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Over the past 17 years, Ashesi has established a reputation as a leader in undergraduate education in Africa, with an educational experience that fosters ethical leadership, an entrepreneurial mindset and the ability to solve complex problems. These qualities are what set Ashesi alumni apart. The collective Ashesi curriculum and experience results in an average of 94% of alumni finding placement in careers, graduate school, or starting businesses within six months of starting their search — and 90% choose to stay and work for progress in Africa.

At the heart of the Ashesi experience is our inclusive campus culture. Students come from 24 African countries to learn, live, and innovate together. 48% are women, and 43% come from disadvantaged backgrounds. On campus, students join with faculty and leadership to engage in discussion, civic action, and connection under a shared mission to transform the African continent.

To serve more students, we must continue to expand our facilities and strengthen our scholarship program. To provide students with the highest-quality education, we must invest in faculty development and research. And to help scale Ashesi’s model, we must expand our idea-sharing platform, the Education Collaborative. Launched in 2017, the Education Collaborative brings together African university leaders and stakeholders to collaborate on best practices in teaching, management and administration.

We invite you to partner with us to make this growth possible and help amplify a new generation of African leadership.

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Our faculty are breaking new ground in their fields. The Faculty Development and Research Fund invests in their professional development by sponsoring research, procurement of equipment and resources, participation in international conferences, and pursuit of higher education, including PhD acquisition. Supporting our faculty’s professional development strengthens the academic and social experience of both faculty and students and ensures that Ashesi builds on its track record of excellence.
The Education Collaborative (EC) at Ashesi brings together a consortium of institutions committed to driving high-impact education innovations as the catalyst for Africa’s transformation. Participants include public and private colleges and universities across Africa as well as a select group of secondary level institutions in Ghana. Launched in 2017, the EC is grounded in the tenets of an Ashesi education: Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, Ethics, and Entrepreneurship. Alongside an annual gathering in Ghana, the EC includes:

- Conferences and workshops for university stakeholders
- Targeted mentorship and consulting programs
- A high school engagement program, “Ashesi Before Ashesi”
- Year-round support via online engagement and in-person resources

Each participant has the potential to impact multitudes of colleagues and students. In seventeen years of operation, just over 1,300 students have graduated from Ashesi University. Utilizing Ashesi’s learnings thus far, the EC has the potential to impact over two million students across Africa.

Ashesi scholarships provide a life-changing education to high performing students who do not have access to the funds they need to attend college. For the 2019-2020 academic year, Ashesi tuition, room, and board are just under USD $12,500. Gifts of all sizes to the scholarship fund are pooled together and 100% of the funds go directly to the university. The Admissions Team has full discretion on how the scholarships are awarded. 43% of Ashesi students receive scholarships and 25% receive full support for room, board, and tuition. If you are interested in honoring your family or community by naming a 4-year tuition, room, and board scholarship or endowed scholarship, please contact the foundation to learn more. $50,000 will fund a four-year complete scholarship for one student.

To learn more about these projects and how you can partner with us, please contact us at 206.545.6988 or foundation@ashesi.org.