



## MOUAAU Professors hit 180, as 12 rise to Associate Professors

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**Prof. Nnennaya Kalu-Uche**



**Engr. Prof. Hyginus U. Ugwu**

**M**ichael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUAAU) has announced the promotion of 2 academic staff members to the rank of Professor, thus bringing the number of professors in the University to 180, the Registry has said.

The new Professors are Nnennaya Kalu-Uche who was promoted to Professor of Science Education and Engr. Hyginus Ubabuike Ugwu who is now a Professor of Mechanical

Engineering.

Similarly, 12 Senior Lecturer have been promoted to the rank of Associate Professors. MOUAAU News gathered that the new Associate Professors are:

1. Dr. Nnenna Kalu Uka -(College of Education)
2. Engr. Dr. Maureen Awele Allen (College of Engineering and Engineering Technology)
3. Dr. Maxwell Okwudili Ede - (College of Education)
4. Engr. Dr. Oladayo Adeyi - (College of Engineering and

Engineering Technology)

5. Dr. Emmanuel Ukie Ewa - (College of Animal Science and Animal Production)

6. Engr. Dr. Dilibe Ifeanyi Ntunde - (College of Engineering and Engineering Technology)

7. Dr. Eke Udochu - (School of General Studies)

8. Dr. Lebe Agwu Nnanna - (College of Physical and Applied Sciences)

9. Dr. Eric Oziegbe Oleabhiele - (College of Education)

10. Engr. Dr. Jude Iloabuchi Obianyo - (College of Engineering and Engineering Technology)

11. Dr. Anthony Nwankwo Ukom - (College of Applied Food Sciences and Tourism)

12. Dr. Sunday Moses Okebaram - (College of Management Sciences)



# MOUAU Students Win 2025 Nigerian Genius Award for Engineering Excellence

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Three undergraduates of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUAU), have won the top prize at the 2025 Nigerian Genius Engineering Competition, showcasing exceptional innovation and technical skill.

The students, namely, Emmanuel Dan, Jane Chisom Iroabuchi, and Ugonna Emmanuel Nwali are from the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology.

Competing against finalists from the University of Lagos (UNILAG), Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), and Federal University Ndufu-Alike Ikwo (FUNAI), the MOUAU Team known as Team Emerald emerged as the overall champion.

Programme Manager of Nigerian Genius, Promise Ooke, stated that the competition challenges Nigeria's



brightest engineering students to solve real-world problems using innovative, indigenous solutions. The 2025 edition tested participants through rigorous design challenges, prototyping, and presentations.

Ooke said the MOUAU Team Emerald's project impressed a panel of distinguished judges for its creativity, technical depth, and collaborative spirit. Their outstanding performance, he concluded, earned them the coveted title and a cash reward.

Meanwhile the Dean of CEET, Prof. B. N. Nwankwojike has presented the winning Team Emerald to the University Management.

During the presentation, the VC, Prof. Maduebibisi Ofo Iwe, commended the students for representing the University well, naming them MOUAU Ambassadors.



VC (3rd right), DVC Acad (2nd left), Bursar (1st left), Registrar (1st right) and winning Team Emerald



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# MOUUAU Gets Full NUC Accreditation for 10 Programmes

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**M**ichael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUUAU), has received full accreditation from the National Universities Commission (NUC) for ten academic programmes following the October/November 2024 accreditation exercise.

The approved courses cut across three colleges. In the College of Natural Resources and Environmental Management (CNREM), the

accredited programmes are Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry and Environmental Management, While in the College of Applied Food Sciences and Tourism (CAFST), had accredited programmes in Hotel Management and Tourism, and Home Economics.

For the College of Education, Agricultural Science Education received full accreditation, while Botany, Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics in the College of Physical And Applied Sciences (COLPAS) had full accreditation.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Maduebibisi Iwe, thanked the NUC for its thorough assessment and commended staff and students for their dedication.

He assured the public that MOUUAU remains committed to academic excellence and producing graduates who will drive national development.



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