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BOWEN CLIMBS TO 3RD AMONG PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES, TOPS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE



BOWEN UNIVERSITY
Iwo, Osun State

Interdisciplinary Science
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RANKED 3RD AMONG PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

Bowen University, Africa's premier Baptist institution, has once again demonstrated its unwavering commitment to excellence by securing a prestigious position in the inaugural edition of the Times Higher Education (THE) Interdisciplinary Science Rankings (ISR) 2025. Released on Thursday, November 21, 2024, the rankings recognize universities making significant contributions to interdisciplinary science research, a critical approach to addressing global challenges by integrating insights from multiple academic disciplines.

In this groundbreaking ranking, Bowen University achieved a global placement of 501–600 while earning accolades as:

- **3rd among private universities in Nigeria**
- **11th among all universities in Nigeria, out of over 270 institutions in the country.**

The 2025 inaugural Times Higher Education (THE) Interdisciplinary Science Rankings was conducted in collaboration with Schmidt Science Fellows and evaluated universities' contributions and commitment to interdisciplinary science. This included 11 performance indicators across three key areas: inputs (funding); process (measures of success, facilities, administrative support, and promotion); and outputs (publications, research quality, and reputation).

Bowen University's recognition in these rankings is a testament to its dedication to fostering a dynamic environment that encourages collaboration across disciplines, innovative research, and impactful solutions to societal challenges.

STANFORD/ELSEVIER RECOGNIZES SEVEN BOWEN UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS IN TOP 2% GLOBALLY



WORLD'S TOP 2% SCIENTIST LIST 2024



Dahunsi Samuel Olatunde, PhD
Microbiology Programme
Core Area of Competency: Energy



Adekiya Aruna Olasekan, PhD
Agricultural Science Programme
Core Area of Competency: Agronomy and Agriculture



Salawu Sulyman Olakunle, PhD
Mathematics Programme
Core Area of Competency: Transports



Adeyemi Oluyomi Stephen, PhD
Biochemistry Programme
Core Area of Competency: Clinical Medicine



Ojo Oluwafemi Adeleke, PhD
Biochemistry Programme
Core Area of Competency: Clinical Medicine



Engr. Ogundoyin Sunday Oyinlola
Electrical Electronics Engineering Programme
Core Area of Competency: Networking and Telecommunications



Oyebamiji Abel Kolawole, PhD
Industrial Chemistry Programme
Core Area of Competency: Chemistry

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For the second consecutive year, Bowen University has achieved remarkable academic distinction, with seven of its current staff members ranked among Stanford/Elsevier's top 2% of scientists worldwide. This prestigious recognition solidifies Bowen's position among Nigeria's leading institutions, as only six universities in the country surpassed Bowen in the number of top-ranked scientists.

Leading the list from Bowen University is Dahunsi, Samuel Olatunde, specializing in Energy within the Microbiology Programme. He holds the 1st rank at Bowen, is 45th among Nigerian scientists, and has a global rank of 70,064. Adekiya, Aruna Olasekan, an Agronomy and Agriculture expert in the Agricultural Science Programme, is 2nd at Bowen, ranked 102nd in Nigeria.

In the 3rd position is Salawu, Sulyman O., renowned for his work in Transports under the Mathematics Programme. He is 111th in Nigeria. Adeyemi, Oluyomi Stephen, specializing in Clinical Medicine within the Biochemistry Programme, is 4th at Bowen, and 119th in Nigeria.

Following closely, Ojo, Oluwafemi Adeleke, another Clinical Medicine researcher from the Biochemistry Programme, is 5th at Bowen, and 133rd in Nigeria, and Ogundoyin, Sunday Oyinlola, an expert in Networking and Telecommunications from the Electrical Electronics Engineering Programme, ranks 6th at Bowen, 159th in Nigeria.

Rounding off the list is Oyebamiji, Abel Kolawole, a Chemistry specialist in the Industrial Chemistry Programme. He is 7th at Bowen, 212th in Nigeria, and holds a global ranking of 487,413. This recognition celebrates the dedication of Bowen's researchers to advancing knowledge and contributing to global scientific excellence.



