



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICE

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Professor Damian Chukwu Odimegwu
Department of **Pharmaceutics**
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Dear Professor Odimegwu,

**RE-APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICE**

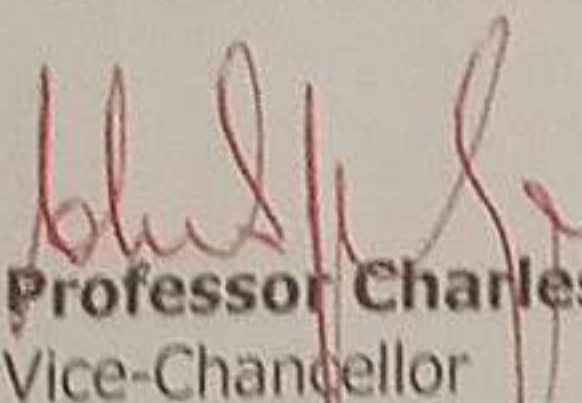
I am pleased to re-appoint you **Director, Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Office** for **2021/2022; 2022/2023 and 2023/2024** academic sessions **with effect from the date of this letter.**

You will be entitled to all the conditions of appointment normally associated with Directorship of Unit.

While thanking you for the services you have already rendered to the system in the same capacity, I enjoin you to continue to give the leadership required to inspire staff and students in the **Unit** to work with even greater vigour towards the effort of this Administration to make the programmes/products of the University of Nigeria globally competitive.

Please, indicate in writing your acceptance or otherwise of this appointment.

Yours sincerely,


Professor Charles Arizechukwu Igwe, FAS
Vice-Chancellor

POLICY STATEMENT OF THE IPTTO AND ORGANOGRAM, 2024

This is a Policy Statement and Organogram for the IPTTO, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

Intellectual Property (IP)

IP refers to creations of the mind, such as inventions; literary and artistic works; designs; and symbols, names and images used in commerce and other settings. IP play very prominent and vital roles in the global modern economy. It is also well accepted that that the intellectual input and labor associated with any given innovation or creativity should be given due importance, recognition and protection so that overall public good could emanate from it.

Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Office (IPTTO)

It is well accepted that an efficient and equitable intellectual property system can help the university to realize intellectual property's potential as a catalyst for economic development and social and cultural well-being. The intellectual property system helps strike a balance between the interests of innovators and the public interest, providing an environment in which creativity and invention can flourish, for the benefit of all.

In the light of this view, Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Office (IPTTO) of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka was established through the joint efforts of the University and the National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP), and have been mandated to carry out the following activities on behalf of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka:

- to provide adequate assistance to facilitate the process of patents acquisition on patentable products/processes and creative activities emanating from the research activities of departments, centres, and research units of the University
- to assist with acquisition of other intellectual property such as copyrights, trademarks, and designs
- to promote the commercialization of research and development (R&D) results and products in the University

- to provide linkage and working framework between our inventors and cognate industry partners for a seamless technology transfer for mutually rewarding benefits

