Title of Article: University Ownership and Level of Internet Utilisation among Academics in South-Western Universities in Nigeria

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Abstract: This study investigated the association between university ownership involving public and private universities in South-western Nigeria and the level of internet utilisation among academics within those universities. Quantitative and qualitative methods were adopted for data collection. A questionnaire was administered to 589 respondents selected through stratified random sampling and complemented by indepth interviews. The number of hours of internet utilisation was used to categorise respondents into low, moderate and high users. The result indicated that there was an association between institutional ownership and internet utilisation. Specifically, academics within private universities were high utilisers compared to those in public universities because of constant power supply within these institutions, high investment in the procurement of internet technology, and the favourable disposition the respondents and institutions had towards the use of internet services for their teaching and research. The study recommended greater investment in constant electricity supply and the provision of internet facilities so that the university system in Nigeria could compete with a global academic community driven by internet technology.