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# African Railway Center of Excellence (ARCE)

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# Vision

**TO BE THE LEADING RAILWAY CENTER  
IN AFRICA AND CENTER OF EXCELLENCE  
IN RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING**

Post graduate programs are:

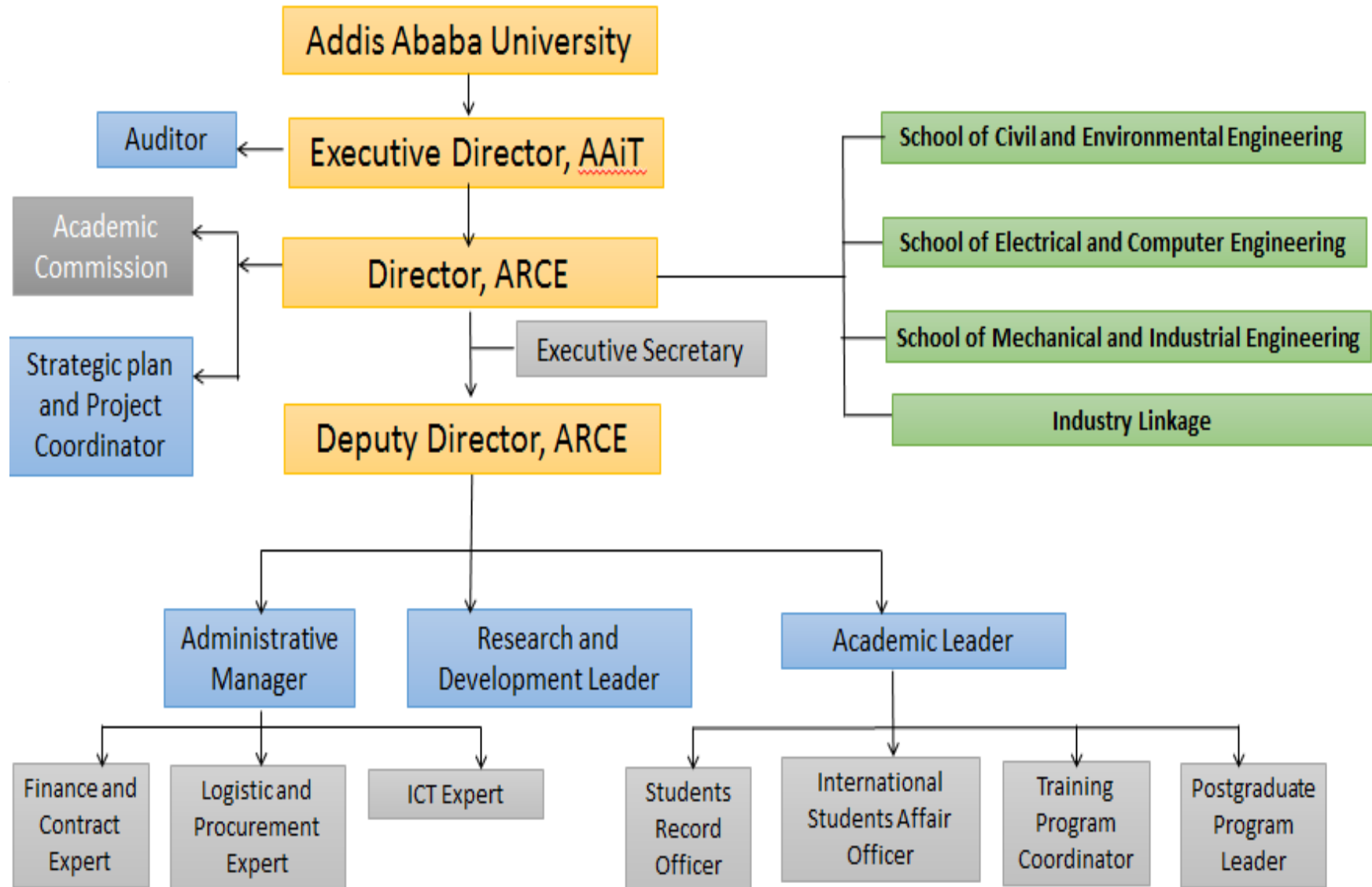
**i) PhD Programs**

- PhD in Rolling Stock Engineering
- PhD in Civil Infrastructure Engineering
- PhD in Traction and Train Control Engineering
- PhD in Railway System Management

**ii) MSc Programs**

- MSc in Railway Engineering (Rolling Stock Engineering)
- MSc in Railway Engineering (Civil Infrastructure Engineering)
- MSc in Railway Engineering (Traction and Train Control Engineering)

## 2.1 ARCE Organizational Structure



## 2.2. Activities

- 81 students enrolled for 2017/2018 AY
  - 40% of students admitted are regional students which is above the target (20%)
  - 27% of students admitted are female students
  - 17 MSc students are sponsored by DAAD Scholarship (stipend and tuition)
  - All regional students stay at the university accommodation
- Staff Exchange
  - Two visiting professors from SWJIU and NTNU conducted courses

