

# FEYIPITAN SADIKU

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## EDUCATION

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<b>UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA</b> <i>PhD Learning Experience Design and Technology</i>	<b>Norman, OK</b> <b>2025-2029</b>
• Research interests: Culture, Learning, and Technology. Online Learning & Facilitator Training	
<b>ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY</b> <i>Master's, Social Work</i>	<b>Norman, IL</b> <b>2022-2025</b>
• Research project: <i>“Food, fun and support: International Students Wellbeing at Illinois State University”</i> . • Completed 1000 hours of practicum at the Salvation Army homeless shelter and the Health Promotion and Wellbeing department at Illinois State University.	
<b>UNIVERSITY OF GHANA</b> <i>Bsc. Psychology</i>	<b>Legon, Accra</b> <b>2015-2019</b>
• Thesis: <i>“Individual Factors Affecting Littering Attitude: Age, Gender and Personal Norms”</i> .	

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA</b> <b>Graduate Research Assistant, Educational Psychology Department</b>	<b>Norman, OK</b> <b>2025-Present</b>
• Design and develop competency-based learning modules and microcredentials (online and face-to-face) by conducting needs analyses, defining learning objectives, and drafting concept papers or proposals aligned with LXDT program outcomes. • Research and curate professional development opportunities for LXDT students by identifying emerging instructional design tools e.g. Articulate Storyline and designing workshops that promote skills-based learning. • Develop and execute social and academic events to promote belonging within the LXDT department. • Develop a Social Media presence for the department through curated posts as thought leaders.	
<b>ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT, ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY</b> <b>Graduate Assistant, Academic Support Communities</b>	<b>Normal, IL</b> <b>2022-2025</b>
<i>The Academic Enhancement Department, a part of University College, provides 4000+ undergraduates with academic skills and resources for success in college. Hope Chicago is sponsoring 1000+ Chicago students to Higher institutions across the state of Illinois.</i>	
• Developed and pioneered a 4 part “Cheat Codes to Career” module covering - CV writing, LinkedIn, Elevator Pitch, etc., for 60+ students of color (juniors and sophomores) in the Hope Chicago program. • Facilitated bi-weekly educational workshops for groups of 20 - 30 freshman students, using e-learning tools and experiential learning to teach study skills, test-taking strategies, and goal setting to improve academic performance. • Organized and executed a diverse range of 10+ captivating social and academic events per semester, engaging 100+ Hope Chicago scholars through interactive and experiential activities. • Collaborated on cross-functional initiatives with program leads of academic communities to implement targeted interventions and resources for freshman students, leading to a 30% increase in academic success.	

<b>UNIVERSITY HOUSING SERVICES, ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY</b> <b>Summer Conference Assistant (Summer Role)</b>	<b>Normal, IL</b> <b>May 2023 - August 2024</b>
<i>University Housing serves 1000+ conference attendees and sponsors each summer across 5 residential halls.</i>	
• Provided support to 10 - 50 conference attendees and sponsors daily, addressing concerns, coordinating logistics and making timely referrals to appropriate resources and staff members. • Collaborated with area coordinators to check in, check out and assign rooms to 100 preview students per day. • Managed front desk and mailroom operations during 3-6 hour shifts, distributing packages and keys while maintaining organization and security protocols.	

**FIRST STAR ACADEMY, ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Summer Immersion Program College Coach**

**Normal, IL**  
**May 2023 - June 2024**

*A nationwide long-term college prep program for high school students in foster care across 12 colleges.*

- Planned and led 10 small group reflections and enrichment activities through storytelling and games.
- Facilitated college success workshops for 15 scholars, resulting in a 100% graduation rate from high school.
- Anchored annual award ceremony with 60+ students, caregivers, and guests in attendance.
- Created a 10-minute Annual Summer Program Video Collage using Canva, YouTube, and Photoshop.

**GETIN EDUCATION CONSULTING**  
**Community Engagement Lead**

**Lagos, Nigeria**  
**2022-2024**

*GetIn has helped 1000+ students from developing countries access and secure over \$6 million in graduate school funding through the Bootcamp program. Recognized for the Social Action award by the British Council.*

- Managed and directed community events, surpassing attendance targets by 40% through effective student coordination, program design, and the use of learning management tools like Canva, Zoom, and Google Suite.
- Developed a redesign of the Graduate School Bootcamp Accountability Program based on client research, leveraging instructional design tools to boost client engagement rate by 20%.
- Translated elements of the complex graduate school application process for 1000+ students into bite-sized articles and interactive presentations, increasing client understanding and contributing to a 20% rise in scholarship attainments.

