



## TECHNOLOGICAL COLLABORATION, TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY AND SMES PRODUCT INNOVATION PERFORMANCE

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### ABSTRACT

The extant literature fails short of explaining the factors influencing the development of technological capability and product innovation performance in Nigerian SMEs. This paper therefore evaluates the existing literature and found that poor performance of Nigerian manufacturing SMEs has been attributed to their inability to innovate. However, it has been established that innovativeness is a function of firm's resource including technological capabilities. Consequently the study found and conceptually proposes that technological capabilities and product innovation performance are significantly improved with supports from other partners usually obtained from effective technological collaboration. Therefore, validating this model empirically will provide significant implications to industry players, owner/manager, policy makers and other stake holders.

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