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TRANSCRIPT OF LECTURE:

How to secure NAWA Scholarship in Poland

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LECTURE AGENDA

1. Benefits of studying in Poland.
2. How to apply to NAWA scholarship.
3. Chance of winning this scholarship with/without a high/low GPA.
4. Formal evaluation stage.
5. Merit-based evaluation stage.

BENEFITS OF STUDYING IN POLAND

Poland is an economically fast-growing country in the central Europe bounded in the south by Slovakia and Ukraine, in the east by Lithuania and Belarus and in the west by Germany and Czech. If you come to Poland for studies, you can enjoy the benefits of visiting most of these countries without a visa. Most especially all the Schengen covered areas. Opportunity to work along your studies is 100% guaranteed even while you are a scholarship holder. Polish quality or standard of education is top-notch as this could be verified anywhere especially for Engineering, Sciences and Agric-related programs.

The Polish people are great people with low self-esteem towards the Blacks couple with the fact that they can't speak English Language and they really want to have you around them. To an extent that students were the ones asking companies representatives "What do you want to offer us?", which is almost impossible in our own world.

The cost of leaving is very cheap compared to other European nations. I mean you will survive with stipend attached to the scholarship and have savings as well. If you choose a career in academics, Poland is mostly your best shot as the enablement will come handy and if you want to work in the industries, believe me you are on the right path. Recently, some companies went to different department in some schools to beg the maters students to come work with them, not when they graduate but when they are still studying, fascinating!

Food is the least of your worries (to those of us that like to eat good meal), no criminal acts, security to life and properties is guaranteed. Night never exists as everywhere is as bright as bright light itself. Good clubs are available to those that like clubbing on weekends and you will enjoy their drinks and also the ladies if you have interest.

HOW TO APPLY

I believe any applicant should have read and digested the "call for application" for this scholarship. If not here is the direct link for new applicants <https://nawa.gov.pl/en/students/foreign-students/the-ignacy-lukasiewicz-scholarship-programme/call-for-proposals>.

And you can stay back after studies as long as you have a job you're doing. I want to tell you it is very much impossible not to get a job here. The application page is quite simple as you've got few things to attend to, so please take your time. This scholarship doesn't attend to the question "who submitted first" it addresses the question "Who has a good research proposal/GPA and submitted on/before the deadline". Take your time to fill these and write your proposal, but don't take all time doing it.

CHANCE OF WINNING WITH/WITHOUT A HIGH/LOW GPA

This boils down to your wonderful proposal you can come up with as this takes 40 solid points out of 50 points in total... You can see for yourself that having a low GPA might not really count you out of the scholarship, but having a good GPA without a good research proposal might be funny at the end of the day.

You'll see 2:2, 2:1 and First-class graduates emerging as the winners of this scholarship. So, don't be too carried away by your

high GPA and never be discouraged by your low GPA, but make use of your GPA to see the undiluted points you could earn from the 10 points allocated to GPA. Evidence of membership of professional associations.

FORMAL EVALUATION STAGE

This is the first stage that disqualifies most applicants. This stage checks through your application and see if all documents were properly uploaded and also to see if you're eligible to apply based on the fact that should have graduated not earlier than 2017.

What does it mean? It simply means 2017 and above should be on the certificate and not earlier than that. The progress of your application can be seen on your dashboard anytime you log in after submission.

MERIT-BASED EVALUATION STAGE

This is the most sensitive part of this scholarship and it's all about who has the best research proposal. Like I have said earlier, try and come up with something great. **Make sure you do appropriate referencing while writing your proposal as without this you are liable to face the unseen.** Do not copy and paste from the internet (plagiarism).

Please let us try our best in this application as we really want to have much Nigerians over here. We are tired of going for shopping and seeing just yourself as the only black amongst thousands of people.

NOTE: If you have a parochial interests or bad intension of coming here, kindly stop the application now. You know what? Our names all over the world is with blemish, but when it comes to Poland, NAWA to be precise, Nigerians are being praised and adored. We really want this to continue and hope that someday, we have our good name back.

Nigerians attend classes and we are doing well with our studies. The deal is any moment they notice something weird about us, what they will do is just to remove Nigeria from the list of countries they want to give consideration.

It's a very simple thing for them to do.

GENERIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q. Does the application of the scholarship require English proficiency test?
- A. Yes. However, your University letter of proficiency will do.
- Q. As regards the Research Proposal which is the main thing, is there a specific format to follow, and also what are the things expected to be in the additional document to be attached?
- A. The Master thesis title and the problems and methods.
No specific format actually, you just don't want to write the title only for the thesis title aspect, but you could also put the concept for example, Title: Mechanical and corrosion performance of ABC alloys reinforced with XYZ...
Concept: This research uses ABC method or approach to checkmate XYZ and see if we could solve 123 problem...
- Q. I have tried to go through the website to look for available schools and courses but it is confusing. I keep going back and forth without getting the information.
- A. This is what you will do...
Check the school webpage, change the language to Polish and see the real Polish name of the school. By so doing, you can always get to see from the list.
But peradventure, you still don't get it. Just pick a school from the schools offering your program and select. Your application will not be sent to that school you picked.
NAWA has its reviewers.
You can use this website <http://go-poland.pl/> It shows you the list of school offering your program in English and some other info.
- Q. Heading out and to ask these questions
For master do I need find supervisor?
Is the application central or University based?
What's in it for a married woman with kids?
Is there any hope for women who paused academic for marriage? Certificate is 2015
- A. You do not need to have a supervisor as this will do no help. It is centrally done by NAWA. No university sees anyone's application.
If you're married with kids, it's a thing of joy. However, the scholarship doesn't cater for that, but just fit the scholarship holder. Your kids and your husband can always move in with you if you're buoyant enough to have them around. If the certificate is below 2017, it's will not work.
- Q. I am confused as to the documents to upload first, either transcript or certificate. The way It was written doesn't seem clear, could you please help out with that?
- A. All academic documents you need to upload are clearly stated

- Q. *Is it compulsory to include additional documents? And if yes, can we put few theoretical framework, relevant literature, and few diagrams and references under the document to be uploaded as the additional document under the research proposal?*
- A. It is not compulsory, but these will definitely increase your chances because it obviously gives many explanations.
- Q. *Can someone with graduation date December 2016 Apply?*
- A. You can graduate by 2016 and the certificate will be dated for 2017 if that's when you did your convocation... Hence, you can apply.
- Q. *Are those applying for masters going to submit a research proposal?*
- A. Yes
- Q. *Does it have to be international passport? Can we upload NIN?*
- A. You still have few days before the closing time, so you could get the passport done in some state. International passport is the best thing to use as your passport number will be referenced every time and even when you come here. I suggest you use passport, but few hours before it ends and you still don't have it, kindly upload your national ID
- Q. *Can someone who is just preparing for NYSC apply?*
- A. Yes, you can. but if you qualify, would you like to stop the NYSC program?
You have the decision to make.
- Q. *How have you guys been able to cope with the Polish language because I'm aware that 60 to 70% of the courses taken there are being taught with it?*
- A. All Nigerians here have passed the Polish language course and like 99.9% of us are studying in English. So do not fear anything please.
- Q. *Does it mean I can't apply for this scholarship if I already have an MSc?*
- A. You can apply, but you don't want to say you have MSc because the scholarship is for not yet MSc holder. But hope your BSc certificate graduation date doesn't go against the date they wanted.
- Q. *How do they grade a particular research proposal? Is it based on the construction of the research proposal or the quality of the research?*
- A. Both
- Q. *Is the application both on school and NAWA's website?*
- A. Only on NAWA website.

