

WELCOMING A NEW DIRECTOR



Professor Timothy 'Gbenga Nubi, graduated in 1990 with a B.Sc in Estate Management Programme from the University of Lagos. He also obtained his M.Sc. and Ph.D. qualifications in Construction Management from the University of Lagos. He has published 98 papers on various issues around Housing and Urban Development. His ambition is to find a lasting solution to African housing and urban management problems. He leads work in University of Lagos to overcome homelessness and poverty through housing and urban development. He founded the Ideal Habitat Initiative, a grassroots NGO, to introduce people to a cooperative approach to home ownership through urban regeneration and new built. His first book "Home Ownership Made Easy" was published in January 2003 and is a top seller, He has more than thirty-five papers on various issues on Housing and Urban Development.

He led the first national workshop on "Land Management and Property Tax Reform" which produced research benefits as well as practical applications to empower economically disadvantaged and homeless families in Lagos in 2003. He started his career at Federal Ministry of Works and Housing in 1982 and rose to become a Zonal Town Planning Officer in the then Bendel State before he withdrew his service in 1986. His commitment to Urban Development in Nigeria led to His appointment to the Technical Board of the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) in 2006. He served in the Advisory Council of Habitat for Humanity, Nigeria and First World Communities Ltd. as Environment and Urbanization, and Housing Finance International (the journal for the International Union of Housing Finance) as well as International Journal of Law and Management. He is currently managing the redevelopment of 60hectares slum community housing over 2,000 households in Lagos, Nigeria with funding provided by Lagos Building and Investment Company. He is a leading researcher into the dynamics of the Lagos Housing Market, preparatory to the emergence of the Lagos Housing Master plan. His wealth of experience in engaging with the government, communities, NGOs and Private Sector Organizations in Nigeria, UK, US and Netherlands has led to well established policy documents and implementation of key projects in housing and urban regeneration in Nigeria.

In 2004, he won the Eisenhower Fellowship Exchange Program in USA to represent Africa in a multinational program that involved 25 countries. The six-month exchange program took him to 22 states in USA and ten Universities, including University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia where he obtained a Certificate in Housing Finance. Nubi joined the service of the University of Lagos in July. He became the Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences in 2015. He has served in several committees among which are: Transportation, Security, Counseling, Staff Housing, Senate and Ceremony, Housing Unit, Post Graduate School Board and APC of PG-School. He is the current Chairman, Housing Committee University of Lagos and the immediate past Director of School of Foundation Studies. He is a transformation champion and often leaves a remarkable impact wherever he served. He is also the Founding Director, University of Lagos Centre for Housing Studies now University of Lagos Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development. The Centre was sponsored by African Development Bank as a facility commissioned to deliver a wide range of capacity building courses and academic research in the field of housing and real estate development and management. He has led research on the various ramifications of housing finance and urban regeneration in Nigeria and West Africa and has been published in such high Impact Factor Journals. In partnership with Nigerian UK Housing Society (NUHS) in 2013, he won a grant of six hundred and eighty two thousand dollars from the African Development Bank to start a Centre of Housing and Sustainable Development, the first of such awards in Africa. Under his leadership, the Centre won the rights to host a Centre of excellence in urbanisation and habitable cities under the funding of African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA). The Centre delivers a wide range of capacity building courses and academic research in the field of housing and real estate development and management. It runs short courses, Master of Housing Development and Management Programme, and recently obtained Senate approval to run MPhil/Ph.D. in Sustainable Urbanization. Under his leadership, the Centre has won several grants that run into millions of naira. He brings to the Research Management Office a commitment to enhancing the growing research excellence culture of the University.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Funding Agency: Argelander Scholarships for doctoral candidates from universities in Africa, Latin America and Visa.

Eligibility Applicants: African Countries.

Deadline: July 2022

DESCRIPTION

The aim is to provide funding for doctoral candidates from countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia in order to promote scientific exchange with partners, particularly in regions that have been relatively marginalized in terms of scientific production and to promote international cooperation in the priority regions indicated in the partnership strategy. The funding is for a period of at least 3 and not more than 12 months.

