

# ASHESI UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Educating ethical, entrepreneurial  
leaders in Africa



By 2030, Africa's workforce is expected to expand by more than the rest of the world's combined, and it will be home to more than a quarter of the world's total population under the age of 25. The success or failure of the continent will be felt by the entire world. By investing in Africa's young minds and leaders, we can ensure that the continent is prepared for its pivotal global role and will be able to harness this unique demographic as a force for good and for progress.

Since 2002, Ashesi has offered young Africans a high-quality, 4-year education on their home continent that fosters ethics, innovation, and entrepreneurship in a diverse community. Our 1,174 students and 1,300+ graduates have earned a reputation for integrity, an entrepreneurial mindset, and exceptional professional skills.

Ashesi combines a rigorous liberal arts core with degree programs in Computer Science, Business Administration, Management Information Systems, and Engineering. A student-led honor code, integrated community service, diverse internships, and real-world projects prepare students to develop innovative solutions for local challenges. Ashesi is also a growing hub for global collaborations, education exchanges, and entrepreneurial ventures, and is a leading influencer in Africa's higher education landscape.



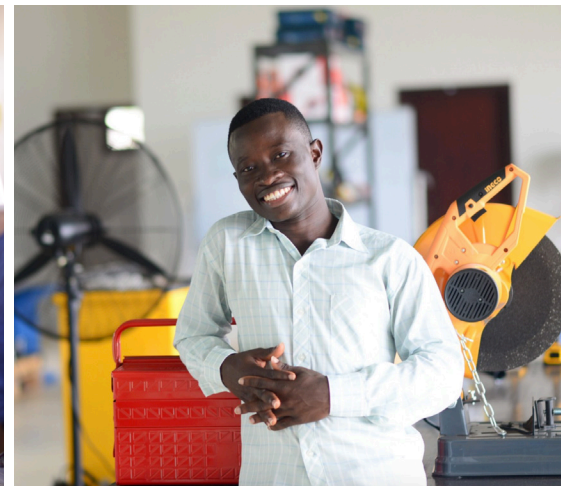
**24** African countries  
are represented

Ashesi is a Pan-African community. Our students come from 24 African nations to learn, live, and innovate.



**48%** of students  
are women

African women are underrepresented in higher education. At Ashesi, we are committed to gender equity.



**43%** of students  
receive scholarships

Nearly half of Ashesi students receive scholarships. 25% are fully supported for room, board, and tuition.

## ALUMNI TRANSFORM THEIR COMMUNITIES

Ashesi alumni graduate with technical excellence in their fields, a deep sense of civic responsibility, and the vision they need to navigate and lead in a changing world. On average, 94% of Ashesi graduates receive job offers, enter graduate school, or launch a business within six months of starting their search. Over 90% of alumni choose to work for progress in Africa.



### Empowering tech problem solvers

Regina Honu's company, Soronko Solutions, is a software development powerhouse whose mission is to use technology to drive human potential. She is also founder of Soronko Academy and the Tech Needs Girls initiative, which has taught over 4,000 girls how to code.



### From Ashesi to Google

Thierry provides support to businesses using Google's advertising products in Africa. "To thrive [professionally], we must be able to adapt, learn, and apply new skills depending on what problems we have to solve; the liberal education experience at Ashesi...teaches just that."

## RECENT MILESTONES



### Expanding our campus

Thanks to the help of generous donors, five new buildings were completed on campus in 2018. The student center, dubbed The Hive, as well as an athletic facility and sports field offer new spaces for community engagement and leisure. A new 96-bed student dormitory enabled a record 77% of freshman to live on campus, while the Research & Learning Lab and the Fab Lab provide additional classrooms, labs, maker spaces, and office space.



### Receiving a Presidential Charter

In 2017, Ashesi was awarded a Presidential Charter, which grants the university independence as a degree-granting institution. Ashesi is the youngest private university in Ghana's history to receive the charter. This is a major milestone and marks the beginning of another chapter in the story of Ashesi University.



### Winning the WISE Prize for Education

In 2017, Ashesi Founder and President Patrick Awuah received the WISE Prize in recognition of his outstanding contributions to education in Africa. Patrick gifted the \$500,000 that came with the prize to the university. African and global organizations alike recognize the impact of Ashesi and Patrick Awuah. Recent accolades include Patrick being named a **MacArthur Fellow** and **African Man of the Year** by *Women in Africa*.

