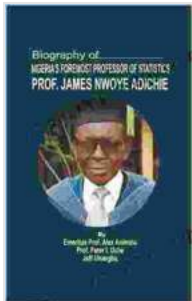


# Biography of Nigeria's Foremost Professor of Statistics: Emeritus Professor James



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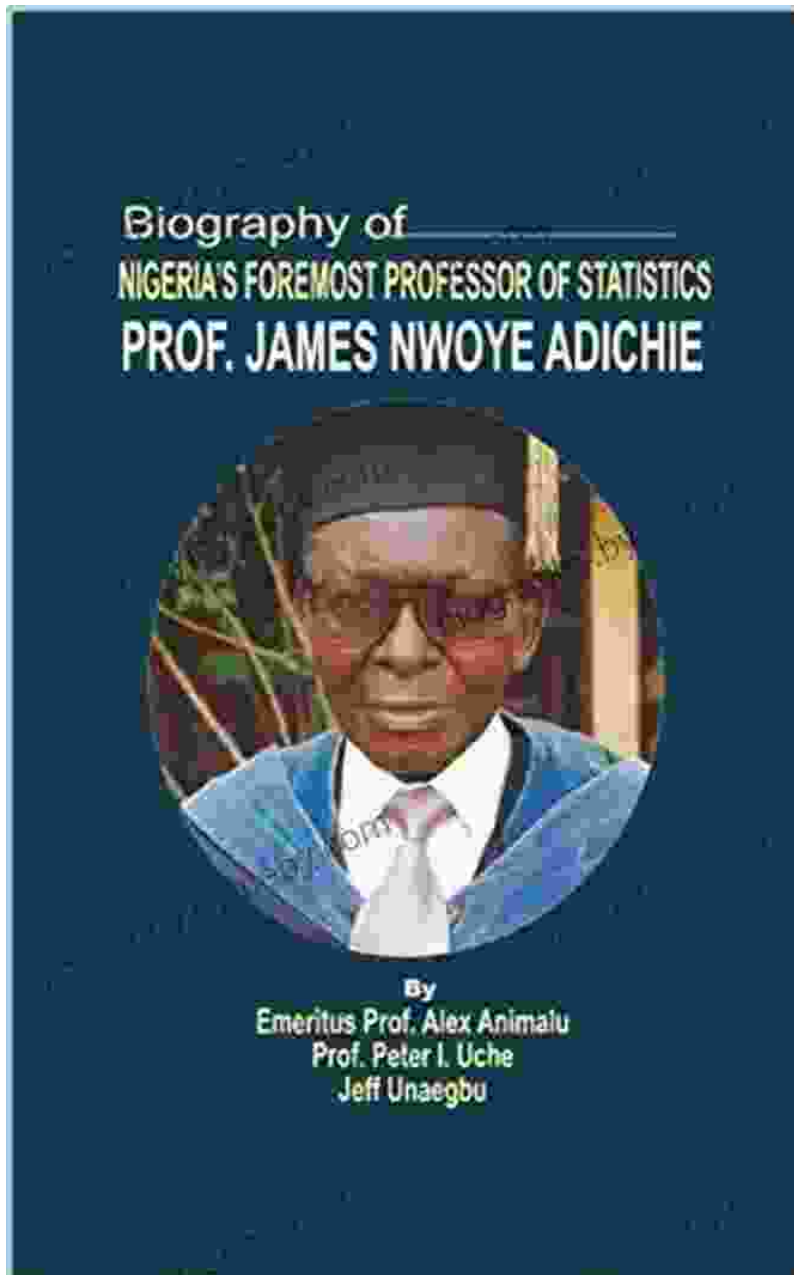
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## **Early Life and Education**

Emeritus Professor James is a distinguished Nigerian statistician who has made significant contributions to the advancement of the field in Nigeria and beyond. Born in the year 1940, in the city of Lagos, he attended the prestigious King's College, Lagos, where he developed a keen interest in mathematics and statistics. Upon graduation, he proceeded to the

University of Ibadan, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Statistics.

Driven by his passion for statistics and his desire to delve deeper into the subject, Professor James traveled to the United Kingdom, where he enrolled in the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). There, he pursued his Master's degree and later his Doctorate, both in Statistics. His doctoral thesis, which focused on the development of new statistical methods for analyzing longitudinal data, earned him high acclaim and laid the foundation for his future research.

## **Academic Career and Research Contributions**

After completing his studies in the United Kingdom, Professor James returned to Nigeria, where he began his academic career at the University of Lagos. It was there that he made his significant contributions to the field of statistics, both in teaching and research. As a professor at the University of Lagos, he taught a wide range of courses in statistics, including statistical methods, sampling theory, regression analysis, and multivariate analysis. He also supervised numerous graduate students, many of whom have gone on to become distinguished statisticians in their own right.

Professor James's research interests spanned a wide spectrum of statistical topics, with a particular focus on the development of statistical methods for addressing real-world problems in various fields, including health, education, and economics. His research has been published in leading academic journals and has been widely cited by other researchers around the world. He has also authored several books and textbooks on statistics, which have become essential resources for students and practitioners alike.

## **Leadership and Service to the Profession**

Beyond his academic contributions, Professor James has also played a significant leadership role in the field of statistics in Nigeria. He served as the President of the Nigerian Statistical Association (NSA) for several terms, and under his leadership, the NSA experienced significant growth and recognition. He also represented Nigeria at various international statistical conferences and organizations, contributing to the advancement of statistics on a global scale.

Professor James's dedication to the profession of statistics extended beyond academia, as he actively engaged in public service. He served as a statistical consultant to various government agencies and non-governmental organizations, providing statistical expertise and guidance on issues of national importance. His contributions to the development of national policies and programs based on sound statistical evidence have had a lasting impact on the lives of Nigerians.

## **Awards and Recognitions**

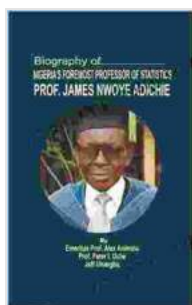
In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of statistics, Professor James has received numerous awards and accolades. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society (FRSS), one of the highest honors in the field of statistics worldwide. He was also the recipient of the prestigious Nigerian National Free Download of Merit Award for his outstanding contributions to science and technology.

In addition to these formal recognitions, Professor James has received countless accolades and expressions of gratitude from his students, colleagues, and the wider statistical community. His influence on the field of

statistics in Nigeria cannot be overstated, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations of statisticians.

Emeritus Professor James is a true pioneer and luminary in the field of statistics in Nigeria. His dedication to teaching, research, and service has had a profound impact on the development of the profession in the country. His contributions have not only advanced the field of statistics academically but have also had a tangible impact on the lives of Nigerians, through his work in public service and policymaking.

As we celebrate the life and achievements of Professor James, we are reminded of the power of education, research, and dedication in shaping the world around us. His legacy will continue to inspire and guide future generations of statisticians and researchers, ensuring that the field of statistics remains a vital tool for progress and development in Nigeria and beyond.



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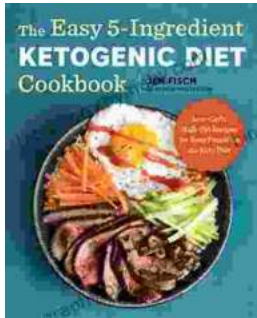
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