

ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES: A PANACEA FOR
UNEMPLOYMENT IN NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

This study examined the role of entrepreneurship education in Nigerian Universities towards the reduction of unemployment in Nigeria. It focuses on the roles of entrepreneurship for self employment, the benefits, challenges and strategies. The descriptive survey design was adopted and the purposive random sampling technique used in selecting the study sample of 1200 Nigerian university undergraduates from a population of 12,800 from the three universities in Rivers State. The instrument was “Entrepreneurship Education in Nigerian Universities Questionnaire (EENUQ). Results from data analysis showed that Entrepreneurship Education is greatly needed among Nigerian University undergraduates as a panacea for unemployment. Also, the finding revealed the important roles, many challenges and various strategies that will enhance entrepreneurship education in Nigerian universities. Recommendations are that periodic training and retraining, workshops and seminars be organized for lecturers and students on entrepreneurship education from time to time. Also, that more entrepreneurial centres should be opened in various university campuses and interested lecturers should be encouraged to manage these centres with all the basic infrastructural needs put in place for serious work.

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