Internship and scholarship programme for top performing Nigerian undergraduates who are passionate about agribusiness and contributing to the growth and development of the sector.

Sahel Capital Agribusiness Managers Limited (SCAML) is a leading private equity firm and Sahel Consulting Agriculture and Nutrition Limited (SCANL) is a leading consulting firm, both focused on West Africa with deep roots in private equity and management consulting respectively (jointly referred to as “Sahel”).

The Sahel Scholars’ Programme provides eligible students from the Faculties of Agriculture in select institutions access to cutting-edge industry knowledge in the agriculture and nutrition sectors. Every year, at least two selected students in their penultimate year participate in our four-week internship at the Sahel office in Lagos State and they are considered for a merit-based scholarship towards their final year of study.

Programme Components

- Sahel Scholars Conference
- A four-week internship at Sahel
- Comprehensive onboarding sessions and training modules
- Career mentorship and guidance
- A month’s stipend
- Merit-based scholarship

Scholars are expected to make provision for their accommodation within/around Lekki environs of Lagos State.
Participating Universities in 2019

We look forward to working with these universities to invest in the future of agriculture in Nigeria!

Scholars Selection Process

Scholars are considered for the programme based on set criteria, including current CGPA, passion for agriculture and nutrition, and soft skills set aligned to Sahel’s values and culture. The process includes:

1. Provision of a list of top fifty students by current CGPA in their penultimate session by the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture of participating university.
2. Email inviting nominated students to submit a video entry on a given topic.
3. Shortlisted students are invited to take a psychometric assessment online.
4. Invitation of shortlisted students to participate in a group presentation at its Sahel Scholars Conference.
5. Interview and selection of one Sahel Scholar from each university.

Testimonials

- Working on projects here gave me the opportunity to analyze and draft project plans, and to witness implementation. During the time at Sahel, I also learnt a lot about work ethics especially accountability.
  
  Chiamaka Nwaqu
  University of Nigeria (Nsukka)
  Sahel Scholar, 2017

- My time as a Sahel Scholar helped broaden my horizon on the several efforts and initiatives existing within the Nigerian agriculture sector.
  
  Ifeoluwa Adedipe
  Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU)
  Sahel Scholar, 2018

Achievements to-date

- 7 Scholars
- 3 Universities (ABU, OAU, UNN)
- Over 700 Conference Participants

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