BOWEN UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES 901 GRADUATES AT 19TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY



Bowen University held its 19th Convocation Ceremony on Saturday, November 2, 2024, proudly awarding degrees to 901 graduates. This cohort included 35 graduates from the Postgraduate College and 866 Bachelor's degree recipients from six colleges: Agriculture, Engineering and Science, Computing and Communication Studies, Health Sciences, Law, Liberal Studies, and Management and Social Sciences.

Among the 866 undergraduate degrees conferred:

- 7 (0.81%) graduated with a Pass.
- 65 (7.51%) earned Third Class Honours.
- 196 (22.63%) achieved Second Class Lower and Pass (for unclassified degrees).
- 465 (53.70%) graduated with Second Class Upper and Credit (for unclassified degrees).
- 133 (15.36%) distinguished themselves with First Class Honours and Distinction (for unclassified degrees).

Clinton Akanbi of the Biochemistry programme emerged as the best graduating student with an impressive CGPA of 4.99 (weighted average of 86.1), Inioluwa Oyepariola of the Food Science and Technology programme was the second-best graduating student with a CGPA of 4.99 (weighted average of 80.5), while Michael Okunade of the Computer Science programme ranked third with a CGPA of 4.95.

With these new graduates, Bowen University's total number of alumni has reached an impressive 17,686 since its inaugural convocation in 2006, which saw 383 students graduate.



CHAIRMAN OF THE WEST AFRICAN NETWORK OF NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCE DELIVERS BOWEN'S 19TH CONVOCATION LECTURE, ADVOCATES RULE OF LAW



The Former President of the Nigeria Academy of Science and Chairman of the West African Network of National Academies of Science, Professor Oyewale Tomori, FAS, FRCPATH, has emphasized that only strict adherence to the rule of law can restore Nigeria to the path of greatness.

Delivering Bowen University's 19th Convocation lecture titled "Defining Nigeria, Refining Our Nation: A Cultural Contemporary Continuum," Professor Tomori highlighted the necessity of confronting Nigeria's multi-dimensional challenges head-on. He noted that aspiring for greatness without addressing fundamental issues is merely delusional and stressed the importance of all Nigerians, regardless of status, committing to the rule of law.

The renowned professor of virology also called for collective ethical governance and long-term planning to prevent Nigeria from approaching the brink of failure. He revealed that the funds looted in the country far exceed the amount borrowed to run the government, adding, "No segment of our society is free from corruption; corruption roams freely in the corridors of our Ministries. It has a place of honor in the bedroom, in the private and public setting of our leaders be it political, academic, reason or temporal or spiritual."

Professor Tomori urged Nigerians to collectively diagnose the nation's challenges, foster accountability, and prioritize a culture of ethical leadership to ensure sustainable growth and progress.

MRTB PRAISES BOWEN UNIVERSITY FOR QUALITY PHYSIOTHERAPY EDUCATION AS 64 NEW GRADUATES JOIN HEALTH SECTOR



Bowen University, Iwo, Osun State, has once again demonstrated its commitment to quality health education with the induction of 64 new physiotherapists into the Medical Rehabilitation Therapy Board (MRTB) on Friday, November 22, 2024. These inductees represent the 2023/24 graduating set and mark the 5th cohort to be inducted from the university since it began offering the physiotherapy programme in the 2015/2016 session.

With this new batch, Bowen University has now produced a total of 232 physiotherapists who have been inducted into Nigeria's health sector. The university's physiotherapy programme continues to be a significant contributor to the nation's healthcare workforce.

Professor Rufai Ahmad Yusuf, the Registrar and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Board of Nigeria, praised Bowen University for its exceptional physiotherapy training. He commended the quality of education and the professional outputs the institution has consistently produced. He also highlighted the pressing need for more trained physiotherapists in Nigeria's health sector and urged accredited institutions to increase their admission quotas and improve teaching and research facilities to meet global standards.

