

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE OF DR. SUNNY E. OHIA



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Dr. Ohia currently serves as Dean and Professor of Pharmacology, College of Pharmacy, University of Houston, Houston, Texas. Dr. Ohia has been named the new Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost of Texas Southern University, effective from September 1, 2008. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria and a Ph.D. in pharmacology from the University of Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom. He pursued postdoctoral research training in neuroscience from Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada and an additional postdoctoral training in ophthalmology and visual sciences from University of Louisville Kentucky Lions Eye Center, Louisville. Prior to accepting the position at Houston, Dr. Ohia was on faculty at Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions where he served as a department Chair and as an Associate Dean for Administration. Dr. Ohia's research and teaching interests include the pharmacology of receptors that regulate neurotransmitter release and their signal transduction pathways in the eye. He has received research funding from both the National Institutes of Health and the pharmaceutical industry. He is active in several professional organizations such as the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.