AVAIL YOURSELVES OF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, FUTA VC URGES PG STUDENTS

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Akure, Professor Adebiyi G. Daramola has urged Postgraduate students and other researchers in the institution to avail themselves of grant opportunities available both locally and internationally in their fields of study.

He spoke through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Professor Tolulope Akinbogun at the second edition of the Seminar/workshop on Grant Sourcing for Post Graduate Research for postgraduate lecturers and students of the institution recently held at the CCE Hilltop Auditorium.

Professor Daramola said huge resources abound locally and internationally meant for research support in form of grants. Access to these and their purposeful utilization have assisted Researchers and Universities in other parts of the world. However, he observed that there is gross underutilization of such research opportunities in Nigeria, therefore the urgent need to address it.

According to him, the workshop was timely and needful because there are stipulated guidelines and requirements for winning research grants everywhere in the world. This includes how to write proposals, how to do feasibility studies and other key processes in sourcing for grants for post graduate research. He urged participants at the workshop to take total advantage of the workshop.

In his welcome address, the Dean, School of Postgraduate studies, Professor M.A.K. Smith said the need arose for the workshop because most Postgraduate students frequently complain of lack of resources to work with during their research project which has caused a lot of delay in completing their projects or total abandonment.

He said the workshop would open the eyes of participants to grant sourcing and ingredients of quality postgraduate research and institutional fellowship opportunities.

Speaking further, he said the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Daramola has requested for the institution of Postgraduate Scholarship for the best Master students in the University which would serve as an impetus for hard work and distinction for academic excellence.

Professor V. Aletor Vice Chancellor, Elizade University, Professor A.A Olufayo and Professor A.A Akindahunsi took the participants through contemporary trends in sourcing for research funding and grants.