THE HAND THAT CARES': CMD OF BUTH DELIVERS BOWEN UNIVERSITY'S 15TH INAUGURAL LECTURE



Professor Akintayo David OlaOlorun, the Chief Medical Director (CMD) of Bowen University Teaching Hospital (BUTH), Ogbomoso, Oyo State, delivered the 15th edition of Bowen University's inaugural lecture series on Thursday, October 17, 2024.

Speaking on the topic, 'The Hand that Cares: The Sojourn of a Primary Care Physician in a Tertiary Mission Institution,' Professor OlaOlorun, a distinguished Professor of Family Medicine, highlighted the pivotal role of preventive healthcare in achieving health maintenance, health promotion, and disease prevention.

He explained that these goals could be attained through the reduction of risk factors for diseases, early diagnosis of illnesses, and the prevention of complications and disabilities. The lecture underscored the importance of proactive healthcare approaches in ensuring healthier communities.

Bowen University congratulates Professor OlaOlorun for his inspiring and insightful lecture, which continues to shine a light on the vital contributions of primary care physicians within mission-oriented healthcare institutions.

GLOBAL RECOGNITION: BOWEN RETAINS REPORTER STATUS IN THE 2025 RANKINGS



Bowen University has once again been included in the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings (WUR) for 2025, retaining its "Reporter" status. This recognition, announced in October 2024, underscores Bowen's commitment to global academic excellence and visibility.

The "Reporter" status signifies that Bowen University has actively submitted data for this important global exercise but is yet to qualify for ranking. To be ranked, institutions must consistently achieve at least 150 publications annually in SCOPUS for five consecutive years.

Bowen University has already made remarkable strides in this regard, achieving more than 150 publications annually in SCOPUS for the past three years. This consistent performance reflects our commitment to high-quality research and positions us strongly for future rankings.

As we continue to advance in research output and academic excellence, Bowen University remains dedicated to its vision of being a world-class institution.

ANIMAL SCIENCE DON, TUNDE LAWAL CALLS FOR ACTION ON PROTEIN INTAKE AND FARMING INNOVATION



Professor Tunde Ezekiel Lawal of the College of Agriculture, Engineering, and Science, Bowen University, has raised concerns about the insufficient animal protein intake among Nigerians, particularly children. Delivering the 16th edition of Bowen University's inaugural lecture series on Thursday, October 24, 2024, the Professor of Animal Science highlighted the implications of protein deficiency for public health and development.

In his lecture, titled "The Romance of an Academic with Enzymes That All May Be Fed," Professor Lawal attributed the prevalence of malnutrition in infants and young children to factors such as early cessation of breastfeeding, lack of exclusive breastfeeding, and improper complementary feeding practices.

The lecture also emphasized that malnutrition in Africa is a multifaceted challenge linked to food insecurity, poverty, inadequate healthcare, and poor dietary habits, which collectively contribute to nearly half of child deaths on the continent.

To address these issues, Professor Lawal proposed increased financial support for training and retraining farmers in modern, science-driven farming techniques to enhance food production and access to high-quality protein sources.

17TH INAUGURAL LECTURE: OLUTONA CALLS FOR BIOCHAR IN FARMING



On Thursday, November 14, 2024, Professor Godwin Oladele Olutona, a professor of Analytical and Environmental Chemistry at Bowen University, Iwo, delivered the university's 17th inaugural lecture, titled "The Menace of Environmental Pollution: Sustainability And Pathway to Eden." During his lecture, Professor Olutona urged the Federal Government and other stakeholders to consider biochar as an environmentally friendly alternative to conventional fertilizers, which he criticized for their harmful effects on both the soil and human health.

He explained that biochar, a by-product of biomass pyrolysis, is rich in aromatic structures that improve soil humus. In addition to enhancing soil carbon storage and nutrient retention, biochar helps maintain soil ecosystem balance, promotes organic farming, and mitigates climate change. He also stressed the importance of reducing the use of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, advocating for organic farming to limit environmental damage and reduce food contamination.

Professor Olutona called on the government to implement stricter regulatory measures to control the importation and use of harmful chemicals and products that contribute to environmental pollution.

