The School of Nutrition, Food Science and Technology (SNFST) is one of the schools in Hawassa University. Currently, the school runs bachelor and masters program in two disciplines, Human Nutrition and Food Science and Post Harvest Technology.

**Objectives of SNFST**
- To produce qualified manpower in Human Nutrition, and Food Science and Post-harvest Technology
- To conduct research activities in collaboration with different organizations and individuals.
- To disseminate research findings and technology through extension education.

**Human Nutrition Program at SNFST**
Hawassa University was the first Higher Education Institution in the country to engage in extensive nutrition research that lead to the

![Graph showing students admitted to the Applied Human Nutrition M.Sc. Program from 2007-2014](image)

The program was launched in 2007 and was the only nutrition program in the country at the time.

The Alumni of the Program are working in newly opened Nutrition programs in several Ethiopian Universities and in other Governmental and Non-governmental organizations. Furthermore SNFST launched B.Sc. Program in Human Nutrition in 2009. Since its establishment, A total of 183 students have graduated with the B.Sc. and 149 students are currently enrolled.

**Community Services Provided by SNFST**

**Laboratory analysis services**
SNFST has three laboratories: Human Nutrition, Food Technology, and Food Microbiology. These laboratories provide services listed below.

- Anthropometric assessment
- Dietary evaluation
- Body composition analysis

- Micronutrient analysis
- Proximate composition analysis
- Viscosity
- Dough rheology
- Alcohol content
- Total soluble solid (TSS)
- Microbial analysis

**Consultancy services**
- Nutrition Surveys
- Evaluation of nutrition programs
- Diet related counseling

- Other services in areas of:
  - Food and nutrition security
  - Maternal, infant and child nutrition
  - HIV and nutrition
  - Post-harvest technology
Short term training services
- Maternal and Child Nutrition
- HIV and Nutrition
- Community based Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition

Academic and research collaborations
SNFST collaborates with international academic institutions and other organizations to enhance education and research. Some collaborators are listed below:
- University of Saskatchewan, Canada
- Oklahoma State University, USA
- University of Otago, New Zealand
- Wageningen University, The Netherlands
- North West University, South Africa
- University of Pretoria, South Africa
- Makerere University, Uganda
- Egerton University, Kenya
- Jomo Kenyatta University, Kenya
- University of Ulm, Germany
- University of Giessen, Germany
- UNICEF

Academic and research collaborations
- ENGINE/JHPIEGO
- CIMMIT
- Micronutrient Initiative
- FAO
- CIP
- WFP
- GOAL

SNFST: An Academic Center of Excellence for Nutrition
For its staff capacity, ongoing successful nutrition program and collaborations and well-equipped laboratory the SNFST was selected to serve as an Academic center of Excellence for Nutrition in Ethiopia. As an Academic Center of Excellence for Nutrition, SNFST envisages to serve as a lending institution for education, research and community service in the nation.

Ongoing Developments
- Our School is preparing to open two new academic programs: MSc program in Dietetics which is going to be the first in Ethiopia and PhD in Human Nutrition. National need assessment was done in relation to the new academic programs and draft curriculums are prepared and made ready for review workshops.
- We are also updating the existing high standard laboratory facilities with computer assisted system connected to fast broadband internet.
- Furthermore, we are finalizing establishment of electronic-library
- More collaboration with international academic institutions is being initiated and the result would be an important input for the academic center of excellence

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