



THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BANKERS OF NIGERIA

presents

9th

Otunba (Mrs.) 'Debola Osibogun's National Essay Competition



ESSAY TOPIC

The Next Generation of Bankers: Driving Innovation and Stability in a Complex Global Financial System

Award Prizes



Other Prizes /Recognitions

- One (1) Desktop Computer for the Department of the Overall Winner.
- Sponsorship of the best three (3) students to attend the 18th Annual Banking & Finance Conference in Abuja.
- Consolation prizes for the other seven (7) Runner-ups.
- Scholarship for the top three (3) winners to write the CIBN Professional Examinations.
- Recognition of the Heads of Department of the top three (3) winners.
- Great networking & experience sharing opportunities with MD/CEOs of a few Banks.
- Certificate of Participation for the top 10 candidates.
- Possible employment opportunities and publication of the best essay in a reputable journal or platform.

Eligibility

The competition is for Undergraduates (200 level and above) in the Management Science/Business Administration faculty and other applied disciplines such as Economics, Actuarial Science, Insurance and Marketing of Universities and Polytechnics in Nigeria accredited by NUC and NBTE, respectively.

Registration

- Application is free and at no cost.
- Download the Application Form at <http://nationalessaycompetition.cibng.org>.
- All entries must be submitted with one recent passport photograph.
- Multiple entries will be disqualified.
- All completed Application forms and entries should be submitted via: <https://bit.ly/CIBN2026Essay>.

Essay Requirements

- Essays should be original, unpublished and NOT AI-generated.
- Word count: 1200 words (excluding references).
- Format: Double-spaced, 12-point font, Arial Narrow font)
- Citations: APA style

Submission Guidelines

- Essay should be submitted digitally via: <https://bit.ly/CIBN2026Essay>
- Deadline for submission is July 8, 2026
- Participants should include a cover page indicating their name, Institution, department, name of HOD and contact information in their Essay.

Evaluation/Grading Criteria

- Content (40%): Depth of Analysis, relevance and insight.
- Writing style (30%): Clarity, coherence and grammar.
- Originality and Creativity (20%): Unique perspective and ideas
- Adherence to guidelines (10%): Compliance with format, word count and submission requirements.

Entry Closes: July 8, 2026

Submissions:

<https://bit.ly/CIBN2026Essay>

Enquiries: Jude 08138161329 judeanowuru@cibng.org

Disclaimer: The Institute will not entertain any essay that is not original. Plagiarised articles will be detected and disqualified.