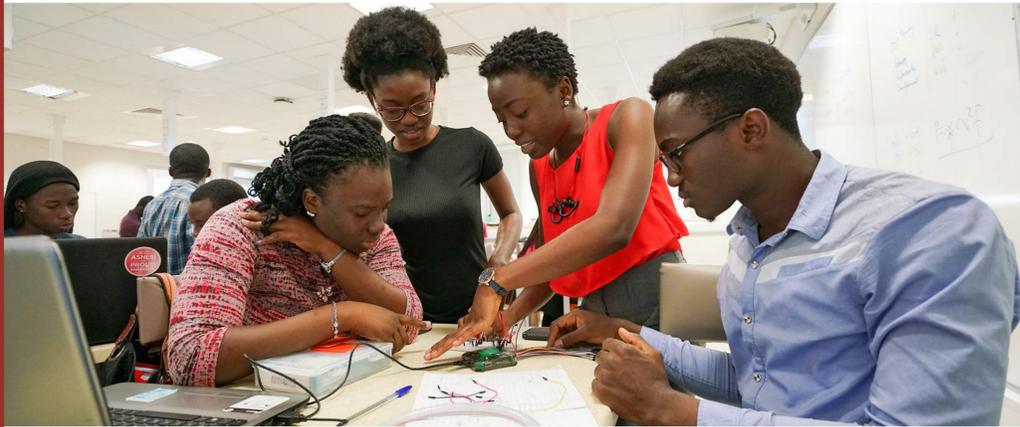


ASHESI UNIVERSITY

Educating ethical, entrepreneurial leaders to achieve the SDGs and transform Africa



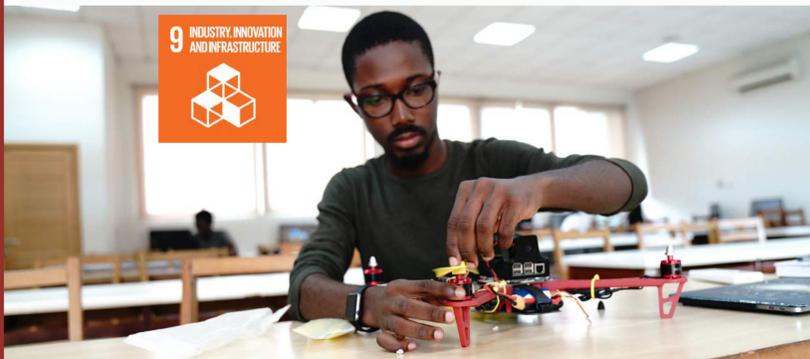
- » 4 majors supporting workforce demand
- » 48% of students receive scholarships
- » 94% of alumni find quality placement within 6 months of starting their search



- » 47% of students are women
- » 40% of engineering students are women
- » 60% of executive leadership are women

Ashesi's entrepreneurship ecosystem includes the following programs and initiatives:

- » The **Foundations of Design and Entrepreneurship** course prompts all first-year students to launch their own ventures to gain real-world experience in business development.
- » **Ashesi D:Lab** trains students in design thinking so that they can create, innovate, and grow their ideas.
- » The **Entrepreneurship Capstone** teaches seniors how to start a scalable business.
- » **Ashesi Startup Launchpad** provides hand-on support and coaching to incubate student businesses.
- » **Ashesi Venture Incubator** is a one-year alumni venture incubation experience in collaboration with MIT D-Lab, with funding from USAID.



In a perfect example of the intersection Ashesi fosters between engineering and creative thinking, a student designed and built an operational drone. Inspired by Ashesi's growing size, he hopes to teach the drone to fly independently – the first step towards establishing a campus delivery startup.

The following initiatives support small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) development in emerging economies:

- » **Ashesi Enterprise Fund** provides proof of concept grants and soft loans to student entrepreneurs to help them validate their business models, products, and services.
- » The **Makers Skills' Lab** enables students to try their hand at everything from 3D modeling to building electric circuits.
- » **The Fab Lab** offers students a dedicated space to design and fabricate new products for their startups.

Ashesi supports the SDGs through cross-sector collaboration, the promotion of best practices, and the publication of data.

- » **International university partnerships** enhance global cooperation in science, tech, and innovation, and enhance knowledge. Ashesi signed partnerships in 2018 with universities in the US, Spain and Sweden. Ashesi recently joined the Association of Commonwealth Universities, which helps to connect universities working on the SDGs.
- » **The Education Collaborative** convenes public and private higher education institutions from across Africa to harness best practices in teaching, management, and administration.
- » **Faculty research** is tracked in relation to the SDGs and many publications include multi-national co-authors.



"To achieve the SDGs we must prepare a new generation of ethical leaders willing to work together across disciplines."

- Patrick Awuah, Ashesi University President

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