



• Dr Mrs Rita Akosua Dickson (4th right), VC of KNUST, and the Board Members of the Francis Faki Amanquah Foundation with the five beneficiaries. Those with them include, Mercy Bruce-Amanquah(5th right), Founder of FFAF. Pictures: EMMANUEL BAAH

FFAF awards scholarships to five female KNUST students

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THE Francis Faki Amanquah Foundation (FFAF) has awarded full scholarships to five brilliant, needy female students of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) pursuing computer science and computer engineering courses.

The scholarship, which includes accommodation, tuition fees, stipends and a laptop each, would run until the students complete their studies, provided they maintain their standard of academic performance.

The awardees would also be assigned mentors to guide them in their studies and career choices.

The five beneficiaries were selected after a rigorous process. They are Ernestina Afriyie Amoako, Grace-Lilie Acheampong, Esther Efua Acquandoh, Suraya Mohammed and Afua Twumasi



• Dr Mrs Rita Akosua Dickson(3rd right), and Mercy Bruce-Amanquah(3rd left) with some board members of FFA Foundation. Those with them include Dr Oona Nanka-Bruce(2nd right), and Djabanor Narh (2nd left).

Britwum.

Objective

Giving a background to the foundation, the founder, Mercy Bruce-Amanquah, said the objective was to promote girl-child education, particularly in the study of Computer

Science and Computer Engineering, in memory of her late husband, Francis Faki Amanquah, who was an IT expert.

She said the foundation decided to choose KNUST because her late husband was a product of that university.

For the first cohort, she said the foundation decided to award five females and would, in subsequent years, increase the beneficiaries to 10 and eventually 30.

To ensure that the beneficiaries were bright, needy students, she said the foundation would award the scholarship to second-year students whose grades could be assessed.

The objective, she said, is to build a corps of female experts who could contribute to the development of the country.

She said women's empowerment was dear to her husband's heart and through the foundation, that empowerment would be realised.

Funding

Mrs Bruce-Amanquah said the foundation has a board of directors



• Dr Mrs Rita Akosua Dickson (right), VC of KNUST, presents a plaque to Mercy Bruce-Amanquah, Founder, Francis Faki Amanquah Foundation (FFAF), to show KNUST's appreciation for the gesture.

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with a clear-cut fundraising programme to sustain and ensure that it achieves its objective.

Appreciation

The Vice Chancellor of KNUST, Prof Rita Akosua Dickson, was grateful to the foundation for selecting the university to run their scholarship programme and for focusing on females.

She said the university had a programme to promote and support girls in Science, Engineering, Technology and

Mathematics (STEM) and said with the inception of the FFAF scholarship, the number of students who received support in STEM would increase.

Beneficiary

On behalf of her colleagues, Ms Britwum thanked the foundation for finding it worthy to award them the scholarship which she said would spur them on to achieve their dreams.

She said the scholarship would have a great impact on their lives, as they focus on their study.



• Mercy Bruce-Amanquah(3rd right), Founder, Francis Faki Amanquah Foundation (FFAF), with the five students, after they were presented with a laptop each.