

CU, Tops Most Employable Graduates List

Stutern, a Lagos-based startup and an online platform that carries out studies on employment in Nigeria and Nigerian universities, has in its 2016 edition of 'The Nigerian Graduate Report' publication ranked Covenant University Number One in the list of Nigerian universities (both private and public) with the Most Employable Graduates.

According to the report by Stutern, Covenant University, with 90% employability rate, emerged first among institutions that have more employed graduates according to the employment status of their graduates. Only two private institutions made the top 10 list while others were Federal and State institutions.

The University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, with 84.62% employability rate, was second; Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, with 83.33%, was third; while Federal University of Technology, Akure and the University of Ilorin with 80.00% and 77.78% were fourth and fifth respectively.

Ekiti State University (75.00%), University of Uyo (75.00%), Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye (75.00%), Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo (73.68%) and the University of Lagos (73.24%) complete the top 10 list of universities with most employable graduates in that order.

Stutern, in its overview of the report, said key findings revealed that employment favors the most educated graduates; labor is cheap in Nigeria; the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) programme contributes to why the Education industry employs the most for first jobs in Nigeria; and More than 50% of graduates disagree that their graduate education prepared them with communication skills.

Also featured in the report are the employability status of Nigerian graduates, the most employable courses, return on investment, and starting and current salary of recent graduates among others.

Stutern stated that its ultimate aim with the report is to empower all stakeholders to better understand the state of youth employment in the Nigerian economy and helping companies to recruit better.

In the Forward of the report written by a former Minister of Education, Dr. (Mrs.) Oby Ezekwesili, she expressed her delight at the work of Stutern which has produced 'The Nigerian Graduate Report 2016'. The report, she said, unveils a diversity of the variables at play in the youth employment and unemployment issues that Nigeria must address.

"As the report shows, there are underlying issues that seldom receive thoughtful response either by government, the education policy makers, academic institutions, the business sector and owners, families and young people who are the primary target of the Report. All these factors must now be further interrogated and the right menu of solutions found over time," Dr. Ezekwesili stated.

The report, which ranked Covenant University Number One University with Most Employable Graduates is yet again a validation of the high quality training on offer at the institution.