

DAY 4: FRIDAY 14, NOVEMBER, 2025

**AN ADDRESS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR
KAYODE OYEBODE ADEBOWALE, mni, FAS, AT THE
CONGREGATION FOR THE AWARD OF POSTGRADUATE
DIPLOMAS AND ADMISSION INTO HIGHER DEGREES OF
(M.Phil) AND MASTER'S OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN ON
FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 2025**

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Heads of Departments

President and members of the University of Ibadan Alumni Association

Members of the University Community

Celebrated Graduands of today

Members of the Press

Ladies and Gentlemen

Today is the fourth of the graduation ceremonies of the University of Ibadan and the beginning of the ceremonies for the award of higher degrees, I warmly welcome parents and guardians, guests, well-wishers. I welcome, specially, the University Alumni to this utmost significant occasion in the lives of our graduating students. While commending and congratulating today's graduands on the successful completion of their programmes, I like to affirm that their labour has not been in vain, and I pray, sincerely, that the joy, which this day has heralded, will endure.

Due to the fact of insufficient academic performance, gross misconduct, sicknesses some of those with whom you started this journey some three to seven years ago had dropped out. You therefore deserve this celebration of success. Indeed, the certificate of University of Ibadan is not easy to come-by, however willing the person may be. It requires hard work, commitment and diligence on consistent basis.

There will be award of Postgraduate Diplomas and admission to Master of Philosophy, Masters (Professional) and Masters (Academic) in the Faculties of Arts, Education, Veterinary Medicine, Technology, Economics & Management Sciences, Renewable Natural Resources, Environmental Design & Management, Multidisciplinary Studies and the Institute of Education at the program of today.

SUMMARY OF GRADUANDS FOR 2025 CONVOCATION CEREMONIES INTO HIGHER DEGREES AND POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS FOR FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 2025

S/No	Faculties	M.Phil	Masters (Acad)	Masters (Pro)	PGD
1.	Arts	5	312	16	12
2.	Renewable Natural Resources	0	52	0	1
3.	Technology	1	174	24	0
4.	Veterinary Medicine	0	22	0	0
5.	Education	3	453	82	49
6.	Institute of Education	0	27	0	1
7.	Economics and Management Sciences	0	82	0	0
8.	Multidisciplinary	1	171	21	0
9.	Environmental Design and Management	1	27	9	0

POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION

The Postgraduate College of the University of Ibadan stands as a beacon of excellence in higher education, leading the charge in transforming postgraduate studies in Nigeria. Over the years, the College has witnessed unprecedented development, driven by the unwavering commitment of its management and the tireless efforts of its dedicated staff. Through strategic innovations, automation and a steadfast pursuit of global best practices, the Postgraduate College continues to solidify its reputation as a world-class institution.

Since its formal approval by the University Senate in 1976, the Postgraduate College has remained at the forefront of postgraduate education in Nigeria. It has consistently produced top-tier scholars and researchers who have made significant contributions to academia, industry and policy-making. Today, the College hosts an impressive student population of approximately 15,000, admitting an average of 6,000 students annually from a competitive pool of about 15,000 applicants. With an average of 400 Ph.D. graduates per year, the College has become a powerhouse for producing highly skilled professionals and thought leaders.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, today commemorates a notable landmark in the academic journey of our students and our University community. I am pleased to inform this gathering that the convocation ceremonies for Postgraduate Diploma and Masters students which signifies the successful completion of academic journeys for a total of 3,596 graduates from various Departments in the University are for two days: today, Friday, 14 and tomorrow, Saturday, 15 November, 2025.

Among these, we have 22 candidates who have earned the Master of Philosophy degree, exemplifying commitment to research and scholarship. In addition, 124 postgraduate diploma students have successfully fulfilled the demands of their programs, enriching knowledge and deepening expertise in their fields. We also recognize the 2,690 students who have completed their academic master's degrees, demonstrating a deep commitment to learning and pursuit of intellectual growth. Furthermore, 273 graduates have been awarded professional master's degrees, epitomizing the application of acquired knowledge towards excellence in their chosen professions.

