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500 level student wins Switzerland training, sets African record

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Mufutau Akuruyejo achieved the feat through an MTN Nigeria Foundation (MTNF) scholarship worth the sum of N200, 000 which he won in 2012.

"As a second year student in 2012, I saw an advert on the MTN Nigeria Foundation website requesting for application into a scholarship scheme by the Foundation," he said.

"I forwarded my application and I was invited for an exam, which I passed.

After maintaining the required minimum CGPA of 3.50, the ICT enthusiast got a second lucky break in 2015.

"Early this year, there was another post on the MTNF Facebook page requesting for applicants to take part in a nine-week advanced IT project.

"I applied for the project and after a rigorous selection exercise, which included recommendation from my department, I was selected."

That was how he won the nine-week ICT training programme in Switzerland.

Mufutau said he is already making plans on how to "maximise this opportunity while in Switzerland."

I hope to learn enough about Oracle database while I also make enquiries on possibilities of furthering my education; probably as an intern in a research institute because I am very passionate about technology," he added.

Noting that "hard work pays", Muftau named Microsoft owner Bill Gates and Oracle CEO Larry Ellison among the personalities that inspire him.

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