

CITATION FOR THE AWARD OF FELLOWSHIP OF THE NUTRITION SOCIETY OF NIGERIA
PROFESSOR OLUMUYIWA ADEYEMI OWOLABI, *Ph.D.; FAIPH*

Professor Olumuyiwa Adeyemi Owolabi is a distinguished scholar, researcher, educator and practitioner who has devoted over three decades to advancing nutrition science and practice in Nigeria. He is Professor of Community and Public Health Nutrition in the Department of Biochemistry, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, where he has contributed significantly to teaching, research, postgraduate training and community nutrition services.

Professor Owolabi has demonstrated exceptional commitment to improving the nutritional and health status of vulnerable populations, particularly women and children. He is nationally recognized for his expertise in Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM), Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) and community-based nutrition programming. As Lead Consultant to the Federal Ministry of Health in 2008, his work on the nutritional status of under-five children in the Sokoto–Rima Basin contributed to the introduction of Community Management of Acute Malnutrition in Nigeria. He subsequently played a leading role in establishing and expanding IMAM programmes across northern Nigeria and contributed to the development of Nigeria’s national guidelines on IMAM and MIYCN.

His contributions extend to national nutrition research, policy and programme development. He has served as a Principal Investigator, technical lead and consultant on major nutrition initiatives supported by UNICEF, the Federal Ministry of Health, World Bank, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, IITA and other partners. His work spans micronutrient deficiencies, anaemia, infant and young child feeding, wasting, food consumption and nutrition-sensitive agriculture. He has contributed to Nigeria’s National Policy on Food and Nutrition (2026–2035), national micronutrient guidelines and strategies and led the development of the National Strategy on Nutrition in Emergencies (2025–2029) and many national nutrition training manuals.

As an academic and mentor, Professor Owolabi has trained and supervised generations of nutrition professionals and researchers. His scholarly contributions include over 60 peer-reviewed publications in local and international journals (<https://orcid.org/0000-0003-0346-0128>).

Professor Owolabi has maintained a longstanding commitment to the Nutrition Society of Nigeria, participating in numerous NSN scientific conferences, leading pre-conference workshops and serving as Secretary of the Local Organizing Committee of the 2010 NSN Conference in Kaduna. He has also served on national nutrition bodies, including the Nigeria Nutrition Technical Working Group and the National Advisory Committee on Control of Micronutrient Deficiency, while providing technical expertise to the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, UNICEF, WHO and other development partners.

For his outstanding and sustained contributions to nutrition research, education, policy development, professional practice and national nutrition programming towards the advancement of nutritional science and practice in Nigeria; The Nutrition Society of Nigeria proudly confers upon Professor Olumuyiwa Adeyemi Owolabi the distinguished honour of Fellowship of the Nutrition Society of Nigeria (FNSN).