

# BOLUWATIFE JIDE-OLUGBADE

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## SUMMARY

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I am a current master's student of Public Policy with a background and years of experience in the urban planning and consulting industries. My interest areas are in economic development, smart cities and digital transformation. I have developed valuable problem-solving skills in varied settings and I seek to contribute creative solutions to advance policy implementation.

## KEY STRENGTHS AND SKILLS

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- Excellent communication skills (written & verbal)
- Strong research and analytical skills
- Critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Proficiency in data analysis and modeling (R, SPSS, STATA, GIS, LaTeX, AutoCAD, PowerBI, MS Office programs – Excel, word, PowerPoint)
- Proven leadership skills and an excellent team player
- Urban planning and project management skills
- Audit experience and skills
- High degree of self-management and strong work ethic
- Drive and multitasking

## EDUCATION

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**Master's in Public Policy** **Expected May 2025**  
*Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA*

**MPhil in Planning, Growth and Regeneration** **October 2022 – July 2023**  
*University of Cambridge, UK*

**BSc. in Urban and Regional Planning (First Class Hons)** **September 2013 – April 2018**  
*Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Graduate Research Assistant** **September 2024 – Present**  
*Center for Advanced Communications Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA*

- Conduct in-depth qualitative research to assess workplace assistive technologies on individuals with disabilities, emphasizing their inclusion and well-being.
- Facilitate stakeholder engagement processes to identify effective workplace accommodations and their impact on employment outcomes for individuals with physical disabilities.

**Graduate Student Leader – GT6000** **August 2024 - Present**  
*Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Education, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA*

- Lead community-building sessions and workshops for new graduate students, providing academic support, grading assignments, and offering guidance on research, networking, and cultural adjustment.

**Public Policy and Strategic Alliances Intern** **June 2024 – August 2024**  
*Verizon, Washington D.C, USA*

- Managed stakeholder relationships with civil rights, and underrepresented groups as part of the strategic alliances team.
- Led research on community safety needs and AI policy perspectives, contributing to evidence-based strategies and memo.

**Graduate Research Assistant (Summer)** **May 2024 - June 2024**  
*School of History and Sociology, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA*

- Conducted in-depth analysis of Black construction workers historical data (1870-1970) to identify key trends

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** **August 2023 – May 2024**  
*School of Public Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA*

- Led recitation sessions and graded assignments, tests, and exams for an Engineering Ethics course with over 50 students.

**Policy Intern** **July 2023 – August 2023**  
*Network and Communications, Ofcom, UK*

- Conducted extensive research on the current mobile network code supply constraints and proposed policy changes and industry best practices to optimize code allocation.
- Performed policy review and analysis, prepared reports, and delivered an engaging and informative presentation.

**Associate****July 2021 – September 2022***Audit and Assurance, Deloitte, Nigeria*

- Worked as a member of project teams conducting audit engagements for energy, industrial, and resources companies.
- Conducted thorough verification of clients' business processes and financial reports to ensure credibility and accuracy.
- Facilitated and led interaction with at least 3 clients.

**Project Officer****January 2021 – June 2021***Cityscape Planning Services, Nigeria*

- Conducted environmental planning research, data analysis, and contributed to master and action area plans.
- Supervised project execution from initiation to completion for four projects.

**Research Assistant****August 2018 – July 2019***Centre for Human Settlement and Urban Development (CHSUD), FUT Minna, Nigeria*

- Contributed to technical reports published in CHSUD academic journals, and conducted planning research and data analysis.
- Managed administrative tasks, including organizing in-house records and maintaining databases.

**Urban Planning Intern****January 2017 – May 2017***Molaj Consults, Lagos, Nigeria*

- Contributed to technical reports, financial proposals, and environmental impact analysis reports for at least 5 projects.
- Utilized GIS for site analysis, mapping, and designing recreational and industrial layout plans.
- Managed clients' approval/procurement process of physical planning permits for proposed developments.

**LEADERSHIP AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES****Academic Chair, M.S Public Policy, Georgia Tech****August 2024 - Present**

- Act as a liaison between students and faculty, advocating for student needs and ensuring effective communication.
- Organize and lead initiatives to foster student engagement, professional development, and community-building within the Public Policy program.

**Chair, Application Dept. Student Government Association Conference Funds Committee, Georgia Tech** **August 2024 - Present**

- Manage, and supervise the Application Department, setting goals, delegating tasks, and ensuring efficient operations.

**Mentor, BMGA Fellows Program, Nigeria****July 2023 – July 2024**

- Mentored assigned mentee through regular one-on-one sessions, providing feedback and tailored advice to support their personal and professional development.

**Business Development Executive, African Business Chamber, UK****January 2023 – Present**

- Contributed to business development outcomes through value-driven insights.

**Proctor, Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, UK****April 2023 – June 2023**

- Invigilated students' examinations

**Participant, Engage for Change – Student Hubs, Cambridge, UK****April 2023 – June 2023**

- Led an independent sustainability project on waste and recycling.

**Consulting Associate, Bridges for Enterprise, Cambridge, UK****April 2023 – June 2023**

- Successfully addressed specific challenges and proposed actionable recommendations to a startup company.

**Member, Cambridge University United Nations Association, UK****October 2022 – June 2023**

- Contributed to impact projects on girl child education in selected West African countries

**Assistant Presiding Officer, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Nigeria****April 2019 – June 2019**

- Facilitated the coordination of Presidential and Governorship Elections in Niger State

**Project Director, SDGs Community Development Service Group, Minna, Nigeria****January 2019 – June 2019**

- Led three Community action projects including initiatives focused on women's empowerment and promoting hygiene awareness among students.

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING****Sustainability Essentials for Business****January 2023***Cambridge University Institute of Sustainability Leadership***Professional Development Training****June 2021 – November 2021***BMGA Fellows Program, Nigeria***Web Development Training****September 2019**

WAAW Foundation, Nigeria

**Health, Safety and Environment Training (HSE 1,2, and 3)**

**May 2019**

*Pearson Vue, Nigeria*

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## **AWARDS**

**Standard Bank Chairman's Scholarship**

**October 2022**

*Cambridge Trust, University of Cambridge, UK*

**Best Graduating Student, Department of Urban and Regional Planning**

**December 2018**

*Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria*

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## **PUBLICATION**

Dada, O. T., Ojo, D. B., Oladele, B.G., Popoola A.S., & Adebara T. M. (2021). Variability of sense of place in a typical Nigerian coastal community. *Geographical Research*, 59(3). <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-5871.12470>

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## **LANGUAGES**

- English (Fluent)
- American Sign Language (Proficient)
- Yoruba (Mother tongue)
- French (Basic)