

Rosemary Akharume, current student in the **MTSU Information Systems & Analytics** M.S. degree program and graduate assistant in the **MTSU International Affairs** Office, shares her journey at MTSU below:

Hometown, State or Country:
Edo State, Nigeria

Program and expected graduation date:
MS Information Systems – December 2023

What brought you to MTSU?

I came to MTSU to expand my education by getting a Master's degree. I was particularly drawn by the ease of the application process and funding opportunities available for international students and graduate applicants.

What has been your favorite part of attending MTSU?

My favorite part of attending MTSU has been learning about the international community on campus. In my second year, I started working as a graduate assistant at the office of international affairs and the exposure I've gotten has added so much to my overall MTSU experience. I've met so many new people from different countries around the world and learned a lot about their cultures.

What has been your favorite part of your program?

My favorite part of my program has been adapting to it. I started my graduate study at MTSU in a completely different program and switched to the Information Systems program halfway through the previous one. It was my first exposure to the field of information technology and since I began, I have learned so much and have been faced with the challenge of adapting to a completely new field. The program has also been very helpful in terms of providing me with opportunities for growth such as mentorship activities, career fairs, and professional development summits.

What takeaways do you hope to get from MTSU and the program that would impact your career?

My major takeaway from MTSU would be to have a global mindset. I hope to be able to work anywhere in the world and adapt to any form of situation that requires me to make use of my internationalization skills.

Do you have any advice for prospective or future graduate students?

My advice to prospective graduate students would be to have an open mind. The world is filled with endless possibilities of what you can do, where you can go, and who you can be. So, set goals and have a plan, but don't limit yourself to only what you already know.

