



**Nominate your Candidate for
The AAU African Higher Education Excellence Award (AHEEA)
For Distinguished Contribution to Higher Education and Research in Africa**

Rationale

Rapid increases in enrollment, static or shrinking public subvention, declining services and facilities, scant support for research, and unabated brain drain have had a marked effect on higher education in most parts of Africa. Despite these daunting challenges, many dedicated academics across the continent have inspired their peers by producing internationally acclaimed research work, helping to build vibrant teaching and learning conditions in African educational institutions, and providing outstanding institutional leadership and social responsiveness. Such exemplary contributions to knowledge production and to society have not been adequately recognized and acknowledged in Africa.

The Association of African Universities (AAU) has taken the initiative to launch, ‘**The AAU Award for Distinguished Contribution to Higher Education and Research in Africa.**’ Through this Award the AAU aims to stimulate the revitalization of the African academy through supporting outstanding research, teaching, social responsiveness, and innovative leadership by Africa’s academics. The AAU also hopes the Award will raise levels of public awareness that will see a higher level of involvement by civil society, the public sector, and the emergent African private sector.

Eligibility Criteria

The candidate must:

- Be a citizen of an African country.
- Be in active service or have served in an African institution of higher education and/or research institution.
- Be recognized for the breadth, originality, and diversity of scholarly publications, especially peer reviewed journal articles and books, or production in the arts.
- Be widely acknowledged for innovative leadership and distinctive contributions in institution building.
- Be recognized for outstanding public service outside of his/her normal calling within the academic institution and have a sound record of ethical conduct and professional integrity.

Selection Process

- *A Panel of Judges* appointed by the AAU will compile the nominations, assess all candidates, and make appropriate recommendations to the Secretary-General of the AAU;

Prize

The AAU Laureate will receive a certificate/medal and funding to visit one or more universities relevant to his/her area of expertise.

Award Venue and Date

The Award, which was launched during the COREVIP at Tripoli, Libya in October 2007, will be presented to the Laureate during the 12th General Conference of the AAU, which will be held in May 2009 in Abuja, Nigeria.

Call for Nominations

The AAU invites all leaders of African higher education and research institutions to nominate a suitable candidate and submit their nomination to the AAU together with the complete curriculum vitae of their nominee and a one-page testimonial explaining the specific justification for the particular nomination. Nominations not accompanied with detailed current CVs of candidates and unsubstantiated testimonials will not be considered by the panel of judges.

Deadline

Nominations and accompanying documents should reach the AAU Secretariat, latest by **December 28 2008**.

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