EGBE HONOURED AS FELLOW OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NIGERIA



Dr. Fidelis Enang Egbe, the Head of the History and International Studies Programme at Bowen University, has achieved a significant milestone in his academic career. At the 69th Annual Conference and Congress of the Historical Society of Nigeria (HSN), he was conferred with the highest honour of the professional historian – Fellow of the Historical Society of Nigeria (FHSN).

The conference, themed “Historical Perspectives on Water Bodies and the Maritime Domain from Precolonial Times to the Present,” took place from October 6th, to October 9th, 2024, at the Golden Tulip Hotel, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State. The award celebrates Dr. Egbe’s exceptional contributions to the advancement of historical scholarship in Nigeria and beyond. Bowen University celebrates this remarkable achievement and congratulates Dr. Egbe on this well-deserved recognition.

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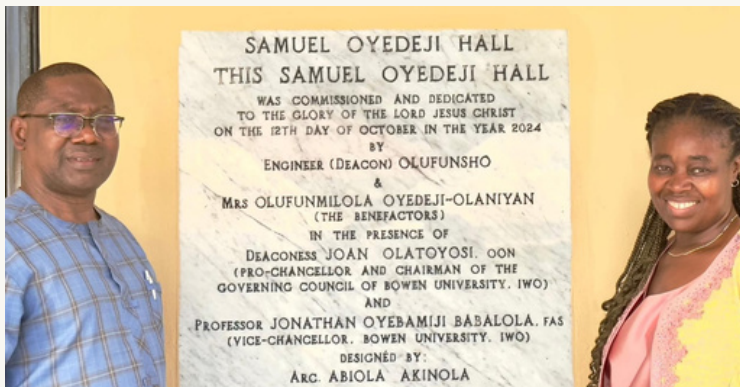
NEW SAMUEL OYEDEJI HALL COMMISSIONED AT BOWEN UNIVERSITY



On Saturday, October 12, 2024, Bowen University officially commissioned the 100-seater Samuel Oyedeji Hall, a generous donation by Engr. (Dcn) Olufunsho, who served as the 22nd Matriculation lecturer, and his wife, Mrs. Olufunmilola Oyedeji-Olaniyan.

Located within the College of Health Sciences, the hall stands as a tribute to Engr. Oyedeji-Olaniyan’s grandfather, whose dedication and sacrifices shaped his upbringing. During the commissioning, Engr. Oyedeji-Olaniyan emphasized that true impact comes not from the size of one’s wealth but from using God-given resources to enrich the lives of others.

Bowen University expresses heartfelt gratitude to the Oyedeji-Olaniyan family for their impactful contribution, which will significantly enhance the learning environment for students.



WORKSHOP ON ENHANCING POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR CRIME CONTROL HELD AT BOWEN UNIVERSITY



On November 7, 2024, the College of Management and Social Sciences, in collaboration with the Directorate of Security Services, hosted a workshop on “Enhancing Police-Community Partnership for Crime Control” at the university’s Red Hall. The event attracted over 100 participants, including community leaders, security agencies, and academics, with a focus on improving collaboration between the police and local communities in combating crime.

The workshop aimed to identify factors hindering effective police-community partnerships and develop sustainable strategies for crime control. Key discussions included the importance of community involvement in crime prevention and how the public can support the police by reporting criminal activities.

Seven experts, including Professors Omololu Soyombo, Lere Amusan, and Lai Olurode, as well as the Area Commander of the Nigerian Police Force and the Divisional Police Officer of the Iwo Command, led the sessions. They emphasized the need for community members to view the police as partners and to actively provide information on criminal activities. Challenges such as police corruption and inefficiency were discussed, alongside recommendations for improving cooperation and trust between the police and the public.

The workshop concluded with a call for enhanced community security measures, such as neighborhood watch schemes, and stronger engagement between citizens and the police. Participants also appealed to Bowen University for greater support for crime control initiatives in Iwo. The event highlighted the collective responsibility of both the police and the community in maintaining law and order, with a shared commitment to creating safer communities.

