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INTERNATIONALIZATION PROPOSAL:
PROSPECTING FOR EXECUTIVE ACADEMIC POSTGRADUATE
PROGRAMME IN CREDIT ADMINISTRATION.**

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Things are evolving, things are changing, new ideas are emerging, and new packages are being adopted. The global education sector is witnessing the same wave of changes altogether. For instance, legally instituted private universities are collaborating with similarly legally established professional institutes and associations to create executive degrees that are focused on specific fields of knowledge that constantly require improvements and certifications.

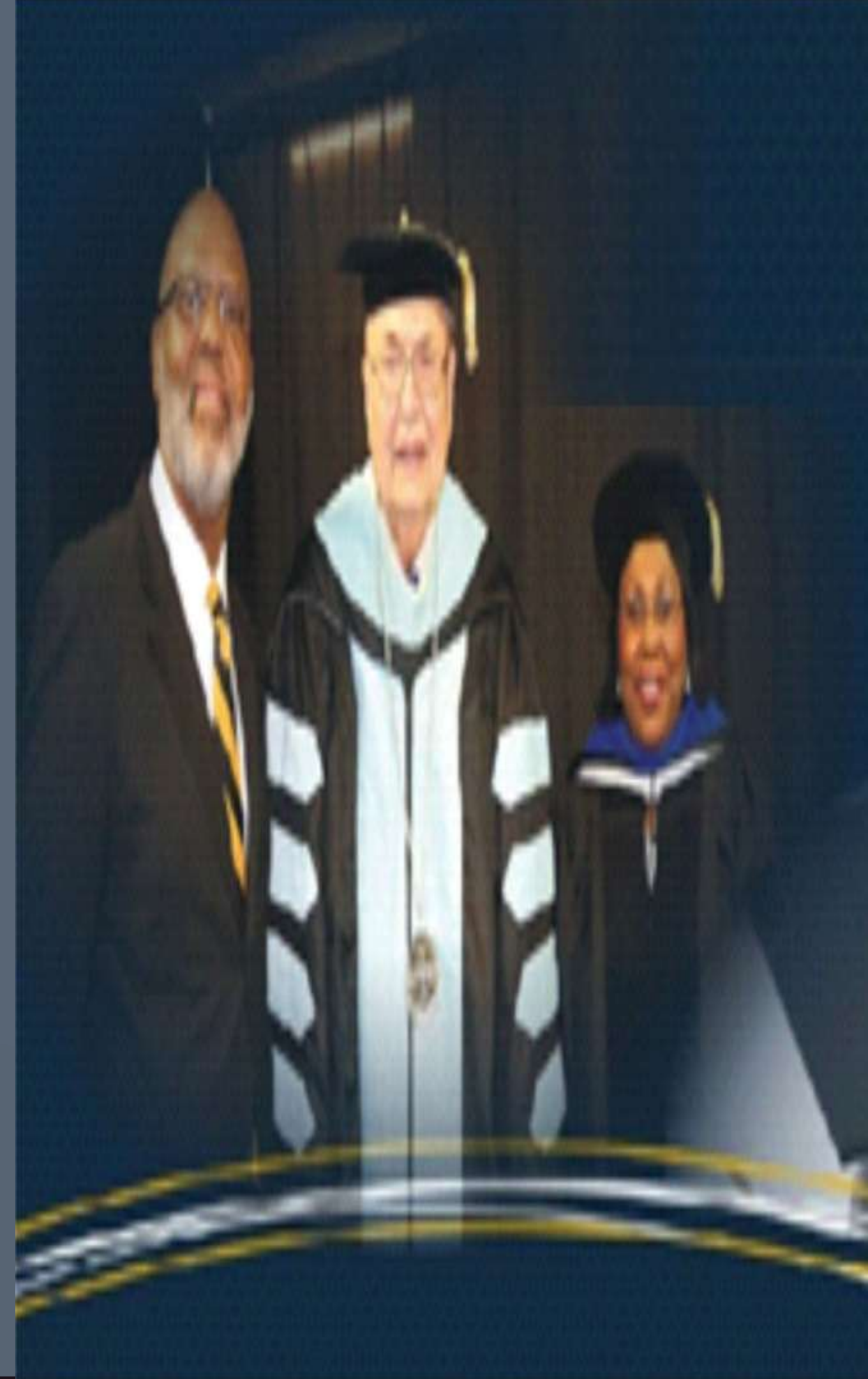
Essentially, the target audience of such a collaboration are business leaders, senior level executives, astute entrepreneurs, and managing consultants.

