

**Title of Article:** The Influence of Contextual Factors on Entrepreneurial Intention of University Students in Nigeria

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**Abstract:** *The idea of owning personal businesses has been of serious contention between the young graduates and the government globally due to high rate of unemployment in most economies of the world and it has been argued that contextual factors in relation to educational support, structural and informal networks have contributed enormously to the development of entrepreneurial intention. As such, this study tried to ascertain whether there is significant relationship between perceived educational supports and entrepreneurial intention of university students and also to determine the effect of informal networks on entrepreneurial intention of university students. Four hundred copies of questionnaire were administered to 2 selected universities in Lagos and Ogun state to get the primary data. The study found that entrepreneurial educational support has significant relationship with the entrepreneurial intention of university students. Also the study discovered that informal network have positive significant effect on entrepreneurial intention of university students to start their desired businesses. The study recommends that universities should establish entrepreneurial development centers that will serve as a platform where students with entrepreneurial intentions can start expressing their intentions and that parents, friends and relations of these students should provide necessary supports thereby helping the nation to reduce its unemployment and crime rate.*