**Title of Article:** Factors Affecting Scholarly Research Output in Nigeria: Perception of Academics in South-Western Universities

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**Abstract:** This study which was carried out in 2009 examined factors affecting scholarly research output in Nigeria with focus on the perception of academics in South-western universities. Two universities were purposively selected from each of federal, state and private universities within the geopolitical zone. A questionnaire was administered to 944 respondents selected through stratified random sampling and complemented by in-depth interviews. In-depth interviews (IDIs) were conducted among 24 purposively selected academic staff, based on their status and gender. The result showed that there were positive and negative factors that affected research output in the study population. The positive factors that affected research output among respondents included desire for promotion (64.3%), contribution to knowledge (75.6%) and access to local/international research grants (51.7%). Negative factors that dissuaded respondents were fear of rejection of articles for publications (56.7%), lack of funds (72.6%) and unfavourable university policies/guidelines on promotion (53.7%). The study recommended the need for mentoring of young academics, unified university policies on promotion, creation and sustenance of an enabling environment for research and teaching, and funding of research as panacea for improving scholarly research output in Nigeria.