This funding line is intended to intensify collaborations between scientists in Bonn and their partners in the above- mentioned regions, and expand such collaborations with respect to the promotion of early-career researchers.

When the application is submitted, a formal or informal cooperation agreement should already exist between the home institute of the doctoral candidate and the host institute in Bonn. The host researchers in Bonn act as applicants.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/research-and-teaching/support-for-researchers-and-teachers/research-funding/university-grants/argelander-scholarships-phd-global-south>

HUMBOLDT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Funding agency: Alexander von Humboldt

Budget: Monthly rate of 2,500 EUR

Eligible applicants: Doctorate Students

Deadline: November 2022

DESCRIPTION:

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation enables highly-qualified scientists and scholars from abroad who are just embarking on their academic careers and who **completed their doctorates less than four years ago** to spend extended periods of research (6–24 months) in Germany. Scientists and scholars from all disciplines and countries may apply.

The research outline is carried out in cooperation with academic hosts at research institutions in Germany. Applicants choose their own topic of research and their host in Germany. Details of the research outline including information on the intended duration of the fellowship must be agreed with the intended host before applying. Short-term visits for study and training purposes or for attending conferences are not eligible for sponsorship. Candidates are selected solely on the basis of the evaluation of their academic qualification. There are no quotas for individual disciplines or countries.

For more information, please visit:



Funding Agency: Fulbright African Research Scholar Program (ARSP) 2023 for African Researchers

Deadline: 15 September, 2022.

DESCRIPTION

About the Award: Africa Regional Research Program.

Conduct research in up to three Sub-Saharan African countries. The Africa Regional Research Program (ARRP) has two overall objectives: (1) to increase or develop new contacts and intellectual ties between U.S. and African communities and (2) to contribute to scholarship on Africa. The most competitive proposals will be those that describe a significant and achievable research project and that demonstrate commitment to developing scholarly relationships with African faculty. Grantees are expected to give occasional lectures and seminars in consultation with host universities and U.S. Embassies and provide copies of their research findings to their host colleagues or institutions.

Continuous Grant Period: If applying for one continuous grant period, applicants can propose to conduct research either in **one country for three to nine months**, or in **two or three countries for five to nine months total**. *Applicants proposing more than one country must propose to stay in each country for at least one month.

Flex Grant: The Flex option is available for scholars who require multiple visits to the host country or countries.

For more information, please visit:

<https://fulbrightscholars.org/award/africa-regional-research-program>

TWAS-BIOTEC POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Funding agency: The World Academy of Sciences

Deadline: AUGUST 2022

DESCRIPTION:

TWAS-BIOTEC Postdoctoral Fellowships are tenable in BIOTEC and its affiliated research units for a period of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months and are awarded to young scientists from developing countries (other than Thailand) to enable them to pursue advanced research in biotechnology.

BIOTEC is seeking 1 position for postdoctoral researchers in the areas of biotechnology, molecular biology, biochemistry, immunology, microbiology, biosensors technology.

Eligibility

Applicants for these fellowships must meet the following criteria:

- Be nationals of a developing country (other than Thailand), and must not hold any visa for temporary or permanent residency in Thailand or any developed country.
- Hold a PhD degree in any of the following fields biotechnology, molecular biology, biochemistry, immunology, microbiology, biosensors technology, or related disciplines.

For more information, please visit:

<https://jfj.fund/call-for-applications-investigative-grant-programme-2022/>



BUILDING INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CAPACITY IN HIV ISSUES RELEVANT TO WOMEN IN NIGERIA

'Request for Applications'

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SUNDAY 31ST JULY 2022

The overarching goal of the Emory-Nigeria HIV Research Training Program (EN-RTP) is to enhance the capacity of researchers focused on HIV/women's health research in Nigeria, with the aim of promoting health and wellbeing for women living with HIV. It leverages the existing partnership between Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, and three institutions in Lagos, Nigeria.

