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Career Summary:

Data-driven Mental Health Systems Research Specialist with expertise in applied analytics, econometrics, and healthcare data systems. Demonstrated impact within NHS community mental health services through waiting list optimisation, patient pathway analysis, and data-informed service improvement. Recipient of a highly competitive NHS Digital and Data Academy Grant, with a growing research portfolio, international academic engagement, and leadership in large-scale research capacity building.

EDUCATION

MSc (Merit) Accounting and Finance. University of Derby, UK

2023 – 2024

- *Dissertation: Impact of Big Data on Accounting Practices: Empirical Evidence from Nigeria (passed with Merit)*

BSc (Second Class Upper Division) Accounting. Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Nigeria

2013 – 2015

- *Dissertation: The Impact of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Adoption on Firm Financial Performance: Evidence from a Pre- and Post-Adoption Comparative Study performance in Nigeria (Passed with First Class).*

OND (Distinction) Accounting. Imo State Polytechnic, Nigeria

2009 – 2011

Professional Experiences

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

Position: Business Assistant (Data & Research-Enabled Operations)

2025 – Present

- Leading a 24-month applied research project to reduce Did Not Attend (DNA) rates in an adult community mental health team, identifying structural drivers of non-attendance and implementing targeted data-driven interventions that have improved patient engagement and service efficiency.
- Analysed complex patient waiting list and referral datasets using prioritisation logic and eligibility criteria to support equitable access, reduced delays, and improved patient flow.
- Designed and managed structured datasets for recalls, follow-ups, and non-attendance tracking, improving data completeness and continuity of care.
- Conducted end-to-end patient pathway analysis (referral to treatment), identifying systemic bottlenecks and supporting evidence-based service improvements and enhanced operational transparency.
- Strengthened referral governance by aligning patients with appropriate clinicians, improving care coordination, decision accuracy, and multidisciplinary collaboration.
- Acted as a key analytical interface between administrative and clinical teams, supporting real-time, data-driven decision-making and service prioritisation.
- Selected for a highly competitive NHS Digital & Data Academy Grant (29/300 applicants) in recognition of analytical impact and leadership potential in health data and digital transformation.

Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike

Applied Academic Researcher & Methods Specialist

2022 – 2023

- Led a team of data analysts to deliver intensive training programmes on statistical and econometric tools (SPSS, E-Views, STATA), strengthening the research and analytical capabilities of lecturers and graduate assistants across disciplines.
- Delivered advanced instruction in data sourcing, statistical modelling, and empirical analysis (including regression, correlation, ANOVA, t-tests, and z-tests), enhancing methodological rigour and improving the quality and reliability of research outputs.

- Supervised the application of quantitative, qualitative, and systematic review methodologies, contributing to measurable improvements in research quality, analytical accuracy, and academic writing standards.
- Coordinated large-scale research training and supervision, contributing to a contributing to improved research output quality and methodological rigour across departments in 2023, recognised as one of the strongest periods of academic productivity within the institution.
- Mentored over 1,700 undergraduate and postgraduate students, strengthening institutional research capacity, improving data analysis competence, and enhancing academic progression and employability outcomes.
- Established a Data-Driven Research Community, a free apprenticeship-based training platform designed to develop analytical and methodological competencies among emerging researchers, improving research capacity and practical data-analysis skills.

University of Port Harcourt

2019 – 2020

Position: Applied Academic Researcher & Methods Specialist

- Designed and delivered applied research methodology programmes for graduate assistant lecturers across disciplines.
- Provided hands-on supervision in data sourcing, statistical analysis, and applied research workflows.
- Led capacity building in data coding, analysis pipelines, and interpretation of empirical findings.
- Applied advanced analytics tools (SQL, Python, R, SAS, STATA, SPSS, E-Views, Power BI, ERP-based systems) to empirical research projects.
- Mentored 1,500+ postgraduate and graduate students, improving research competence and employability.
- Contributed to institutional research planning, including survey design, fieldwork coordination, enumerator supervision, and data quality assurance.

Donmaths Research Consultancy

Founder & Research Lead (Research Capacity-Building & Applied Methods) 2016 – Present

- Founded and led a research consultancy delivering structured training in quantitative, qualitative, and systematic review methodologies, strengthening research and data-analysis capabilities across diverse learner groups.
- Designed and implemented scalable training programmes covering the full research lifecycle, from problem formulation to analysis and reporting, resulting in a significant improvement in participants' analytical competence.
- Mentored and supported large cohorts of students and early-career researchers, with a majority progressing to undergraduate and postgraduate studies across the UK, Europe, North America, and Africa.
- Established a practical research ecosystem enabling participants to engage in real-world research projects and collaborative outputs, enhancing academic readiness and applied skills.
- Developed a skills-to-employment pathway by facilitating paid research opportunities for individuals from low-income backgrounds, improving employability and access to professional experience.
- Provided strategic leadership in programme design, mentoring frameworks, and quality assurance, positioning the organisation as a recognised platform for research capacity building and academic development.