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Informing and inspiring leaders of social change

**BBC**

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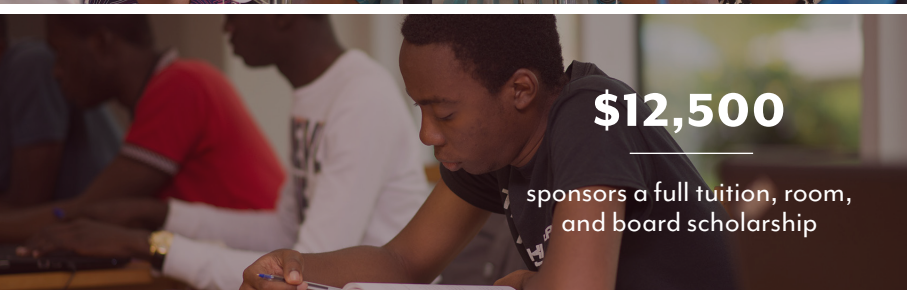
## GIFTS OF ALL SIZES CHANGE LIVES AT ASHESI

Africa needs more from Ashesi—more growth, more high-impact majors, and more scholarships for students in need. With 1,174 students on campus today, we are nearly to our goal of 1,200 students by 2020. To meet this goal, we are raising funds to provide scholarships, invest in faculty, expand our impact, and build more spaces for students to live, learn, and collaborate. Join us, and invest in Ashesi students at [www.ashesi.org/donate](http://www.ashesi.org/donate).



**\$6,000**

gifts a stipend for  
faculty research



**\$12,500**

sponsors a full tuition, room,  
and board scholarship



**\$375**

funds one high school girl's  
participation at the Ashesi Innovation  
Experience (AIX) to learn about  
the power of science, technology,  
engineering, and math (STEM)



**\$1,500**

funds a partner university's participation  
in The Education Collaborative



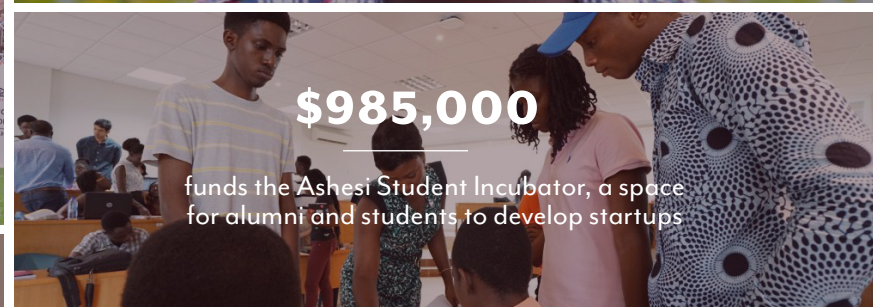
**\$50,000**

sponsors a named four-year  
tuition, room, and board scholarship



**\$200**

supports prototyping for a  
student start-up project



**\$985,000**

funds the Ashesi Student Incubator, a space  
for alumni and students to develop startups



**\$3.1 million**

funds a 96-bed student dormitory



## LET ASHESI WELCOME YOU

The best way to understand Ashesi's impact is to visit and see for yourself how our students, staff, and alumni are creating a better future for Africa. Each autumn, Ashesi donors and advocates can join the foundation's **Annual Trip to Ghana**. We immerse ourselves in the Ashesi culture of ethical leadership and innovative entrepreneurship—spending time on campus and at alumni workplaces—and touring coastal Ghana and the vibrant city of Accra.

**The Ashesi Deep Dive** is a component of the Annual Trip designed to be a stand-alone experience for government, nonprofit, business, and academic partners who would like to get a deeper understanding of the work happening on campus. We will spend the days on campus attending classes and meeting with faculty, alumni, and university leadership. For more information, visit [ashesi.org/get-involved/visit-campus](https://ashesi.org/get-involved/visit-campus).

**Visiting Ghana another time?** We would love to connect you with Ashesi staff to coordinate a campus tour. To learn more, please contact: [foundation@ashesi.org](mailto:foundation@ashesi.org).



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