For the current academic year (2018/19 AY)

-35 students are admitted for MSc program and 3 for PhD

- 30% of students admitted are regional
- 6 MSc students are sponsored by **DAAD** Scholarship (stipend and tuition)
- 4MSc students are sponsored by **IUCEA** Scholarship (stipend and tuition)

# Student Data

Indicators		Baseline	Y1		Y2		(Cummulative)		Performance wrt Target Y1 and Y2 (%)	Performance wrt to Baseline
			2017/18 AY		2018/19AY					
			Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual		
1.Regional students enrolled in ACEs: (i) Masters (No. of Female) (ii) PhD (No. of female)	Masters (Total)	50	10	32	10	15	20	47	235%	94%
	Masters (Female)	15	3	14	3	5	6	19	317%	127%
	PhD (Total)	5	1	1	1	0	2	1	50%	20%
2. Total Students (national and regional)	Masters (Total)	250	50	65	50	33	100	98	98%	39%

- Regional students are from:
  - Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Nigeria, Eretria, Somalia, Ghana, Sudan, Malawi, Zimbabwe
- Currently, the first year program is going on successfully (will be completed on mid of March 2019)
- Internship
  - Completed (for 1<sup>st</sup> batch MSc students)
- PhD Dissertation: Proposals are defended and approved
- MSc Thesis
  - Proposals are defended and approved
  - Progress Defense (will be presented on March 14-15, 2019.
- 1 expatriate staff from Rwanda
- 4 visiting professors (Norway, China and Korea)
- Educational visits were organized at the railway industry

## DLI 2

- Peer reviewed journals/conference paper
  - Since June 2016, 10 papers are published (by students, staffs)
- Partnership collaboration
  - SWJTU-MoU: Signed
  - On the 1<sup>st</sup> African Japanese forum, potential partners are identified
    - Sophia University : MoU is prepared and ready to sign the agreement
    - Yokohama National University: MoU is prepared and ready to sign the agreement
  - Norway institute of Technology- on Progress
  - MOU is ready to sign with Bombardier (Private partner)
  - IIT (India)



- Faculty Exchange
  - Last year, two staffs went abroad for PhD study (SWJTU)
- Benchmarking
  - On progress
- External Revenue generation
  - Accepted students sponsored by **DAAD** (about 39,000USD)
  - **IUCEA** (not yet paid)
- Procurement Audit Report- **On progress**
- Timely Submission of Financial Audit Report
  - Completed and the report was submitted to the WB Group (AA Office)
  - Posted on web page of the center

## Staff Development

- PhD students (since 2017, seven staffs went abroad)
  - SWJIU- 5
  - KRRI-2
- Training
  - Workshop was delivered for 30 students and staff members (by Bombardier)
  - Other training areas are identified and to be delivered during semester break of the 2018/19AY.

# Program Accreditation

- Curricula revised and approved by the university senate
- National accreditation –
  - AAU Senate: approved the curricula
  - HERQA (Higher Education Relevance and Quality Agency)
    - ... On Progress (will be completed within 3-5 months)
- International acceleration
  - Collection and organization of data in progress (because, as a center, one batch should be graduated)
  - Identifying acceleration agencies
    - ABET and ENAEE (European Network for acceleration of Engineering Education)

# Research Areas

## 1. Developing Optimum Inspection, Maintenance and Renovation of Railway Infrastructure

- Signaling and communication systems, Power supply, Rolling Stock components,

## 2. Quality assurance and evaluating the performance of Railway Infrastructure

- Hydrology and hydraulic, Railway Crossing facilities, and others
- Wheel – Rail Interaction
- Track structure,
- Bridges and Tunnels

## 3. Capacity analysis of Railway System

- Integration of Railway Systems
- Operations, management

# MSc Courses

## Civil Infrastructure (M.Sc. and M.Eng.)

Crs. Code	Crs. Title	ECTS	Cr.	Lec.	T/L
REGM 6101	Railway Geometry and Facilities Design	7	3	3	3
REGM 6102	Railway Track Engineering	7	3	3	3
CENG 6901	Transportation Soils and foundation Engineering	7	3	3	3
CENG 6902	Railway Tunnel Engineering	7	3	3	3
CENG 6903	Railway Bridge Engineering	7	3	3	3
CENG 6904	Applied Hydrology and Drainage	7	3	3	3
<b>Total</b>		49	21	21	21

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Cr.	Lec.	T /L
REGM-6007	Railway Project Management	7	3	3	3
REGM 6103	Advances in Railway Engineering	7	3	3	3
CENG 6905	Railway Construction Materials and Equipment	7	3	3	3
REGM 6301	Wheel-Rail Interaction	7	3	3	3
CENG 6502	Finite Elements Methods	7	3	3	3
REGM 6005	Railway Safety and Risk Management	7	3	3	3

