

The University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria entered into a partner service Agreement with the British American Tobacco Nigerian Foundation (BATN, Foundation) in May, 2024 for a Graduate Agripreneurship programme (GAP) to be funded by BATNF. Applications were received from alumni of the Faculty of Agriculture, screened and four agripreneurs were selected for the 1st cohort of the GAP program in 2024.

Fresh applications are hereby invited for expression of interest from Faculty of Agriculture alumni who meet the following selection criteria for the 2nd cohort of Unilorin BATNF Graduate Agripreneur project in 2025.

Objective screening of submitted applications would be carried out to obtain a list of finalists who will compete with a pitch at a final stage of selection. This year the program is expanding from four to the best six of the finalists, who will be empowered to participate in GAP with a grant of one million five hundred thousand naira (1,500,000.00) each for their projects.

The EOI to be submitted should include:

A business plan including how the ₦1,500,000.00 will be utilized.

A brief essay on why he/she should be selected.

Please note the selection criteria.

The applicant must:

1. Be a graduate of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin who has completed the mandatory NYSC, is passionate about agriculture and is interested in it as business.
2. Be between the ages of 21 to 35 years and graduated within four years of the commencement of the project.
3. Have demonstrated his entrepreneurial skills through the establishment or involvement in any agricultural enterprises.
4. Be ready to establish his /her agribusiness (crop, fish or livestock) within the University premises for the duration of the program. The livestock **MUST** be in poultry farming – Broiler production or laying hens (point of cage/lay).
5. Be ready to sign an undertaking with the University on the terms of the project.

Completed applications should be titled ‘EOI: for BATNF Graduate Agripreneur project’ and submitted electronically to deanofagric@unilorin.edu.ng on or before monday 3rd March,2025.

Two hard copies of each application should also be submitted to the University in an envelope addressed to the Dean of Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin and marked ‘EOI for BATNF Graduate Agripreneur project’

Please note that any application received after the deadline will **NOT** be considered.

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