**NOVUSTACK**  
**Program & Account Manager**

**Boston, MA**  
**2021-2022**

*An Ed-Tech startup building innovation ecosystems across Africa by empowering young entrepreneurs with digital skills and global job opportunities.*

- Coordinated activities between stakeholders to ensure coherence and success of the Innovation Readiness Training program for 8+ hours daily in a month for 100+ program participants.
- Engaged in curriculum development for the Innovation Readiness Training for a cohort of 30+ students, including Personal Branding, Design Thinking challenge, and Digital skills classes.
- Developed and facilitated learning content for youth development every quarter, covering innovation, entrepreneurship, and working in diverse teams, which raised brand awareness and collaborations by 50%.

**CONSTELLATION COACHING & TRAINING**  
**Client Service Admin**

**Lagos, Nigeria**  
**September 2019 - December 2020**

*Constellation provides executive coaching and leadership training for the C-suite of corporate organizations across Nigeria.*

- Coordinated logistics for five teams of up to 15 people in executive coaching sessions and leadership retreats, which led to greater teamwork, inclusivity, and community building.
- Assisted in facilitating group sessions for 10 C-suite executives monthly, supporting lead coaches with interactive exercises, discussion prompts, and feedback assessment to enhance learning outcomes.
- Provided client support by fielding inquiries, responding with service options for over 100 calls and emails weekly.

## **VOLUNTEERING**

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**Ajilla Young Women Leaders Development Fellowship**

**August - December 2024**

- **Peer Mentor:** Collaborate with board members to facilitate classroom discussions, offer insights, and support 20 fellows.

**PannyWord Foundation**

**May 2024 - Present**

- **Lead Instructor:** Collaborated with board members to educate 30+ students on personal branding and professional development opportunities for a 2-month Science Mentorship Program.

**Salvation Army Food Pantry, Bloomington, IL**

**June 2023 - July 2024**

- Utilize organizational skills to maintain and organize shelves, rotate stock, and ensure clients can access properly stocked groceries for a seamless shopping experience.

- Provide exceptional customer service by assisting clients with disability in shopping, answering questions about products, and fostering an inclusive and supportive environment that served 600 families monthly.

### Illinois State University Commencement

May 2023

- Assisted in the setup and organization of university commencement ceremonies by distributing name tags, attending to graduates in a courteous manner, and assisting as needed.

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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### Sir Cyril Taylor Charitable Foundation Young African Leaders Award

May 2025

- Awarded to outstanding youth working to solve social impact problems in their communities i.e. education

### Lela Winegarner Fellowship

October 2024

- Awarded to outstanding international students at Illinois State University pursuing careers of service in Education.

### Vital Voices Visionaries by Estee Lauder Fellowship

September 2024

- Selected for a cohort of 50 young women leaders, training in innovation and entrepreneurship for social impact.

### First Star National Peer Mentor Award

September 2024

- Selected by the National Committee as sole awardee, in recognition of service to youth in foster care in Illinois.

### The Social Bee Reggie Award

May 2024

- Recognized by a group of 20 staff members for service and connection building with 4000+ students served yearly.

### Ajilla Young Women Leaders Development Fellowship

August 2023

- Selected for a cohort of 30 college women of color, training in leadership and career development.

### Innovate for Africa Fellowship

January 2021

- Selected for a cohort of 30 young African entrepreneurs in a training and year-long job placement.

### TeeCoks Literary Competition Winner

January 2014

- Winner of the inaugural creative writing competition among 200+ students in 20 high schools in Lagos, Nigeria.

## OTHER

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- Skills:** Facilitation & Training, Video Editing, LMS (Thinkific), Instructional Design, Storytelling.

## CHEAT CODES TO CAREER

### Founder and Lead Facilitator

2025-Present

- Lead the design and facilitation of Cheat Codes to Career (CCTC), a 7-week virtual career development program equipping African college students with skills in personal branding, resume writing, and global opportunity navigation.
- Developed and implemented a competency-based curriculum combining live instruction, asynchronous learning, and peer engagement, resulting in a 95% satisfaction rate and 100% recommendation rate from participants.
- Led recruitment, application reviews and onboarding efforts of 31 students in the first cohort.
- Secured program funding and managed budgets, raising over \$1,000 (USD & NGN equivalent) to provide internet data support, participant scholarships, and award incentives that enhanced learner motivation and retention.
- Lead the quarterly facilitation of the Your Story Your Way storytelling workshop, with 200+ attendants per session.