish to thank you for considering and/or choosing to do your postgraduate studies at Nnamdi Azikiwe University, the choicest university in Nigeria today and truly one of the emerging best centres of postgraduate research in Africa. Named after the great Zik of Africa, the inimitable Pan-Africanist who devoted his life to the emancipation of all Africans through education, the University is fast establishing the reputation for global faculty-student village where students from all corners of the globe come seeking all forms of knowledge in an environment of untrammelled freedom and wonder.

The very concept of postgraduate studies already conveys the idea of an involvement of those who have transcended the undergraduate level of university education. In essence, it is for they who have excelled at that basic level of tertiary education and then thirst for the flowery heights to acquire the elixir of knowledge. Postgraduate studies are therefore essentially studies for the best of the best in the various ways and forms of being truly the best. Consequently the task cannot be any less demanding.

In applying for a programme of study in our School, you expectedly have your varied purposes that make the undertaking valuable to you. However, it is important to learn clearly, to hold deeply and to pursue firmly that the value of postgraduate studies abides, not basically in the accruing capacity to acquire more material benefits and profits nor merely in the accelerated ascendance on the career or social ladder, but fundamentally and intrinsically in the ability to break into new frontiers of knowledge, the opportunity to add a block to the great and inexhaustible body of human knowledge and be numbered in the timeless community of great minds.

The postgraduate programmes of Nnamdi Azikiwe University are designed to empower you with the requisite capabilities for enhanced knowledge acquisition and successful, fulfilling living. They are equipped to imbue you with optimal research competencies, to enable you realize your greatest potentials and develop your best proficiencies in order to soar in unbounded flights of transcendence into the realms of boundless horizons.

Welcome to Nnamdi Azikiwe University School of Postgraduate Studies!

Be the best of the best!

Prof. Ike Odimegwu

Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies

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