Eligible Institutions

- Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) and affiliates
- University of Lagos (UNILAG)
- AIDS Prevention Initiative Nigeria (APIN)

Trainees

The EN-RTP offers long-, medium-, and short-term training of emerging investigators, facilitating their acquisition of the skills needed to pursue an independent research career. Below is a list of each training track and the requirements to apply:

Long Term (2 years)

- Applicant must either be: a registered postgraduate student at APIN, the University of Lagos or a NIMR affiliated university; a junior faculty at APIN or the University of Lagos; or a junior researcher at NIMR who is interested in developing a career in HIV and women's health.
- If accepted into the programme, each trainee will be enrolled at Emory University as students in special standing so they can take semester-long distance learning courses. Course offerings include - but are not limited to - the following subject areas: grant writing, data management, etc. Note that actual course offerings are based on availability.
- If accepted into programme, each trainee is expected to submit a grant such as the NIH K43 or equivalent grant application at the completion of the programme.

Medium Term (6 months)

- Applicant must either be a resident or junior scientist from the University of Lagos, APIN or NIMR.
- This level of training will be directed at advanced early career investigators (employees or students from the partner institutions) who wish to enhance specific research skill sets. This training track will offer participation in in-country short coursework and one distance learning course at Emory University, if available.

Short Term (<3 months)

- Applicant must be an academic member at NIMR, The University of Lagos, or APIN who seeks to update or acquire new skills in advanced laboratory or other research techniques.
- This track is intended for senior researchers who wish to acquire a new skill needed to complete a particular project and/or

enhance your research capability in general. Applicants must look for programs in Africa where they can acquire these skills and describe them in their proposals. Such training will include opportunities for the trainee to learn new and emerging technologies in HIV/women's health research, social-behavioral science relevant to women living with HIV (WLWH) in low to middle-income countries (LMICs), specialized research procedures, advanced computational sciences and bioinformatics approaches, etc.

Budget information

Trainees accepted into the program are given budgets based on the track they applied for. Below is a description of the types of funds available.

Training expenses (Medium and short tracks only)

- \$250/month up to 6 months (medium term) and 3 months (short term) support to acquire a specified training or research skill at a designated in-country facility of your choice.

Stipends (Long-term track only)

- Up to \$2,100/year support to enable trainees to commit at least 50% of their professional time on research training.

Tuition and Fees (Long-term track only)

- Up to \$700/year towards your MPH or PhD degree. Note the programme will only pay for tuition accrued during the time you are enrolled.

Technical expenses (Long-term track only)

- Up to \$1,200/year for career development/research-related expenses. Research-related expenses include supplies, participant incentives, coordinator effort, etc. Coverage of internet or communications directly related to your research can be provided as part of this budget on an as-needed basis.

Publications and Travel (All tracks)

- Financial support provided on as-needed basis. Expenses must be approved in advance by programme leadership.

Selection Criteria

Application reviewers focus on:

1. Demonstrated strengths and future potential of the candidate for a research career focused on HIV and women's health;
2. Quality of previous training and accomplishments;
3. Strength and feasibility of the research training plan/project;
4. Potential impact of the research area and question (including innovation);
5. Adequacy of support from the candidate's institution, research group and home division/department;
6. Quality, feasibility, and potential for success of the research project in case of long-term trainees; and
7. Likelihood for the research and the training plan to lead to a competitive grant application.

If you meet all eligibility requirements and are interested in applying, please go to the link for application instructions

<https://nimr.gov.ng/en-rtp-programme>

All application components should be uploaded to online submission system. Please use online submission system to upload your EN-RTP Application files.

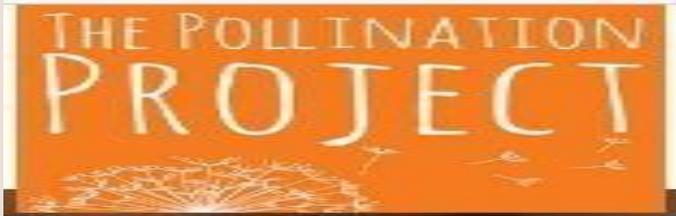
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For more information, please see: <https://nimr.gov.ng/en-rtp-programme>



Funding Agency: GLOBAL ANIMAL ADVOCACY PROJECT

Funding Amount: US\$20,000 – \$30,000

Deadline: Applications are accepted all through the year.

