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National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)
Mentoring Program Committee
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Dear NBER Mentoring Program Committee,

I am writing to express my strong interest in participating in the NBER Mentoring Program for students from under-represented backgrounds pursuing research in aging and health economics. I am a doctoral candidate in Health Management and Policy at the University of Kentucky, and my research focuses on the intersection of women's health and economic considerations.

I am excited by this program for several reasons. First, my research interests align well with the program's emphasis on aging and health economics. I am eager to gain a deeper understanding of cutting-edge empirical methods and relevant datasets to explore the economic impact of healthcare disparities faced by women, particularly in later life.

Second, as an obstetrician and gynecologist, my background would enrich the program's diversity. I will contribute valuable insights into women's unique challenges and opportunities regarding aging and healthcare access as a provider and a woman.

Finally, as a PhD student in my second year of the doctoral journey, I am at a crucial stage where guidance and support from established researchers would be invaluable. The opportunity to learn from and collaborate with NBER faculty would significantly enhance my research and equip me to make impactful contributions to the field.

Details of my academic qualifications and research experience are enclosed in my CV. I am confident that my strong work ethic, analytical skills, and passion for women's health research make me a strong candidate for this program. I am highly motivated to learn from this esteemed network of mentors and contribute my unique perspective to the program.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further.

Sincerely,

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Reproductive public health specialist with 20 years of experience committed to strengthening health systems to deliver cost-effective, quality health care for underserved populations, particularly women.

EDUCATION

AUG 2022-DEC 2025	**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Health Management and Policy** (University of Kentucky), Lexington, KY
	• Relevant Coursework (Completed):
	  ○ Health Economics (Professor Aaron Yelowitz)
	  ○ Econometrics I (Professor Chris Bollinger)
	  ○ Econometrics II (Professor Chris Bollinger)
	  ○ Causal Inference (Professor John Butler)
	• GPA: 3.75

JAN 2020 – MAR 2020	**Fellow** Global Health Institute of Policy (Duke University), North Carolina
APR 2005 – OCT 2014	**Fellow** West African College of Surgeons, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Lagos, Nigeria
JAN 2012 - DEC 2013	**Master Of Health Economics& Policy,** University of Adelaide, South Australia, Australia
APR 2010 - MAY 2010	**Dip. in International Health and Policy Evaluation,** Erasmus University, Netherlands
SEP 1995 – OCT 2020	**Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS),** University of Ibadan, Nigeria

EXPERIENCE

DEC 2013 - APR 2022	**National Agency for the Control of AIDS, Abuja, Nigeria** Focal Officer, Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of AIDS Focal Officer, Adult Antiretroviral Therapy Services
APR 2005 - APR 2012	**University College Hospital, Ibadan, Nigeria** Specialist Registrar, Obstetrics &Gynecology
JAN 2003 - APR 2005	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research assistantship: 2022 – till date
  - Supervisor – Dr. Joseph Benitez
- Publications:
  - Benitez, J., Freed, S.S., Huang, H. & **Oladele T.T**. Did Medicaid Reimbursements Shape the Effects of Medicaid Expansion on Access to Health Care Among the Low-Income Population? *J GEN INTERN MED* (2024). https://doi.org/10.1007/s11606-023-08558-w
  - **Oladele TT**, Olakunde BO, Oladele EA, Ogbuoji O, Yamey G. The impact of COVID-19 on HIV financing in Nigeria: a call for proactive measures. BMJ Global Health 2020;5:e002718. http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmjgh-2020-002718
  - What are the Perspectives of Stakeholders on Integrated Development in Nigeria? Findings from a Survey among Program Managers, Donors and Policymakers. Edward Adekola Oladele, **Tolulope Oladele**, Utibe Ebong, Olusesan Ayodeji Makinde, Robert Chiegil.
  - Babayemi O Olakunde, Daniel A Adeyinka, Funmilola M OlaOlorun, **Tolulope T Oladele**, Hidayat Yahaya & Chinwendu D Ndukwe (2021) Integration of family planning services into HIV services in Nigeria: Evidence from the Performance Monitoring and Accountability 2020 survey in seven states, African Journal of AIDS Research, 20:2, 181-188, DOI: 10.2989/16085906.2021.1925312

- **Oladele TT**, Olakunde BO, Oladele EA, Ogbuoji O, Yamey G. The impact of COVID-19 on HIV financing in Nigeria: a call for proactive measures. BMJ Global Health 2020;5:e002718. http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmjgh-2020-002718
- Babayemi O. Olakunde, Daniel A. Adeyinka, Olubunmi A. Olakunde, Chamberline E. Ozigbu, Chinwendu D. Ndukwe**, Tolu Oladele,** Sabastine Wakdok, Samuel Udemezue & Echezona E. Ezeanolue (2019): Correlates of antiretroviral coverage for prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV in sub-Saharan Africa, AIDS Care, DOI. 10.1080/09540121.2019.1587364
- Babayemi O Olakunde, Daniel Adeyinka, Tolulope Oladele, Wakdok Sabastine and Chamberline E Ozigbu. Quantification of the effect of Terrorism on HIV Response in Nigeria. www.thelancet.com. Vol.391. March 31, 2018.

SKILLS

- Stata
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written
- Ability to collaborate effectively with others

ACTIVITIES

Member, Professional Development & Networking Committee Graduate Student Congress
University of Kentucky
2023-2024

Statement of Interest in the NBER Mentoring Program for Research in Aging and Health Economics

As an early-stage researcher in health economics, committed to addressing the intersection of health policies and socioeconomic disparities, my current research interests center on the impact of health insurance – Medicaid and Medicare policies on women's health. Women are an important population group due to their increased use of health care services during pregnancy and longer life expectancy. Focusing on this population as an interest group will contribute significantly to ensuring a more equitable and effective healthcare system. The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) mentoring program's focus on aging and health economics allows me to advance my research capabilities and make meaningful contributions.

My motivation for attending this mentoring workshop stems from the program's goal of enriching my methodological toolkit and conceptual frameworks. The complexity of health economics within the context of aging and the diverse needs of underserved populations requires adept knowledge of empirical research methods and access to relevant data sets. Engaging with state-of-the-art empirical methods and exploring pertinent data sets under the supervision of eminent scholars will enable me to refine my research questions and approaches, enhancing the rigor and impact of my work on Medicare and its implications for women.

The program's emphasis on project development aligns well with my current stage in doctoral research. I am learning to define my dissertation focus within the broader fields of health economics and policy analysis. Participation in the NBER mentoring program will help me explore innovative research questions and identify effective approaches for addressing them. By this, I will lay a solid foundation for my future academic endeavors.

The support for students from under-represented and nontraditional backgrounds appeals to me. The challenges and barriers in underserved communities stall progress in academic and research careers in underserved communities. Promoting inclusivity and diversity through the program will enrich the learning environment. I am excited about contributing my unique insights and learning from the diverse experiences of my peers and mentors within this collaborative setting.

My participation in the NBER mentoring program will go a long way in realizing my academic and professional goals in health economics. The blend of advanced training, mentorship, and community will empower me to understand better Medicare policies, their economic implications, and their effects on vulnerable populations. I look forward to engaging with the program's offerings and contributing to advancing research in aging and health economics.