

FIRST WINNER OF THE NSN EMERGING NUTRITION SCIENTIST AWARD (2026)

DR. OLUWASIJI OLABISI OLAITAN

Professional Profile

DR. OLUWASIJI OLABISI OLAITAN is an Assistant Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics at the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Bowen University, Iwo, Osun State, Nigeria. He is a public health nutritionist with more than a decade of teaching, research, and community nutrition experience in Nigeria and South Africa. He holds a B.Sc. in Agricultural Biochemistry and Nutrition (2012), an M.Sc. in Human Nutrition (2016), and a Ph.D. in Public Health (Human Nutrition) (2024), all from the University of Ibadan. In 2024 to 2025 he completed a Harnessing Talent Postdoctoral Fellowship at Durban University of Technology, South Africa.

He began his academic career as an Assistant Lecturer at Wesley University, Ondo (2018 to 2022), and later served at the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, as Lecturer II and Lecturer I (2022 to 2025). There he was Course Advisor, Examination Planning Coordinator, Result Processing Officer, and Acting Head of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics (2024). He has also served as visiting Senior Lecturer at Wesley University, visiting PhD supervisor at the University of Port Harcourt School of Public Health, and part-time lecturer at the College of Nursing and Midwifery, Eleyele, Ibadan, and the University of Ibadan's General Studies department. He supervises undergraduate, MSc, and PhD research.

Research Contributions

His research covers diet-related non-communicable diseases (hypertension, obesity, and gender differences in blood pressure), maternal and child nutrition, food insecurity, plant-based diets, sustainable food choices, and food product development. He has authored about 20 peer-reviewed articles in reputable journals and has published a textbook titled, "*The Basic Concept of Human Nutrition and Dietetics*." He has presented at national and international conferences, including the Federation of Africa Nutrition Union Society (FANUS) Conference (Rwanda, 2019).

Awards and Funding

DR. OLAITAN has received awards and scholastic recognitions which include:

- Emerging Nutrition Scientist Award, Nutrition Society of Nigeria (2026)

- Young Investigator Award, Nutrition Society of Nigeria (2022)
- Best Postgraduate Abstract, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan (2019)
- TETFund Institution-Based Research intervention grant (2024)
- Postgraduate College international conference travel grant, University of Ibadan (2019)

Professional Service and Memberships

He is a registered member of the Nutrition Society of Nigeria, the Institute for Dietetics in Nigeria, the American Society for Nutrition, and the Nutrition Society of South Africa. He reviews for the *Journal of Nutrition and Metabolism*, *Journal of Global Social Welfare*, *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*, and *Nigerian Journal of Nutritional Science*, and has been a volunteer abstract reviewer for NUTRITION 2026 (American Society for Nutrition) and the 2025 International Congress of Nutrition. He has also taken part in field projects, including the UNICEF school food environment blueprint pilot in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa and WHO immunization and health surveys in Oyo State, Nigeria.

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SECOND WINNER OF THE NSN EMERGING NUTRITION SCIENTIST AWARD (2026)

TOBILOBA TIMILEHIN DANIEL

TOBILOBA TIMILEHIN DANIEL is an early-career nutrition researcher whose work revolves around clinical nutrition and public health, with a focus on reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases in Nigeria and beyond. He graduated with First Class honours in his B.Sc. in Nutrition and Dietetics from the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, and with Distinction (PhD grade) in his M.Sc. in Human Nutrition and Dietetics from Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti. He is also a Registered Nutritionist-Dietitian. He currently serves as an Assistant Lecturer at Bamidele Olumilua University of Education, Science, and Technology.

His research spans obesity epidemiology, low-cost complementary foods for child malnutrition, and affordable functional snacks for glycemic control, developed through the valorization of indigenous seeds. In clinical practice, he has contributed to personalised diet plans for patients with elevated cardiovascular risk and for patients with morbid obesity and resistant hypertension.

He has authored and co-authored about ten publications, with more than seven accepted articles in high impact factor journals, and has presented at national conferences. He also teaches and mentors undergraduate students.

He aims to become an independent researcher in nutrigenomics and precision nutrition.

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