DESCRIPTION:

The Farmed Animal Advocacy Project support individuals and groups who are working to protect animals. The Agency is eager to fund projects that aim to have a large impact on animal welfare and are especially interested in work focused on:

- Reducing the consumption of land and sea animals raised using industrial agriculture practices- Reducing the consumption of land and sea animals raised using industrial agriculture practices
- Advocating for farmed animal welfare
- Helping animals that are not usually the focus of animal welfare efforts

This funding agency is a vegan organization guided by values of compassion consciousness. The grants are open for anyone in the world whose work is focused on helping animals.

Examples of projects that can be funded include:

- Vegan advocacy
- Farmed animal welfare campaigns targeting corporations or legislation
- Raising awareness around farmed animal cruelty
- Meat-free challenges
- Vegan options at schools or restaurants

For more information, please see link:

<https://thepollinationproject.org/gaap/>



Funding agency: African Women Development Fund Grants for Women 2022

Funding Amount: US \$20,000 –\$ 500,000

Deadline: Open

DESCRIPTION:

African Women Development Fund Grants for Women; African Women Development Fund (AWDF) is seeking proposals for grants from all eligible women-led and women's rights groups and organisations in Africa and the Middle East under Leading From the South.

African Women Development Fund Grants for Women in Africa and Middle East - Objectives

- Eliminate violence against women and girls & sustain respect for women's bodily integrity and autonomy
- Build women's knowledge and agency around their right to bodily integrity, autonomy and freedom from violence
- Increase public support for ending violence against women in all forms
- Facilitate the passage and implementation of laws and policies that will help prevent and respond to different forms of VAW
- Strengthen the evidence base around needs, methods and effective approaches - Protect full economic rights and justice for women
- Promote women's labour and economic rights and support women's organising in formal and informal economies

For more information, Please see link:

<https://awdf.org/>

DISABILITY RIGHTS FUND

Funding Agency: The Disability Rights Fund 2022

Funding Amount: US\$5,000 – \$100,000

Deadline: Open all year.

DESCRIPTION:

The Disability Rights Fund (DRF); Applications are now open for the Disability Rights Funding to support organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) around the world to build diverse movements, ensure inclusive development agendas, and achieve equal rights and opportunity for all.

Priority Areas for National Coalition Grants

- Passage or amendment of specific national legislation and policies to accord with the CRPD (including those related to COVID 19)
- Advocacy for budgetary measures as well as regulations to implement new or amended legislation and policy promoting the rights of persons with disabilities (including those related to COVID 19)
- Production of and/or follow up to Alternative Reports to the CRPD Committee and other human rights treaty bodies or reports to the Human Rights Council for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)
- Engagement with national government SDGs focal point, civil society SDGs platforms, and National Statistics Offices to ensure national action plans, programs, monitoring frameworks and data collection methods for implementing and monitoring the SDGs are inclusive of persons with disabilities and use the CRPD as a guideline

For more information, please see link:

<https://disabilityrightsfund.org/grantseekers/>



SADC RENEWABLE ENERGY ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT FACILITY
2nd CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
(WITH FOCUS ON WOMEN AND YOUTH LED ENTERPRISES)

The 2nd Call for Applications is now open until 12 June 2022

Funding agency: SADC RENEWABLE ENERGY ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT FACILITY

Deadline: Open

DESCRIPTION:

The Call

Enterprises, especially women-led or women-managed or youths, from SADC Members and Indian Ocean Island States, are invited to submit their applications for technical support in the following two (2) areas:

1. Refining renewable energy project proposals in order to reach bankability.
2. Enterprise development through the Facility's training and mentorship programme.

Please note that this is a Technical Support Facility and selected entrepreneurs will be sponsored to participate in the training workshops. Due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions, the training may be held virtually. Sponsorship will cover the transportation and accommodation costs should the training be conducted physically. The Facility does not provide capital funding but facilitates enterprise financing through matchmaking and linking entrepreneurs with potential funders.

The applications will go through a selection process and successful applicants will be contacted.