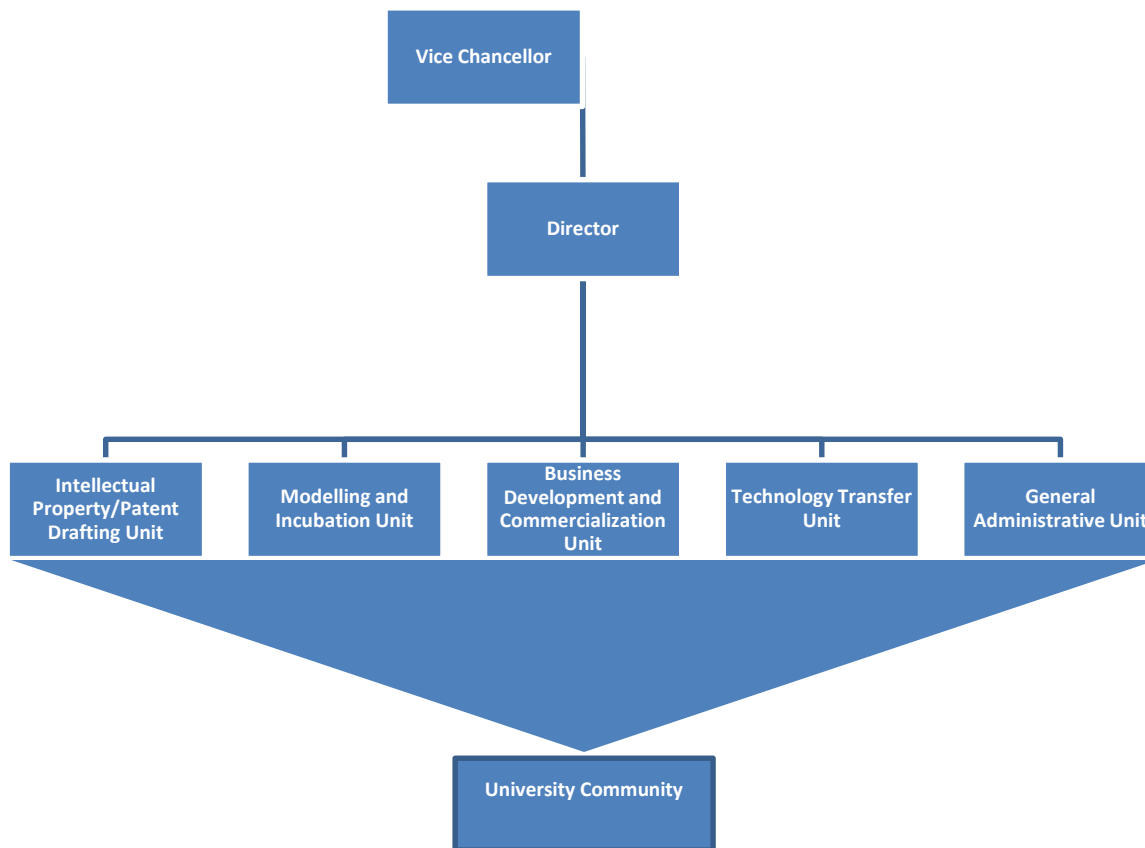
Director for the IPTTO

A pioneer director Prof. Damian C. Odimegwu was appointed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Benjamin C. Ozumba to institutionalize and serve as the coordinating head of the IPTTO at its upgrading and inception as a directorate.

IPTTO Structure and Staff Composition

Currently, the IPTTO being a very crucial hub for catalyzing and promotion of creativity and inventions has developed a functional structure for it to fulfill those crucial roles. There are units such as IP and Patent Drafting, Technology Transfer, Business development and Commercialization, and Legal, and General Administration units. Currently our staff strength stands at six composed as follows: Mr. Donaldson Ofoha (Business development and Commercialization/ IP and Patent Drafting), Ms. Adaora Igbo (Modelling and Incubation/IP and Patent Drafting/Technology Transfer), Ms. Chinazo Onyebuchi (Technology Transfer/Administration), Mr. Denis Ekeh (Business development and Commercialization/ IP and Patent Drafting), Ms. Kate Adama (General Administration), and Ms. Chinenye (General Administration).

The pictorial Organogram is presented below:



The Organizational structure of the IPTTO

Professor Damian C. Odimegwu
(Director, IPTTO).

EVIDENCE OF TRAINING FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICE (IPTTO), UNIVERSITY NIGERIA, NSUKKA STAFF

This is a report of the training measures that staff of the IPTTO has received.

STAFF PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH FAIR, EXHIBITIONS INNOVATIONS

1. Training for the Director at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of Lagos, Lagos, 2017.
2. Staff participated at the Science, Technology and Innovation Expos organized by Federal Ministry of Science and Technology in Enugu, 2019.
3. Staff participated at Tech Start-ups International Trade Fair, Enugu, 2020.
4. Staff received training organized by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Lagos on the 6-10 May, 2019.
5. We joined the Africa-Europe Innovation Partnership run by the European Commission, 2019 and travelled to Marseille, France for the Innovation Summit. Staff participated in several weeks webinar training/workshops in 2020.
6. Staff participated at the Science, Technology and Innovation Expos organized by Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, Abuja, 2020.
7. Staff participated at the Science, Technology and Innovation Expos organized by Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, Abuja, 2021.
8. Staff participated at the Science, Technology and Innovation Expos organized by Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, Abuja, 2022.
9. Staff participated at the Science, Technology and Innovation Expos organized by Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, Abuja, 2023.
10. Staff participated in the development of the inclusion of Patents as additional instruments for promotion of academic staff of the University of Nigeria (Revised Yellow Book)
11. Staff participated at University-wide Innovation, IP Sensitization and Patents Training Workshop held in February, 2024 where staff and postgraduate students will be educated and trained on Intellectual Property, technology Transfer, IP protection, patents and drafting processes.

