

**Table 2. Status of Cohort 2 scholars at RSIF AHUs**

RSIF African Host University	Status of cohort two scholars at the AHU
Bayero University, Nigeria	Students fully registered, started developing research proposals and have been assigned supervisors. Students have submitted synopsis of PhD proposal and currently revising for submission. Students also subsequently preparing literature review for submission. BUK remains closed due to COVID-19.
University Felix Houphouët-Boigny, Côte d'Ivoire	Students have completed three online classes with the support of WASCAL. Students currently working on refining research topics and have been requested to travel to Abidjan by October 15.
Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania	Students have been admitted and are currently in the process of being assigned supervisors. Once supervisors are identified, students will develop and present their concept notes and proposals remotely. All students attend weekly doctoral student seminars facilitated by SUA-SACIDS. Students have been invited to travel to Morogoro to undertake in-person learning and expected to travel early October.
University of Ghana	Eight Ghanaian students are fully registered and are completing end-of-term examinations. Four of these students will begin internship placements while the remaining four will begin their second semester of coursework. Three international students have deferred their admission and were slated to begin their studies in August 2020. The academic calendar for the 2020-2021 academic year for the University of Ghana is now slated for November 22, 2020.
University of Gaston Berger, Senegal	All students are registered, have been assigned supervisors and have started their proposal development process.
University of Rwanda	All students are fully registered and are currently developing their proposals. Supervisors have been allocated to students and are receiving remote supervision support. Students have presented proposal to the Doctoral Committee (DC) and are currently working on refining research proposal to integrate committee feedback.
University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria	All students have received provisional admission to the PhD program and have started the proposal development process through remote supervision.
University of Nairobi, Kenya	All students have received provisional admission for a period of six months as of May 20, 2020. Students have submitted their concept notes and will be assigned supervisors. All students now have access to online learning platform at the University of Nairobi.
Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology, Tanzania	All seven students have received provisional registration and have been assigned supervisors. Six students currently writing PhD proposal. One student has successfully defended 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2020 and completed examinations. Students have been invited to travel to Arusha to begin in-person learning and expected to travel early October. We are working with the universities to streamline communications to students, specifically with respect to COVID-19.