Submission: Please submit your applications using the Application Form to; energy@sacreee.org. Only electronic submissions using the Application Form will be considered.



Funding skills development

The private sector contribution



For more info, please see: <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000261984>



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Grants in Nigeria for Digital Jobs and Skilled Craft Work for Youth Apply by 31st August.

The Challenge Fund for Youth Employment (CFYE) has announced a call for proposals that specifically applies to digital jobs or skilled craft work for youth. They are inviting all private companies with ideas for projects that fit within the two windows detailed below to present proposals for co-funding from CFYE.

Windows

As CFYE have identified two thematic areas with opportunities for youth employment, they have split calls for proposals into two windows.

Each applicant must choose whether to submit a proposal for Window

1: Digital Jobs or Window

2: Technical Craftsmanship.

- Applications that do not match either of these windows (and thus type of employment opportunities) will not be considered.
- For more information, please see:
- CFYE is looking for projects that are effectively getting people employed within project duration (2 years).

In the application, they will therefore assess whether the project presents a realistic and convincing pathway to get at least 500 people in jobs (projects only focused at skilling youth without evidence of effective matching afterwards will not be considered).

- Only private companies can be lead applicants, but they may partner with other organisations such as NGOs and government institutions.
- The minimum contribution of the Fund is € 200,000. This should be matched by a co-investment that is at least equal to the grant requested.
- The employment conditions of the jobs resulting from the projects should be decent. For any job, the working week should be at least 20 hours and at most 40 hours – with occasional overtime.

Safe physical working conditions should be ensured.

Following government guidelines, the gross income for one full-time equivalent (FTE) should be at least NGN 30,000 but ideally reflect family-specific living incomes.

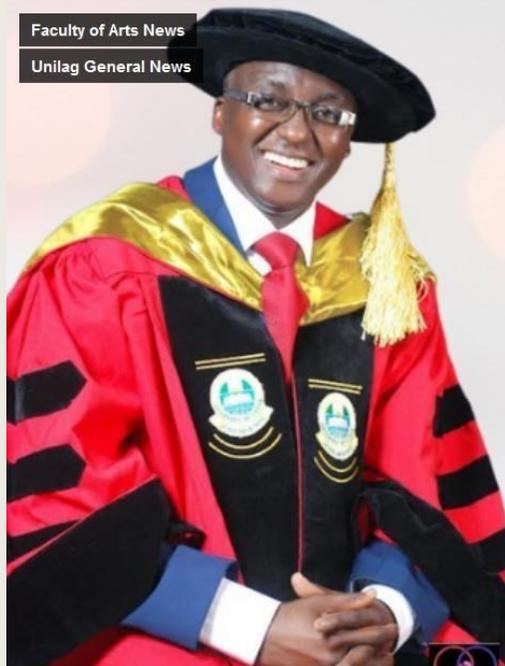
SPOTLIGHT ON A RESEARCHER

PROFESSOR OPE-DAVIES AWARDED VISITING PROFESSORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

Faculty of Arts News
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Professor Ope-Davies awarded 3-month Visiting Professorship Fellowship

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UNILAG Nigeria



Professor Tunde Ope-Davies of the Department of English and Director of the Centre for Digital Humanities, UNILAG has been awarded a 3-month Visiting Professorship Fellowship at the University of Hamburg, Germany.

This fellowship, commencing May 2022, was awarded by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation as part of its Alumni Sponsorship and Network programmes.



Prof. Ope-Davies has started his visiting fellowship at the University of Hamburg, Germany, as he mentioned during a virtual meeting held on 19th May 2022, between the RMO Director and all Centre Directors. The Director of the Research Management Office, Prof. Timothy Nubi joins the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwatoyin T. Ogundipe, FAS, in congratulating Professor Tunde Ope-Davies on this fellowship and wishes him a successful stay at the University of Hamburg.





