

## **ICPSP Research & Policy Contributions**

The Institute of Corporate and Public Sector Professionals (ICPSP) is committed to advancing professional excellence, ethical practice, and evidence-based policy development across Nigeria's corporate and public sectors. Central to this mission is the Research & Policy Contributions objective, coordinated by the ICPSP Research & Policy Committee. This initiative generates insights, guidance, and research that strengthen professional standards, inform policy, and positively impact society.

Through this objective, ICPSP conducts research across both public and private sectors of the Nigerian economy. Our outputs include:

- Professional Standards and Guidance Notes – Core thematic publications that directly influence professional practice and ethical conduct.
- Research Papers – Including topical research, conceptual studies, literature reviews, empirical investigations, and methodological research addressing emerging issues in corporate and public sectors.
- Contributions from Authors – Submissions from professionals, academics, and thought leaders whose work aligns with ICPSP's mission and vision, enriching professional discourse and practical application.

## **Student Essay Competition**

As part of the Research & Policy Contributions initiative, ICPSP hosts the annual Student Essay Competition, designed to inspire and recognize excellence in professional thinking and writing among undergraduates and postgraduates. The competition focuses on topical and emerging issues in Nigeria's public, corporate, and private sectors, including but not limited to: corporate responsibility, governance, ethics in emerging technologies, sustainability, and policy innovation.

### **The ICPSP Student Essay Competition aims to:**

- Encourage critical thinking and engagement with current and emerging professional and societal issues.
- Promote the integration of ethical and professional discussions into business, management, and public sector curricula.
- Identify and celebrate innovative ideas and outstanding research that reflect ICPSP's values and mission.

## Participation Guidelines

Students, professionals, and institutions are invited to contribute to ICPSP's Research & Policy initiatives and Student Essay Competition. Key participation steps include:

### For Research & Policy Contributions:

1. **Expression of Interest:** Individuals or institutions submit a brief proposal or concept note outlining their research idea, study area, or contribution aligned with ICPSP objectives.
2. **Approval & Guidance:** The ICPSP Research & Policy Committee reviews submissions, provides guidance, and confirms participation.
3. **Research Development:** Contributors conduct research, prepare professional papers, guidance notes, or case studies.
4. **Submission & Publication:** Completed research is submitted via the ICPSP portal or email [info@icpsp.org](mailto:info@icpsp.org). Accepted work is published or presented on ICPSP website ([www.icpsp.org](http://www.icpsp.org)) or journals, workshops, or conferences.
5. **Engagement:** Contributors may join ICPSP seminars, workshops, or policy dialogues, expanding impact and professional recognition.

### For Student Essay Competition:

1. **Eligibility:** Open to undergraduates and postgraduates enrolled in recognized Nigerian higher education institutions.
2. **Topic Selection:** Essays should address topical or emerging issues in Nigeria's corporate, public, or private sectors, including ethics, governance, corporate responsibility, and innovation.
3. **Submission:** Essays (1,500 – 3,000 words) must be original, properly referenced, and submitted in PDF or Word format via the ICPSP website portal, including student details, institution, and contact information.
4. **Deadline:** Annual submission deadlines are published on the ICPSP website. Late entries may not be considered.
5. **Evaluation:** A panel of experts evaluates entries based on originality, clarity, relevance, and insight.
6. **Recognition:** Outstanding essays receive awards, publication opportunities, mentorship, and public recognition through ICPSP events and media.

### **How Institutions Can Get Involved:**

- Nominate student participants or faculty advisors for the competition.
- Partner with ICPSP to host workshops, seminars, or research projects.
- Encourage students and staff to submit research papers, case studies, or thought leadership articles to the ICPSP Research & Policy platform.

### **Call to Action**

ICPSP invites members, non-members, students, and institutions to contribute to our research initiatives, submit essays, and actively participate in shaping ethical, innovative, and effective professional practice in Nigeria. Together, we can advance knowledge, influence policy, and positively impact society.

### **Research & Policy Committee:**

Prof. Khadijah Idowu (Chair).

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