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Cr.	Lec.	T /L
REGM-6001	Mathematical Foundations in Engineering	7	3	3	3
REGM-6004	Railway Transport planning and Operations Management	7	3	3	3
REGM-6006	Professional Practice				
REGM 7001	Research Methods and Seminar	7	3	3	
REGM-7002	MSc. Thesis	30	15	-	-
REGM-7003	Project Seminar	18	9	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

# Rolling Stock (M.Sc. and M.Eng.)

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Cr.	Lec.	T /L
REGM-6001	Analytical Methods in Engineering	7	3	3	3
REGM-6004	Railway Transport planning and Operations Management	7	3	3	3
REGM-7002	MSC Thesis	30	15		
REGM-7003	Project Seminar	18	9		
REGM-6006	Professional Practice				

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Cr.</b>	<b>Lec.</b>	<b>T /L</b>
REGM -6301	Wheel/Rail Interaction	7	3	3	-
REGM -6302	Rail-Vehicle System Dynamics	7	3	3	3
MEng-6402	Rail Vehicle Design	7	3	3	
REGM -6008	Rail Motive Power	7	3	3	
REGM -6304	Rolling Stock Construction and Maintenance	7	3	3	3
<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Cr.</b>	<b>Lec.</b>	<b>T /L</b>
REGM -6305	Rolling Stock Braking System	7	3	3	3
REGM -6306	Mechatronics for Railway	7	3	3	3
REGM- 6308	Rolling Stock Operation, Reliability and Investigation	7	3	3	3
MEng-6010	Instrumentation and Microprocessor Control	7	3	2	3
REGM -6007	Railway Project Management	7	3	3	3
MEng-6005	Finite Element Methods	7	3	3	3



# Traction and Train Control (M.Sc. and M.Eng.)

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Cr.	Lec.	T /L
ECEG-6806	Rolling Stock Power Electronics and Electrical Drives	7	3	3	3
REGM-6212	Traction Power and Overhead Contact Systems Design	7	3	3	3
ECEG-6808	Telecommunication Systems and Networks for Railways	7	3	3	3
REGM-6214	Railway Signaling and Interlocking	7	3	3	3
REGM-6216	Railway Control System and Automation	7	3	3	3

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Cr.	Lec.	T /L
REGM-6005	Railway Safety and Risk Management	7	3	3	-
REGM-6007	Railway Project Management	7	3	3	3
ECEG-6813	Electromagnetic Interference & Compatibility for Railway Systems	7	3	3	3
REGM-6218	Railway System Simulation	7	3	2	3
REGM-6219	Advanced Topics in Railway Engineering	2	1	2	-
REGM-7001	Research Methods and Seminar	7	3	3	-

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS	Cr.	Lec.	T /L
REGM-6001	Mathematical Foundations in Engineering	7	3	3	3
REGM-6004	Railway Transport planning and Operations Management	7	3	3	3
REGM-6006	Professional Practice	-	-	-	-
REGM-6008	Rail Motive Power	7	3	3	3

# PhD Proposals

- 1 Fault tree Model to Investigate Impact of Drainage Problems on Sustainable Railway Operation
- 2 Public Private Partnership framework for Railway projects in Ethiopia.  
(A study on Addis Ababa -Moyale-Lamu port -South Sudan railway project/LAPSSET & Metema- Wereta-Weldiya-Tadjoura railway project)
- 3 Developing a Cost Effective Framework for Infrastructure Maintenance Decision Making of Ethiopian Railway Networks
- 4 A Framework for a Full interoperability of East African Rail Network
- 5 A study on fastening system optimization for heavy hauls and high speed track: Mechanistic behavior
- 6 Studies on Control of AC Motors and Design of a Safe and Reliable Drive Control for Traction Applications

# PhD Proposals

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- 7 Evaluation of Higher Generation Networks for Better Safety, Operation, Efficiency and Management of Railway with Case Studies in Africa
- 8 Design of Energy efficient solutions for Optimum usage of Regenerative Energy; Case study Addis Ababa Light Rail Project
- 9 Determination and Simulation of Wheel - Rail Profile  
Evolution Due to Wear
- 10 Design Improvement of Wheel Mount Disc in Braking Systems of Railway Vehicles Using Optimum Material and Geometry
- 11 Integration of Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources for Traction Application: A Case Study of Ethiopian Railway System
- 12 Reactive Power Compensation in 25kv 50 Hz AC Electrified Railways Power Supply System: In the Case of Ethio-Djibouti Mainline Railway Corridor

# PhD Proposals

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- 13    Railway System Technology Diffusion Process in Ethiopia for Technology Development and Innovation
- 14    Developing a Better Material of Switches and Crossings to Minimize the Wearing Effect
- 15    Rolling contact fatigue failure analysis of railway wheels under cyclic load
- 16    Safety-Critical Train Positioning System Development Using Data Fusion Technique
- 17    Dynamic Railway Construction Project Risk Assessment

**Thank You!**