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# **Areas of Research Interest**

Catalysis, kinetics, and frontiers in materials and applied physical chemistry.

#### Rank/Position

Associate Professor

# **Membership of Professional Bodies**

Member of the Chemical Society of Nigeria Member of the American Chemical Society Member of the Asia-Pacific Chemical, Biological & Environmental Engineering Society (APCBEES)

#### **Publications**

- M.M. Ibrahim, **U.I. Gaya**, Synthesis of Eosin Y sensitized Ag-TiO<sub>2</sub> nano-hybrid for optimized photocatalytic degradation of aqueous caffeine, *Journal of Chilean Chemical Society*, 2019. 64(1): 4265-4275.
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# Awards/Recognition

- 1. **Certificate of Award** (Academic Dr with enormous academic and humanitarian contribution), Rumfa Old Boys Association, RUMFOBA Class '89 Chapter, Rumfa College, Kano State, Nigeria, Tuesday 01/01/2009.
- 2. Commendation of the 313<sup>th</sup> Senate of Bayero University, Kano, for publishing with prestigious publishers.
- 3. **Commendation** of Bayero University for being 6<sup>th</sup> in Bayero University and 412<sup>th</sup> out of 800 Nigerian scientists/researchers' 2017 Ranking Web Universities funded by European Commission, ACUMEN and Spanish National Research Council.
- 4. **Certificate of Achievement** in Accessing Global Project Grants, by Favtoma Group, Supported by Committee of Vice Chancellors, National Universities Commission & Fed. Min of Education.
- 5. **Appreciation award** for the role of Speaker at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference of the Transplant Association of Nigeria & 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference of the College of Health Sciences Bayero University, Kano, held at Bristol Palace Hotel, Kano State, Nigeria 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.
- 6. **Acknowledgement award** from the Department of Chemistry, Universiti Putra Malaysia, for serving Chemistry Postgraduate Club Committee Member 2008.
- 7. **Appreciation award** by University Putra Malaysia, for serving Universiti Putra International Students Association 2009-2010.
- 8. **Postdoctoral fellow award**, Sultan Qaboos University, 2011.
- 9. **Postdoctoral fellow award**, Universiti Putra Malaysia, 2011.
- 10. Kano State scholarship award for PhD study, 2007.
- 11. **Graduate Research Fellow** award, Universiti Putra Malaysia, 2007.
- 12. **Certificate of Service**, Technical Aid Corps Volunteer in The Gambia in the 2002-2004. Awarded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria.
- 13. **Shahadah Taqdir award**, Madarasatu Umar Bin Khattab Lit-tahfizul Qur'an, L/Makera, Gwale L.G.A., Kano, 2005.
- 14. Mc Arthur foundations top-up award for PhD study, 2007
- 15. Kano State Scholarship Board (KSSB) award for BSc degree study.
- 16. Mc Arthur foundations Best in Financial Record in 2002, received as Pioneer/Secretary for City Educational Trust for the Project "Rehabilitation of secondary school drop-outs".
- 17. **Honour award** by Nigerian Students' Community in Malaysia (NISCOM) at the occasion commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nigeria IIUM, Gombak, Malaysia, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.