# **OLUWATOMISIN O. ABIONA**

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## Summary

- 6+ years of experience conducting impactful qualitative and quantitative research for startups, scaleups and mature organisations leading to incremental volumes of over \$10 billion.
- Collected and analysed qualitative data using mixed methods in emerging and mature markets including surveys, interviews, focus groups and usability testing.
- Spearheaded process improvements of research democratisation and experience listening metrics that increased embedded teams' delivery speeds by over 30%.

## Experience

#### **Design Researcher**

April 2021 - Present

Wise, London

- Led multiple rounds of exploratory research with customers looking to send large amounts that contributed to an incremental volume of £155 million (+371%) in one quarter.
- Planned and executed usability testing sessions, identifying critical usability issues and driving design improvements on core products to grow new customer volumes.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to develop research roadmaps and upskill teams on user centered principles that increased the speed of delivery by 30%.
- Spearheaded research redesigning support surveys sent to customers after interactions with agents that increased reporting efficiency by 50%.

#### **User Experience Researcher**

## September 2019 - March 2021

Dext, London

- Owned the end to end research process delivering insights to embedded teams by utilising qualitative and quantitative methodology.
- Integrated research in service delivery for redesign projects of mobile and web pages that led to a 50% decrease in time to value for new users.
- Analysed customer behaviour to create persona and segments that informed long term feature roadmaps.
- Developed early careers company talent mentorship and training programmes that contributed to an increase in retention of young talent in the organisation.

#### **Customer Experience Researcher**

April 2019 - August 2019

Ipsos Mori, London

• Synthesised monthly customer metrics for clients; Google and EE utilising IBM SPSS and communicated insights to senior leadership teams.

#### Human Factors Researcher

July 2018 - April 2019

Bentley Motors, Crewe

• Synthesised usability trials focused on the ergonomics of new car interiors and HMI interface during the pre development cycle utilising statistical tool, SPSS.

## Education

## MSc Social and Cultural Psychology

London School of Economics and Political Science, London.

- Relevant modules: Contemporary Social and Cultural Psychology, Political psychology, Social psychology of economic life, Quantitative research methods, Qualitative Research methods.
- Dissertation topic: The effect of place in evoking collective memories.

#### MEng Mechanical Engineering with Design

#### September 2014- October 2018

September 2021 - March 2024

Imperial College London, London.

- Relevant modules: Visual Culture, Knowledge and Power, Mathematics, Statistics, Design, Art and Creativity (DAC), Design New Venture Creation and Enterprise (DNVC).
- Dissertation topic: Redesigning the e-commerce shopping experience through incorporating a virtual fit assistant.

#### Skills

- Qualitative methodologies: Usability testing, Interviews, Focus groups, Workshops, Observational studies, Contextual inquiry, Diary studies, Heuristic Evaluations
- Quantitative methodologies: Surveys, Card Sorts, Benchmarking, Data analysis, Customer Segmentation, Hypothesis Testing, Sampling A/B Testing, Statistical analysis
- Tools: Nvivo, Looker, Mixpanel, R, SurveyMonkey, Optimal workshop, Jira, Google Analytics, Usertesting.com
- Certifications & Events: Nielsen Norman Group UX Certification, Speaker at BlackTechFest 2023, Panelist at Brainstation Starting and Building a Career in UX