

MY TIME AND EXPERIENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF BUCKINGHAM

My time (two and half years) at the University of Buckingham for DPhil Law degree programme was tasking, interesting, enlightening and rewarding. At the early stage of the programme it seemed impossible to achieve my set target of completing on time and returning to my family in Nigeria. However, with the help of God, my total commitment and the robust guidance I received from my supervisors, it later became interesting and achievable.

I met an amazing team of academics who were willing to guide me attain my goals. I had the best of supervisors. Prof. John Hatchard was available and accessible. His expertise and skills in my research area: anti-corruption law and strategies gave my research focus and direction. The supports from my supervisors were overwhelming. At a point Prof. Hatchard bought me a book and my second supervisor, Dr. Brennan personally paid for the post used in sending me my work after diligently reading through when the school was on break.

There was the postgraduate presentation and seminar organised every term by the school which afforded me the opportunity to interact with other academic staff and researchers. It was a perfect platform that gave me opportunities to further subject my work to constructive and useful critique. I was able to tap from the knowledge of other academic staff and share experiences with scholars/researchers from other jurisdictions.

The research environment was conducive. My accommodation at Caine House was about 3 minute from my research room at Francisca Building. Buckingham is indeed a perfect place for studies and research because of its serenity.

I am presently a lecturer of National Open University of Nigeria, part-time independent anti-corruption consultant, and initiating anti-corruption education/advocacy in secondary schools in Nigeria.

My Research Topic: *Towards an Effective Anti-Corruption Regimen in Nigeria: Examination of the Legal Framework of the United Nations, the African Union and Nigeria*

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