

Covenant Remains Most Preferred Private University among Nigerian Students

Covenant University has maintained her preeminent position as the most preferred private university in Nigeria by emerging the 2017 Private University of First Choice among students seeking admission into higher institutions of learning in Nigeria.

The University had also in 2016 ranked first in the league of private universities chosen by student-applicants as university of first choice.

In a new report obtained and carefully computed and analysed by the Economic Intelligence magazine from the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) on the preferred first private university of choice in 2017, Covenant University has the highest applications with 2,438 applicants among the 67 private universities in the country.



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The number two position is occupied by Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State with 1,599 applicants, followed by Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State 1,455; and Bowen University, Iwo, Osun State with 485 student-applicants. The fifth and sixth positions go to Abuja-based Nigerian Turkish Nile University with 478 and Baze University with 476 applicants.

According to the Economic Intelligence, the University of Ilorin, Kwara State, has the highest applications with 104,038 student-applicants. The figure represents almost about 10 percent of the 1,212,818 total applicants seeking admissions into the 40 Federal Universities in Nigeria. Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria is next with 89,688 student-applicants, followed by the University of Benin (Uniben), Edo State with 85,486 applicants.

The University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN), is the fourth with 79,073 applicants; University of Lagos (Unilag) fifth with 78,899; while Bayero University Kano (BUK) comes sixth with 68,241 student-applicants.

Also, of the current 41 official State Universities, Lagos State University (LASU), is number one with 36,119 applicants, followed by Kaduna State University with 28,914 applicants; Delta State University, Abraka, is third with 28,672 student-applicants; Nasarawa State University, is fourth with 29,142 applicants; while Benue State University, Makurdi and Adekunle Ajasin University Ondo in South-West are fifth and sixth with 27,611 and 27,579 student-applicants respectively.

Using the JAMB's report of most preferred universities in the country, the Economic Intelligence magazine gathered that applicants seeking for admission into universities considered academic stability, popularity, affordability, available facilities and quality of lecturers as part of their check-list before making choices in their applications.

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