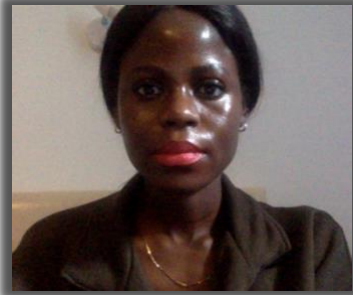


MARY TAIWO AJIDE BIO



Mary Taiwo Ajide is a Chemical Engineer. She has acquired experience working in several organisations and industrial regulated environments such as the refinery, power plant, drug agency, adult education and higher education sector. She has also worked as a consultant to emerging technological companies.

In 2023, Mary earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering while in 2019, Mary was awarded a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering from University College Dublin (UCD) after which she worked briefly as a research assistant at the School of Chemical and Bioprocess engineering.

Prior to that, in 2015, she acquired a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Igbinedion University Okada (IUO) with First class Honours. Mary is passionate about educating the next generation, in particular, education in underrepresented regions, as a means to the less-privileged empowerment, enhanced economic development, and owning the narrative that all humans can contribute to the development of the world.

She advocates for equal rights to education for females in Africa. Her passion led her to volunteer in various noteworthy organisations in Nigeria that support new business start-ups for young aspiring female entrepreneurs. She also participated in establishing the continuity of awareness program on the danger of abuse, distribution, and cultivation of illegal drugs which earned her a certificate of honour (humanitarian award) from the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency.

In 2020, her love for tech and business drove her to work for a non-profit organisation (NGO), Girls in Tech, Dublin as a business data analyst which led to her earning a certificate in Business Analytics from Harvard Business School online. To further her understanding of innovation, creativity, entrepreneurial agility, analytical skills, business acumen, teamwork, and communication skills, in 2020, Mary spent some months at University College Dublin Innovation Academy and Technological University Dublin studying for a professional diploma in Transversal skills.

She spends most of her free time abstract drawing, writing, studying, and at the art gallery or museum. She also loves to capture the beauty of nature and humanity through videography or photography. She enjoys jumping rope indoors and goes for hiking or long walks in nature particularly during the warm climate.

Currently, she is an Advisory Council Member at Harvard Business Review and a member of the Girls Advisory Council at Women in Technology in Nigeria (WITIN). She also works as a consultant for emerging tech start-up companies and is a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at University College Dublin (UCD), School of Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering.

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