MACHINE INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH GROUP (MIRG) UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS

PRESENTS

2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND ROBOTICS (MIRG-ICAIR 2022) SEPTEMBER 20 - 22, 2022

Artificial intelligence is the science of making machine act rationally and intelligently. It is one of the fastest growing fields and it is already being utilized in various sectors of our society, with great impact in agriculture, education, healthcare financial services and security. Emerging economies can benefit significantly from AI by applying it to provide new ways to overcome Infrastructural deficit and solve urgent development challenges in critical sectors. The purpose of the conference is to bring together experts and researchers in several areas of artificial intelligence through the creation and application of AI solutions, tools and technologies.

CALL FOR PAPER AND PARTICIPATION

Theme

Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Development and Productivity in Critical Sectors of Emerging Economies

Sub Themes:

- **AI Applications:** In agriculture, banking & finance, education, economy, health, Infrastructure, information retrieval, image processing & computer vision, insurance, mining, music, security & defence, transportation, etc.
- **AI Technologies:** autoencoders, deep neural networks, evolutionary algorithms, generative adversarial networks, machine learning systems, swarm algorithms, natural language processing, robotics, and autonomous systems etc.
- **AI for Society:** benefits, challenges, threats, and opportunities.
- **AI for the Future:** imagine and explores the benefits of cutting edge and innovative ideas of AI in the organizations and society of tomorrow.

Venue:

NITDA Hub, University of Lagos.

CHAIRMAN LOC:

Dr. B. A. Savyerr
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GUEST OF HONOUR:

Professor Oluwatoyin Ogundipe,
The Vice Chancellor,
Univeristy of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria.

Keynote Speaker:

Prof. Marcus Lhwicki Chaired Professor and Head of Machine Learning, Luleå University of Tech., Sweden.

Mode of Participation: Physical and Online

Registration Deadline: September 13, 2022

Abstract and Paper Submission: Abstract and full papers should be submitted at the conference website <https://mirg.unilag.edu.ng/>

Important Dates:

Submission Deadline for Abstract: August 1, 2022
Submission Deadline for Full paper: September 3, 2022
Notification for provisional acceptance of paper: September 9, 2022

Publication:

There will be a book of abstracts and papers accepted will be published in the Conference proceedings.

Registration Fees

Physical Participation (Early bird): N 20,000.00
Physical Participation (Conference Venue): N 25,000.00
Virtual Participation: N 20,000.00
Students: N 10,000.00

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OUR MOTTO

Advancing translational research output and uptake to meet societal needs

OUR VISION

To support researchers with information on funding opportunities, encourage collaboration and provide adequate training/services for the acquisition of knowledge and skills in grantsmanship that will enable carrying out of cutting-edge research

OUR MISSION

To be the flagship of innovative research administration and management in Sub-Saharan Africa, a catalyst for doing and up taking cutting edge research in the society

WHAT WE DO?

Pre-grant application services

- Funding opportunities: disseminate research funding opportunities
- Confirm eligibility of researchers according to sponsor guidelines
- Liaise with funding agencies on behalf of the university
- Interpret sponsor guidelines & regulations
- Register & assist with agency submission websites

Proposal Writing

- Review Request for Applications (RFAs) and Request for Proposals (RFPs)
- Proposal development
- Ensure compliance with submission guidelines
- Institutional support documentation for grants application
- Edit and format grants applications for readability
- Review and sign research proposals on behalf of the University or as a delegate of the University

Budgeting

- Budget templates
- Cost sharing
- Routing and approval

Training

- Provide training opportunities relating to grantsmanship for early career researchers.

Award Services Communication

- Identify and communicate proactively and effectively award parameters and sponsor terms and conditions to researchers and other administrative staff.
- Network with researchers to share and obtain information for effective scientific communication.

Project management

- Provide assistance to researchers and staff on post-award administrative processes
- Liaise with sponsors to ensure compliance with guidelines and to resolve conflicts and concerns (where applicable)
- Initiate and manage partnership agreements, sub-awards and sub-contracts with external collaborators

Fiscal Stewardship

- Provide support to researchers to facilitate the management of research funds and ensure financial management and control on behalf of external Sponsors.
- Ensure the preparation and submission of financial reports to sponsors according to set deadlines
- Coordinate and respond to audits and monitoring visits requested by sponsors in collaboration with other units such as bursary, procurement services and the researcher.