



ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES
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Benefits for Members of the Association of African Universities

The AAU is a prestigious network that provides a continental platform for its member universities to meet, network, share knowledge, share experiences, broker partnerships and collaborate with each other in a diversity of areas related to their areas of specialization, research interests, teaching and learning. The AAU is unique in that its scope covers the diverse areas represented by both research and or teaching universities/institutions. In this regard the AAU platform provides an opportunity for African Higher Education leaders, academics, professionals and administrative staff to know each other and share experiences so that they contribute towards improving the quality of African Higher Education.

Several forums are being promoted within the Association to encourage collaborations by specialization areas and or research interests. Some of the forums are related to Research and Education Networks, the COREVIP (Conference for Rectors, Vice Chancellors and Presidents of African Universities), Quality Assurance, Finance Personnel, ICT Personnel, E-learning Specialists, Communication and Public Relations Professionals, African History Experts, Librarians, African Centres of Excellence, Deans of Students Affairs, Students Representative Councils, Monitoring and Evaluation Experts, Procurement Experts, Directors of Research – among several other groups of specialization.

Before an institution joins the Association, it is important for that institution to familiarize itself with the associated benefits that accrue to it. After joining the AAU all institutions are encouraged to keep abreast with AAU activities by being part of the AAU mailing list and newsletter (<https://www.aau.org/aau-newsletter/>), following the AAU Twitter and Face Book social media platforms (https://twitter.com/AAU_67 ; <https://web.facebook.com/AAU67/>), and following the AAU TV (<https://tv.aau.org/>) – so that they benefit from the wealth of opportunities and information that are shared by the Association on a regular basis. AAU members must also make concerted efforts to be part of the various forums that are organized according to specializations (please email elaari@aau.org)



Benefits to the Universities

- ❑ **Decision Making and Voting Rights:** A member university has the chance to vote during AAU Statutory Meetings and influence decisions on the governance of the Association and contribute to the African Higher Education discourse.
- ❑ **Networking:** Member Institutions can make use of AAU's extensive networks to form new partnerships
- ❑ **Academic Mobility:** AAU offers (depending on funding) staff mobility among member universities in Africa for the benefit of member institutions.
- ❑ **Project Partnerships:** The AAU brokers research and projects partnerships among member universities and development partners.
- ❑ **Institutional Visibility:** Member Institutions can make their institutions stand out through submission of content to be featured on the AAU Websites, AAU Television and AAU E-Newsletter. Member institutions could be featured on the AAU Blog under the section of Member Universities in Focus
- ❑ **Research Visibility:** Member institutions can have their university's publications featured on the AAU Database of Theses and Dissertation-Including Research platform. Kindly access this link <http://datad.aau.org/>
- ❑ **Research Support:** Enjoy discounted research consultancy services from member universities
- ❑ **Institutional Grants** (when funding is available): Eligibility to apply for various competitive institutional grants

- ❓ **Access to AAU Knowledge & Information Hub:** AAU Peer-Reviewed Journal; AAU State of Higher Education in Africa Global Survey report (to be launched soon); Project Policy Briefs; AAU Newsletters and others.
- ❓ **Contribute to Continental & Global Dialogues:** Make use of AAU policy statements for your institution's advocacy efforts.
- ❓ **E-Learning Platform:** Free access for academics to the AU-eLearnAfrica Learning Management System. Kindly access this link <https://www.elearnafricalms.com/>
- ❓ **Data and Statistics:** Participate in institutional quality benchmarking exercises through the African Quality Rating Mechanism (AQRM)

Benefits to individuals within the AAU Member Universities

- ❓ **AAU Governance:** Vice-Chancellors, Presidents and Rectors have the chance to be elected to the AAU Governing Board and Working Groups.
- ❓ **Networking Across the Continent:** African Higher Education leaders, academics, professionals and administrative staff can get to know each other and share experiences so that they improve the quality of African Higher Education.
- ❓ **Scholarships and Grants** (when funding is available): Eligibility to apply for various competitive grants (small grants and internship grants)
- ❓ **Webinars:** Be a global presenter and speaker on the AAU Webinar Platforms



- ❓ **Academic Mobility:** AAU offers (depending on funding) staff and student mobility among member universities in Africa.

Benefits to individuals within the AAU Member Universities

- ❓ **Access to synthesized information:** For example, information on consultancy opportunities through AAU media outlets such as Newsletters, AAU TV and social media outlets.
- ❓ **Members-Only Events:** Through the AAU Member University Annual Leadership and Management Fellowship. Each member university shall be represented by 2 delegates selected by the Vice Chancellor, President or Rector of the institution based on the thematic focus for the year. Member Institutions will be responsible for their means of transportation and accommodation. The AAU will bear the cost of participation, meals, fellowship materials and certification. This programme is restricted to AAU Members only.
- ❓ **20% Discount on all Continuous Professional Development (CPD):** The AAU provides continuous professional development to academics, staff, and students at the institutional and individual levels.
- ❓ **Roaster of African Professionals Database and Professional Networks:** AAU cultivates and nurtures professional Associations among member universities to promote the sense of belonging. Key amongst them are Network of Vice Chancellors, Presidents and Rectors of African Universities; Network for diverse AAU Subject Matter Experts and Professional Networks – e.g. Librarians, Deans, Directors of ICT, eLearning Experts; Quality Assurance and others. Kindly access this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B2JWNZR>



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