We thank God that the University has witnessed a relatively stable session and has a lot of achievements to showcase. For time constraint, kindly permit me to mention just a few:

- The Faculty of Arts held its Biennial International Conference from 23 -25 July, 2025.
- Faculty Distinguished Alumnus Lecture titled **Ancient History for the Present: The Challenge of Ancestral Yoruba Cosmopolitanism to Postcolonial Nigeria** by distinguished Alumnus, Professor Akin Ogundiran, Cardiss Collins Professor of Arts and Sciences Northwestern University, Evanston.

- Department of History hosted the colloquium in Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Historical Society of Nigeria on 30 July, 2025.
- The NUC Accreditation Exercise of the Department of Religious Studies held on 8 and 9 December 2024 was successful and the result was full accreditation having scored 91.4%
- Department of Religious Studies held 10th Anniversary of African Society for the Study of Sociology and Ethics of Religion 18-21 August, 2025
- Olabode Idris Olalekan, a Doctoral Student in the Department of History benefitted from Erasmus Fellowship in Leipzig, Germany, 2025
- Professor A.A. Oladosu, Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies won a visiting Fellowship to the Institute of African Studies, University of Bayreuth, November - December 2024
- Publication of the two editions of the Arabic and Islamic Studies, Vol 33 2021 and Vol. 34, 2022.
- Full accreditation was given to the Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies
- The Institute of Education emerged the 1st position in the Arts and Humanity category prize at the UIRESDEV Exhibition fair in 2024.
- Department of Classics hosted Professor Hendrik Lorenzo from Princeton University in a one-day seminar at Draper's Hall, Institute of African Studies
- Department of Classics hosted Professor Anthony Adah from Minnesota State University, USA.
- Department of European Studies obtained full accreditation of two programmes, French and Russian programmes.
- Professor A.D. Iyiola, Department of European Studies attended a sponsored training on French for Specific Objectives in Dakar Senegal

- Dr. K. Adekola, Department of Archaeology won the maiden A.G. Leventis Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Sub-Saharan Archaeology Programme which involves acquisition in archaeological science and research at both The Cyprus Institute, Nicosia and University of Cambridge.
- Dr. E. Orijemie, Department of Archaeology is rounding off, a two-year Postdoctoral fellowship under Alexander von Humboldt Experienced Researcher Fellowship, at the Max Planck Institute for Geoanthropology, Jena, Germany, 2024-2025
- Department of Archaeology has started a 3-year (2024-2027) digitization of its cultural materials in the museum store, housing over 100,000 artefacts and materials. This project has attracted scholars from universities in the different parts of the world.
- The former Department of Computer Science has been upgraded to the Faculty of Computing on 25 March 2025 with four Departments.
- Department of School Library and Media Technology introduced a programme titled Storytelling with the Legends.
- Department of School Library and Media Technology, University of Ibadan mobilized students and staff to go round various cities and towns in Nigeria to mark the World Book Day for the year.
- Department of Adult Education won 2 Institution Based Research (IBR) awards.
- Department of Sustainability Studies has an ongoing research project titled- development of an index to measure Nigerian Universities Contributions to Sustainable Development Goals (NRF-UC2SDGsIndex) supported by the TETFund

BENEFACTIONS

Ladies and gentlemen, I like to express deep appreciation on behalf of the University to all our numerous benefactors in the outgoing year. Though they have already been listed separately in the order of proceedings, nonetheless, we pray that God will continue to bless your endeavours and multiply your resources!

Once again, I congratulate all our graduands for your laudable achievement in this University. I encourage you to step up your quest for knowledge as education does not end with the acquisition of degrees. You are all worthy ambassadors of this University, please keep the flag flying.

I pray God Almighty to grant you all journey mercies back to your various destinations.

Thank you for your attention.

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