We cannot ignore the need for today's busy executives to add academic qualifications to their existing laurels as they are somewhat constrained by lack of time and focus which is normally required for traditional learning.

Private universities around the world are inclined to focus on the educational needs of top level personalities who are successful in their chosen career, but would like to earn a Doctoral degree essentially as a “status symbol” to further command social and industry respects.

In essence, the Doctor of philosophy in Credit Administration is an executive research programme specifically formulated to support high achieving credit administration professionals, business and entrepreneurial leaders who wish to study credit administration. The programme focuses on twenty essential economic matters related to the taking, giving and managing of various forms and levels of credit transactions in the economy.

This underpins a strong ground for collaboration in an executive research programme in Credit Administration - a simplified route for top-level executives to realize their dreams.



Currently instituted is a perfect self- directed doctoral executive research programme, focusing on what a typical business leader and corporate director already know in credit administration and other allied managerial and supervisory work experiences, the Executive Research Questions- based PhD programme in Credit Administration facilitates the creation, interpretation and discovery of new knowledge by the research student, demonstrated through the thesis.

What is involved:

A Ph.D usually culminates in a thesis of a minimum of 100,000 words. When twenty questions are answered in relation to credit administration, the required thesis standard would have been met. These answers are designed to make the research truly original, and aimed to create new knowledge or theories in credit administration and general business management knowledge within the credit business economy space.

For private/independent universities established by law and other specialist higher Institutions looking to widen the scope of their academic offerings, particularly to spread their portfolio of programmes to new fields of learning, NICA is happy to offer collaboration in credit administration internationalization.



What we are prospecting for:

We are looking to collaborate with any well-established foreign private university or specialist institution with a view to offering executive postgraduate programmes in credit administration at Master's and Doctoral degree levels, fully consistent with the institution's new programme introduction standards.

The National Institute of Credit Administration (NICA) is the premier, not-for-profit professional body in charge of credit management education, research and professional development in Nigeria. The Institute was formed in 1992 under the name: "Institute of Credit Administration – ICA" and became chartered by the Act of Parliament No.26 of 2022. Given its uniqueness, we pride the Institute as the most prestigious body of eminent credit management elites, business leaders and corporate gurus empowered by law to control, regulate and supervise credit management profession in the country.

Modern economies around the world describe credit as the livewire and energy source of any stable and expanded economy, as no economy exists without credit. Indeed, Credit is the heartbeat of any national economic and social development; yet credit is easily broken or damaged, quickly frightened as it is very sensitive; it is infinitely ramified, diversified, extending everywhere, touching everything and affecting the life of everyone. Progressively, credit has done more to enrich the wealth of nations than any other occupation or economic growth system.

The Institute in a bid to enhance its capacity to deliver on its statutory mandate is reaching out to global university communities who are private and independent by their nature for the internationalization of credit administration academic programmes at postgraduate levels. Relevantly, NICA is a huge resource for businesses of all sizes and industries, educated persons in all fields seeking to manage credit risk and administration efficiently, and to understand the art and science of credit and how it impacts on individuals, family and society.

If this proposal is of interest to your institution, it means that your institution will accept to incorporate NICA's programmes for the purpose of enrolling, assessing, and awarding prescribed postgraduate degrees in credit administration to any interested NICA member(s) or student(s) who must have successfully completed any of NICA's professional certification and direct entry membership academic improvement programmes, if such a member or student desire.

