

AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF CYBERETHICS BY LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE DOCTORAL CANDIDATES IN TWO NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

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ABSTRACT

Library and Information Science (LIS) doctoral candidates need to source for information from various information sources which necessitate the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for their research and other academic activities. Their behaviour when using ICT will be determined by their awareness of the legal, moral and social issues which has an overall effect on them as students, university and society. It is presumed that LIS doctoral students will be knowledgeable about the ethics of using ICT for their research. This study, therefore, investigates the current level of awareness and knowledge that LIS doctoral candidates have about cyberethics. The PAPA (Privacy, Accuracy, Property and Accessibility) framework which has been used in many studies on ICT ethics is the anchor for this study. A survey design and a questionnaire will be adopted to collect data from doctoral students in two Nigerian universities. Data collected will be analysed using descriptive statistics, correlation and regression. Based on the findings of the study, recommendations will be made to promote compliance with cyberethics among the LIS doctoral students in Nigerian universities.

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