International Training Measures for Staff of the IPTTO

1. Training on Intellectual property and technology Transfer at the Summer School of the WIPO/IPOHL, Manila, Philippines, 2019 (Prof. D.C. Odimegwu).
2. Training measures at the Africa Europe Innovation Partnership (AEIP) Summer School and Innovation Boot-Camp, Marseille, France, 2019 (Prof. D.C. Odimegwu)
3. Erasmus Award to Spain to enable TTO and Internationalization training and collaboration for staff of IPTTO, Spain, 2019 (Ofoha Donaldson).
4. Erasmus Award to Spain to enable TTO and Internationalization training and collaboration for staff of the IPTTO, Spain, 2021 (Chinazo Onyebuchi).
5. Training on Intellectual Property and technology Transfer Office by the Japan Patent Office, 2022 (Prof. D.C. Odimegwu)
6. Ten-week Webinar training on Research Security to staff of the IPTTO, 2023 (Prof. D.C. Odimegwu, Donaldson Ofoha, Denis Ekeh)
7. Travel Awards to South Africa to participate in the Africa Research Security Consortium, 2023 (Prof. D.C. Odimegwu and Mr. Donaldson Ofoha)
8. Travel Awards to Kenya to participate in the Pacific Northwest National Laboratories (PNNL) training workshop, 2023 (Prof. D.C. Odimegwu and Mr. Denis Ekeh).

Professor Damian C. Odimegwu

(Director, IPTTO).

**GRANTED VALID PATENTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA,
NSUKKA**

S/ N	NAME OF INVENTOR	TITLE OF INVENTION	YEAR OF PATE NT	PATENT NUMBER
1	Nwaoga J.	Exploring the solar sensitivities of <i>Mimosa Pudica</i> – An African wild medicinal herb and its development into solar cells	2010	NG./P2011/366
2	Nwankwo BN, et al.	Design and development of a palm nut-pulp separator	2011	NG/P/2011/367
3	Nnamani PO, et al.	Nanostructures from <i>Moringa Oleifera</i> seed eliminate <i>Escherichia coli</i> from drinking water	2014	NG/PT/NC/2014/615
4	Omeje EO, et al.	Potent anti-tumour anti-tuberculosis activities of EOD-15 and EOD-16 from Nigerian Mistletoes	2016	NG/P/2016/172
5	Oko GO	A Modern Kit for performing Chemistry practical in schools	2018	NG/P/2018/283
6	Agubata CO, et al	Drug Carriers for lipophilic drugs using lipids from nuts of <i>Irvingiaspecies</i>	2018	NG/P/2018/274
7	Ezeokonkwo MA, et al.	Synthesis of novel angular diazaphenoxazine ethers containing phenoxide moiety	2018	NG/P/2018/275

8	Obasi LN, et al.	Synthesis of some Schiff bases of trans-paramethoxycinnamaldehyde derivatives	2018	NG/P/2018/269
9	Oruma US, et al.	Synthesis of a tripodal Schiff base containing pyrimidine unit and its GD (III) salen capped complex	2018	NG/P/2018/134
10	Odimegwu DC, et al.	Formulation of microbiological culture media from Bambara groundnut	2019	NG/P/2019/259
11	Okoye EK, et al.	Automatically controlled solid-fuel gasifier stove	2020	NG/PT/NC/2020/4832
12	Anoliefo EC, et al.	Fermented cassava pulp extractor	2021	NG/P/2021/315

Prof. Damian C. Odimegwu, *Director IPTTO.*