WHO WE ARE

How credit economy affects everyone



RESPONDING TO POPULAR DEMANDS FROM NICA MEMBERS

Flowing from this, all students/members of NICA seeking to have degree version of NICA's professional qualification will have his or her records submitted for re-registration with the awarding University, who upon completing further executive learning programme will be awarded with degree in credit administration in accordance with the policies on admissions prescribed in the collaboration agreement, such as;

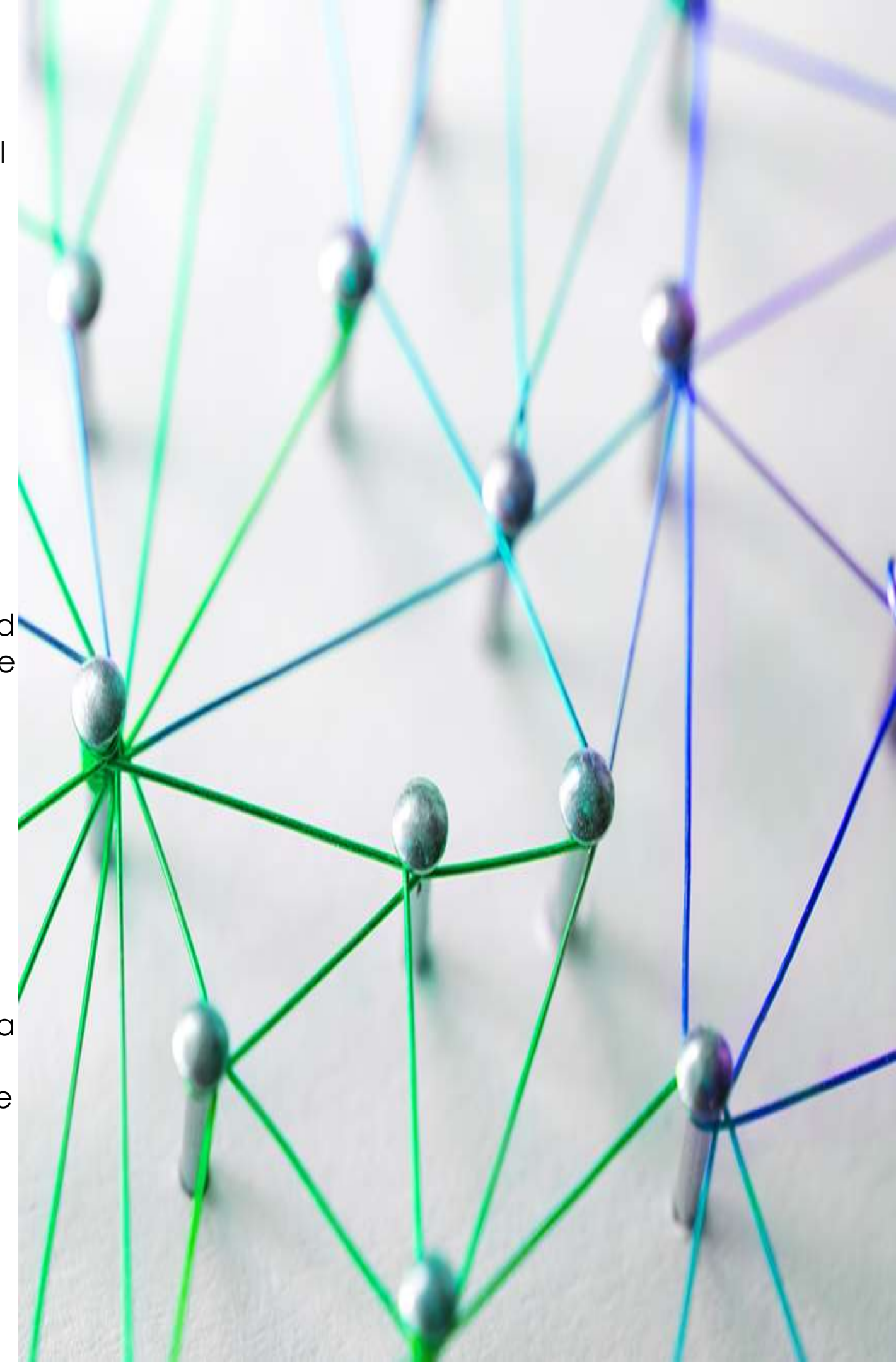
- 1) Award of Master Degree in Credit Administration (M.Sc); or
- 2) Award of Doctor of Philosophy in Credit Administration (Ph.D)

