

20 TECH STUDENTS RECEIVE LAPTOPS

The Airtel Africa Foundation, in partnership with Brainchild Burson, recently handed out hi-tech laptops and scholastic materials worth sh10m to 20 scholars under the Airtel Africa Foundation Tech Fellowship programme,

reaffirming its commitment to empowering young people through education and digital inclusion.

Speaking during the handover ceremony at Airtel Towers, Airtel Uganda human resources manager Flavia Lwanga urged the beneficiaries to make the most of the laptops by using them for research, academic work and innovation.

“We strongly believe that the knowledge and skills they gain will enable them to make a meaningful contribution to the country,” she said.

Lwanga added that the fellowship aligns with the Airtel Africa Foundation’s FEED pillars: Financial inclusion, education, environmental protection and digital inclusion.

She added that supporting students pursuing technology-related courses is an effort to bridge the digital divide while contributing to the Government’s agenda under Vision 2040.

In addition to the laptops, Brainchild



Foreground: Lwanga (third-left), Wafula (in black suit) and Charity Rwabutomize, the Airtel Uganda corporate social responsibility manager (right), with some beneficiaries during the handover in Kampala recently

Burson, part of Fireworks Advertising and communications partner to Airtel Uganda, contributed sh10m in scholastic support and internship opportunities to further assist the scholars in their academic journey.

Walter Wafula, the chief executive officer of Fireworks Advertising, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to contribute to the scholars’ educational journey.

“As Brainchild Burson, we are contributing sh10m towards their academic success. Of this, sh8m will go towards scholastic materials, while

sh2m will support internship and apprenticeship opportunities,” he said.

Michael Kirinnya, one of the beneficiaries and a student at Mbarara University of Science and Technology, thanked Airtel Uganda and Brainchild Burson for the support.

“I am grateful for the support from Airtel and Brainchild, and particularly excited about the laptop, which will allow me to code faster. I have upgraded from a Pentium 4 with only two cores to a powerful machine with 10 cores and an Intel i7 processor,” he said.