



## University of Sierra Leone DIRECTORATE OF COMMUNICATION & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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### University Funding Revives Campus Radio, Boosts Media Lab at Fourah Bay College

The Faculty of Communication, Media and Information Studies (FoCMS) at Fourah Bay College has publicly acknowledged the significant support received from the University of Sierra Leone's current administration, led by Vice Chancellor and Principal Professor Aiah Lebbie.

Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Francis Sowa, commended the administration for its decisive action in addressing long-standing needs, particularly in funding essential practical training. **“Our philosophy is to take students from the classroom to the newsroom,”** stated Dr. Sowa, highlighting the faculty's blend of theoretical and practical education. **“After years of appeals to utilize professional fees for practical resources, we are delighted that this administration has made it a reality.”**



A major outcome of this support is the revival of **Radio Mount Aureol/Cotton Tree News**, which had been silent for nearly two years after its transmitter was destroyed by lightning. With funds approved by Professor Lebbie and facilitated by University Registrar, Mr. Munda Lebbie and disbursed by Dr. Abu Kai, the Finance Director, the faculty acquired a new transmitter and accessories, returning the station to air. This

restoration provides a critical practical platform, especially for broadcast journalism students.



The investment extends further, enabling the procurement of vital equipment such as cameras and editing software. These resources are strengthening the faculty's newly established laboratory, benefiting students across all specializations including broadcast, print, public relations, marketing communication, and development.

With this bolstered infrastructure, FoCMS is poised to significantly enhance its teaching environment and advance students' digital skills, ensuring graduates are equipped for the modern media landscape.





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