Authorized by the NICA Act of Parliament No 26 of 2022, and mandated by the NICA Governing Council, every member of NICA is required to commence his or her journey into the authentication and validation of the professional membership that they have attained as Fellow, Member or Associate in credit management by enrolling for the NICA's Mandatory Credit Management Academic Improvement Programme (MCMAIP). The programme is designed to brush up the inducted members to make them compete or be at par with their peers anywhere in the world. The programme has a duration of six (6) months delivered live online every two Saturdays.

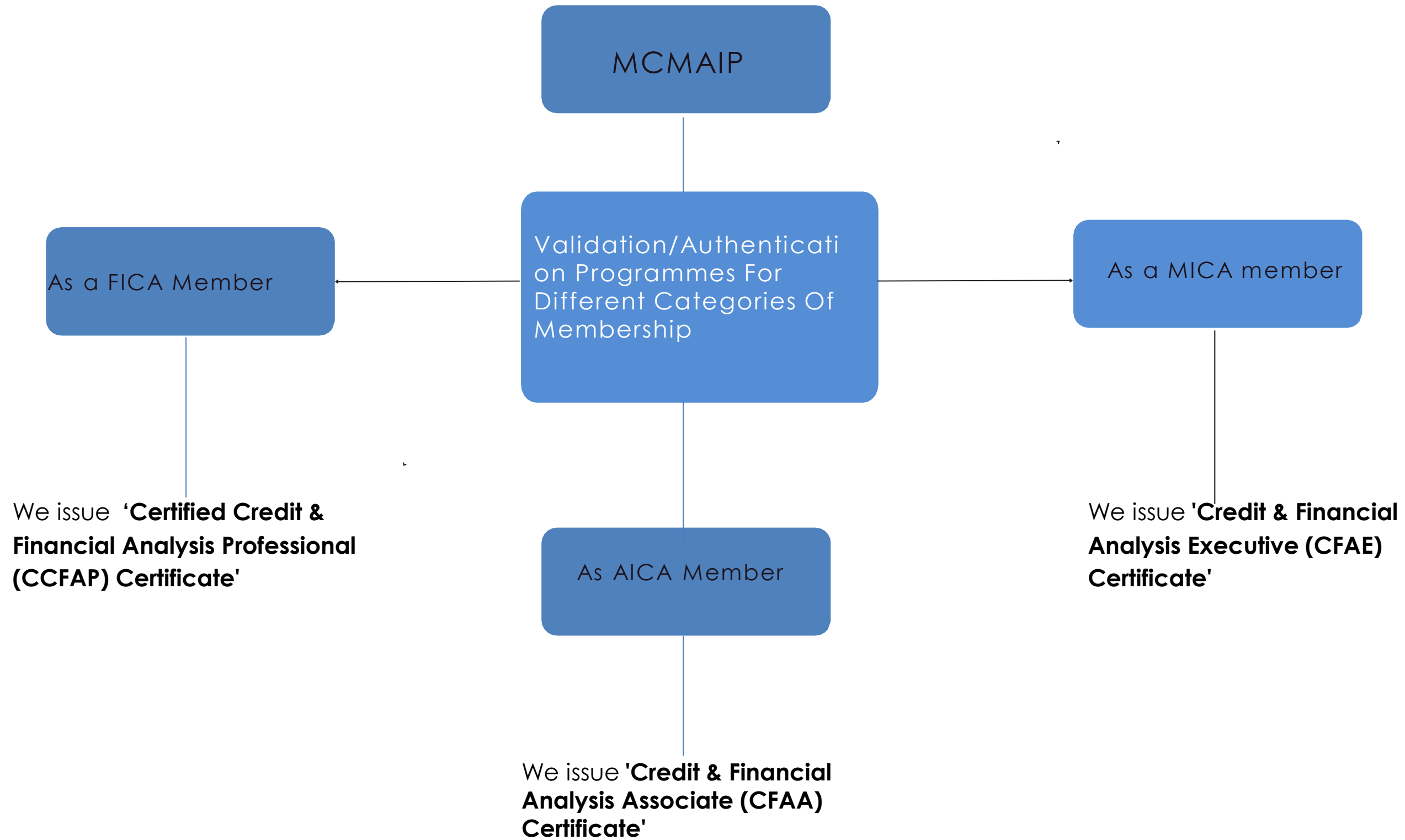
MCMAIP curriculum focuses on creating an overall course blueprint that syncs with executive postgraduate professional and academic studying programme goals and outcomes, in credit administration, credit business management and entrepreneurship factory.

