

Nigerian student Hauwa'u Bala: "Polytech has made a lasting impression on me"

In the interview she told why she chose Polytech, what pleasantly surprised her in Russia and how she plans to build her career in the future.



What program do you study at SPbPU?

I am currently pursuing a master's degree in Emergency Preparedness and Response at SPbPU, with a focus on nuclear and radiological emergencies. This program has been a transformative journey for me, as it aligns with my commitment to public safety and environmental protection. The specialized nature of my studies allows me to delve deeply into the complexities of nuclear and radiological incident management, from the intricacies of risk assessment to the nuances of disaster response.

Why did you choose the Polytechnic University?

I began my academic pursuits at the Polytechnic University on a self-funded basis, driven by my passion for emergency preparedness and response. The university's unique offer of a master's level program in this specialized field, which I

understand to be unparalleled globally, was the decisive factor in my decision to enroll.

My dedication and commitment to my studies were rewarded when I was honored to receive the Marie Skłodowska Curie scholarship. This prestigious scholarship recognizes not only academic excellence but also the relevance of one's studies to the critical issues facing our society today. Choosing the Polytechnic University was one of the best decisions I've made, as it has provided me with remarkable opportunities to grow academically and professionally. The support I have received through the Marie Skłodowska Curie scholarship has only deepened my appreciation for the field and my resolve to excel within it.



Tell about your impressions of Polytechnic University?

Polytechnic University has left a lasting impression on me. Its vibrant atmosphere of diversity has been one of the most enriching aspects of my educational journey. The student body here is a mosaic, representing cultures and backgrounds from across the globe, which has greatly enhanced our collective learning experience and has led to an open exchange of ideas and perspectives both inside and outside the classroom.

Tell us about professors of Polytechnic University?

The professors at Polytechnic University have had an indelible impact on my academic growth and personal development. They are much more than educators—they are mentors, innovators, and pioneers in their respective fields, making significant contributions to both academic discourse and practical advancements.

Have you made new friends at Polytechnic University?

Absolutely, my time at Polytechnic University has been as much about building relationships as it has been about academic learning. The friendly and welcoming community here has allowed me to forge new friendships that I believe will last a lifetime. These friends have come from all corners of the globe, each with their own unique stories and perspectives that have enriched my understanding of the world.



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