Publications

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1. Olawale Victor Olalude and Stanley Osinachi Okafor Cloud. Accounting Software Adoption and the Financial Performance of Small Businesses in the United Kingdom. Under Final Review, Taylor & Francis Group. Taylor & Francis (Routledge Journals). Manuscript ID/Submission: 269165042.
<https://rp.tandfonline.com/submission/flow?submissionId=269165042&step=1>
 2. Stanley Osinachi Okafor, Olawale Victor Olalude and Henry Onyebuchi Angelonu (Ejelonu). (2025). Impact of Big Data on Accounting Practices: Empirical Evidence from Nigeria
International Journal of Data Science and Big Data Analytics 5(1) (2025) 1-20.
<https://doi.org/10.51483/IJDSBDA.5.1.2025.1-20>

3. Okafor, Stanley, Using Predictive Analytics for Credit Risk Evaluation in Nigerian Microfinance Organizations (September 06, 2025). *Global Journal of Applied, Management and Social Sciences (GOJAMSS)*; Vol.33, Sept 2025; P.21 – 32 (ISSN: 2276 –9013). <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5449876>
4. Henry Onyebuchi Ejelonu, Stanley Osinachi Okafor (2022). Implications of Foreign Capital Inflows on the Manufacturing Sector in Third World Countries: A Nigerian experience. *International Journal of Accounting, Finance and Risk Management* 7 (4), 140-149. <https://doi.org/10.11648/j.ijafrm.20220704.11>
5. **Okafor Stanley Osinachi** and Ude Chinonye Lilian (2022). Financial Deepening and Economic Growth in Nigeria. *International Journal of Management Research and Economics*. 2(2) (2022) 81-85 <https://doi.org/10.51483/IJMRE.2.2.2022.81-85>.

Additional Publications (Available at Google Scholar:

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=YkQcM0kAAAAJ&hl=en>)

Conference Presentation and Academic Engagements

1. **Okafor, S. O. (2025).** *The Impact of Data-Driven Decision-Making on Patient Access and Continuity of Care in Community Mental Health Services.* Annual Excellence Summit, Rwanda
2. **Okafor, S. O. (2025).** *From Non-Attendance to Re-Engagement: Using Appointment Data to Improve Patient Engagement in Community Mental Health Care.* African Regional Conference, Rwanda
3. **Okafor, S. O. (2025).** *Building Data-Literate Multidisciplinary Teams in Community Mental Health Services in the UK.* International African Women’s Conference
4. **Okafor, S. O. (2024).** *Predictive Analytics in Community Mental Health: Implications for Patient Wellbeing and Service Optimisation in the UK.* African Regional Conference, Ghana

Academic Service & Editorial Contributions

- **Editorial Board Member**, African Scholars Multidisciplinary Journal (ASMJ) (<https://www.gojamss.net/journal/index.php/ASMJ/about/editorialTeam>) November 2025 – Present
Contribute to peer review, editorial decision-making, and the advancement of multidisciplinary research publications.
- **Editorial Board Member**, Global Journal of Applied, Management and Social Sciences (<https://gojamss.net/journal/index.php/index/search/category/318>) November 2024 – Present
Support manuscript evaluation, academic quality assurance, and scholarly dissemination.
- **Peer Reviewer**, International Academic Journals (<https://www.journaljemt.com/index.php/JEMT>)
Conduct independent peer review of research manuscripts, ensuring methodological rigour and publication standards.

Awards and Prizes

- **Digital and Data Academy Grant (Grant Award)** (2025 – 2027)
Awarding Body: Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust
- **Award for Excellence in Research, Leadership, and Mentorship** 2026
Awarding Body: Global Recognition Award, USA
- **Outstanding Leadership in Research and Capacity Building Award** 2025
Awarding Body: Education Africa Scholars Global Connect, USA
- **Most Distinguished Research Fellow Award (2024)** 2025
Awarding Body: Association of Intellectual Scholar Forum, Nigeria.
- **Winner of Google Career Certificate Scholarship for Data Analytics** 2022
Awarding Body: Google

Community Engagement and Development

Education Africa Scholars Global Connect (USA-based Non-Profit Organisation)

Chairman, Research & Development Committee | Board Member

(<https://eduafrikscholars.com/stanley-osinachi-okafor/>)

- Provide strategic leadership for international research capacity-building initiatives, delivering structured mentorship and training programmes for early-career researchers in research methodology, data analytics, and academic development.
- Leading the design and coordination of a 12-week international research skills programme (Summer, 2026), expected to train over 500 participants across multiple countries, enhancing global research capacity, academic progression, and access to data-driven research competencies (<https://eduafrikscholars.com/dream-to-impact-puralivgh-ghana/>).

Data-Driven Research Community established by Donmaths Consultancy

Position: Founder and coordinator

Responsibility: Mentorship and Training Programs for early-career researchers and students.