Nowhere else would you find a postgraduate curriculum in credit administration so designed to provide students with industry – relevant experience. Our students comprise C-level business management executive officers, supervisors, managers, directors and enterprise owners. We provide a conducive executive virtual learning environment that engages and encourages our students to absorb new concepts. It is a curriculum that offers strong opportunity to think outside the box and take continuous executive education programme beyond the typical in-person classroom learning, which altogether is tailored to expand their academic momentum and learning outcomes.

Amazingly, we ensure that our MCMAIP programme runs with ease, for just two (2) Saturdays every month for six months. So easy, so flexible. It's interactive and impactful.



VALIDATION/AUTHENTICATION PROGRAMMES FOR DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP



These certificates are accredited, validated, and recognized under the NICA Act Number 26 of 2022.

Credit Administration 20 Questions Executive Research features:

Each research-question is well fashioned to reflect the real-life situations that a typical doctoral research is after.

We expect students to provide answers to 20 executive research questions contained in the questionnaire that will be sent once a student has registered for the programme. Student's research answer to each question will be a minimum of 5000 words. The quality or standard of the response that the student provides for each question will be judged by the doctoral degree programme panel and the outcome will indicate the certification that has been earned.



Upon submission of Answers to the Twenty Executive Research Questions each of which **MUST** be a minimum of five thousand words, the doctoral student will have his or her work formally conscripted by the awarding institution into academic thesis and sent back to the student who will do the necessary binding. The student will be required to submit five (5) hard copies and five (5) CDs of the final work to the awarding institution. Student will be responsible for the cost of sending the document.



Executive Research Programme Duration:

A candidate will be required to do a 6 months live online lecture, 8 months' executive research, 6 months for converting research outcomes to thesis, and 4 months for thesis defense preparations and other academic administrative clearance for the process to be completed at the end of which the student will receive certification together with academic transcript as a holder of Doctor of Philosophy Degree in credit administration.

Duration: 24 month executive research Ph.D programme in credit administration

As this programme is profoundly novel, essentially to reach out to highly busy corporate and entrepreneurial leaders, credit professionals and their executives who due to tight schedules are unable to engage in the traditional work and learn executive programmes, we affirm that this programme is the way to go.

NICA membership serves as a hub for business and social networking, collaborating among credit professionals and eminent business elites. This is achieved through the credit virtual learning classroom, annual national credit managers conference, regular business networking forum, credit round table, just to mention but a few.



NICA Website Credit Economy News Interview ... www.icanigeria.net

It is worthy to note that we have hosted a number of individuals who are not only successful in their fields but notable financial and economic analysts, business entrepreneurs who have commented on the impact of credit accessibility to national and continental economic growth and development in Africa. Some of these articles and open forum discussions/interviews can be found on our official website on www.icanigeria.net with a click on “interviews”.

To also know more about the institute, you can visit our website on www.icanigeria.net or reach out to us on the following contact details **+2349161603117; +2348034030160**. Alternatively, you can email us on eatoceo@icanigeria.net ; ceo@icanigeria.net

Please note that response to this proposal should be addressed to the Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of the Institute through the email address ceo@icanigeria.net or his official mobile number on +234 803 403 0160



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