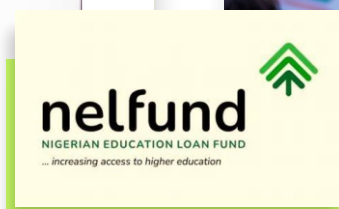


Again, Prof. Iwe lauds President Tinubu on NELFUND, says MOUAAU'll never tamper with students loan funds

By Sunday Anyim



The Vice-Chancellor, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUAAU), Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, has once again lauded the Visitor to the University and President, Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, for the initiative of the Nigeria Education Loan Fund (NELFUND)

Prof. Iwe made the commendation while addressing Executives of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) who visited MOUAAU to monitor the

implementation of projects funded by the Federal Government through Needs Assessment fund.

The VC described NELFUND as an excellent initiative which has helped many indigent students to pay their chargeable fees at ease. He said that MOUAAU under his watch would never tamper with students loan fund, and the University has already received commendation from NELFUND for its forthrightness and speedy disbursement of the funds to beneficiaries.

According to the VC, "we were prepared for the NELFUND even before it was launched, by ensuring

that our policy on biometric capturing of students' was completed. With the data we gathered about our students, we are able to respond to NELFUND within 24 hours".

He also said his administration has rebuilt the image of the University and made it attractive to national and international organizations for the benefit of students, adding that his Office is always open to students.

“ Our students are assets and major stakeholders. Their welfare is our priority - Prof. Iwe ”

MOUAAU, most organized University in Nigeria - NANS

By Sunday Anyim, Ginger-Eke Collins and Joy Nlebedum



President of National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), Comrade Olushola Ladoja, has described Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike as the most organized University in Nigeria.

Comrade Ladoja stated this while addressing the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, CFS, during a courtesy call on him on Friday, June 19, 2025.

According to the NANS President, MOUAAU presented a well-organized and impressive inventory of its facilities and made it easy for the students' body to inspect.

"You people are very organized in this place. In fact, you are the most organized University in Nigeria, as far as our facility tour is concerned", the NANS President stated.

Furthermore, Comrade Ladoja expressed his excitement with the serene environment and peaceful atmosphere in MOUAAU, and commended the Vice-Chancellor for the transformations he has brought to the University in the last 4 years.

He also expressed his profound gratitude to MOUAAU SUG and the University Management for the warm reception accorded him and his team, promising that NANS would promote the good image of the University and the unique capacity of the Vice-Chancellor, nationwide.

Reacting to the address of the NANS President, the Vice-Chancellor of MOUAAU, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, thanked NANS for the visit and commended the President of Nigeria for his support to Nigerian students, especially through NELFUND.

MOUAAU News reports that the NANS President led a delegation of other Executives of the Body on an inspection of projects sponsored by the Federal Government through Needs Assessment fund and visited MOUAAU on Friday, June 19, 2025.



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Don calls for application of modern farming systems in Nigeria, says ancient agric. methods no longer sustainable

By Sunday Okorie, Ginger -Eke Collins and Joy Nlebedum

A professor of Food Engineering and Director, Integrated Food and Bio-Processing Program, Department of Bioresources Engineering, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, Prof. Michael Ngadi, has called on farmers in Nigeria to adopt modern farming methods if they hoped for a sustainable and profitable food system

Prof. Ngadi made the call while delivering a Public Lecture in Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at the Modern Public Lecture Theatre of the University.

Speaking on the theme “Modernizing Smallholder Agrifood Systems,” Prof. Ngadi emphasized that research innovations, standardization and mechanization of agricultural production, which are a shift from ancient agricultural methods, are critical for sustainable food systems.

He underscored the vital role smallholder farmers play in ensuring food security and sustainable agricultural practices across the globe and advocated for the adoption of innovations, improved agricultural inputs, mechanized farming techniques, and the standardization of value-chain processes to minimize

risks, reduce input costs, and maximize output across the sector.

While encouraging the Nigerian citizens to take farming as a business, the Canadian-based scholar urged policymakers and stakeholders to design strategic frameworks that support the modernization of agriculture. According to him, such transformation is essential not only for achieving higher productivity but also for guaranteeing the safety and quality of food produced in the country.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of MOUAW, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo

Iwe commended Prof. Ngadi for delivering a timely lecture that aligns with the University’s drive for innovations in agricultural research

He described the theme of the lecture as key to MOUAW’s mission to agricultural development, reaffirming that MOUAW as a 'universal University' would leverage on its uniquely designed programmes to improve the needs of farmers in the agro ecological zone of the University.



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University Librarian, Isaac Ogbonna, Dep. Univ. Librarian Chinyere Okezie, now Professors of Library & Info. Science

By Ubadire Agua



The University Librarian, Isaac Maduabuchi Ogbonna, and the Deputy University Librarian, Chinyere Adaku Okezie, have been promoted to the rank of Professor of Library and Information Science in Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike.

The promotion of the scholars was announced by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, CFS, during a meeting of the University Appraisal Committee recently.

While, the UL, Prof. Ogbonna was announced during the UAC meeting of Thursday, June 5, 2025, Prof. Okezie was announced on Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

MOUUAU News gathered that Prof. Ogbonna has been a librarian with over 30 years of work experience in both the Public and Academic types of libraries. He started his work experience as a Library Assistant in

1981 at the old Anambra State Library Board, Enugu (subsequently Enugu State Library Board, Enugu) and progressed through the Librarianship ranks.

From the Enugu State Library Board, he transferred his service to the Federal College of Education, Eha-Amufu (FCEE) in 1992 where he progressed to the headship of the College Library. From College of Education Library, he was appointed the Director/CEO Enugu State Library Board, Enugu in 2006.

In 2013, after accepting the University's employment offer, Prof. Ogbonna transferred his service to Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State as a Senior Librarian and progressed through the ranks to the present position of the University Librarian and now Professor of Library and Information Science.

Prof. Ogbonna holds B.Sc in Library

Science/Biology, MLS (Information Science), and Ph.D (Library and Information Science), all from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

He is a certified/chartered Librarian by the Librarians' Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN)

MOUUAU News also gathered that Prof. Okezie, joined the services of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike in 1993 and have worked in several academic positions until her promotion to the rank of professor.

She holds BSc. and MSc.in Library and Information Science from Abia State and Imo State Universities respectively and obtained her Ph.D in LIS from the University of Uyo,



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