



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the April 2023 edition of our bimonthly Newsletter – the second in the series for this year! We are pleased that research activities are getting the required support through the RMO as we continue to expand our services to serve the University community better.

The RMO has recently subsumed the Central Research Committee Office, as well as the University-wide Ethics Committee (these includes the Human Research Ethics Committee –HREC, and the Animal Care and Use Research Ethics Committee – ACUREC). These mergers have been implemented in the University’s bid to provide a one-stop shop with comprehensive research administration support services to our teeming population of researchers. We are happy that the awareness of cutting-edge research is growing among faculty and the amplitude of research proposal submission is equally increasing. The demand for research support services has tremendously increased over the years, and we believe that by strengthening our processes, and ensuring strong synergy between and within these Office, the funding agencies will build remarkable confidence in our research governance structures and protocols.

Another paramount area where the RMO has gained significant support of the University to strengthen research administration and governance processes is in need to develop policies to guide research conduct. We have recently drafted and received approval for some Policy documents such as the Research Data Protection Policy, Risk Management Policy, the Research Misconduct Policy, and the Whistleblowing Policy. These policy documents and many other research governance policies shall be institutionalized to ensure strict adherence to global best practices. Other available Policy documents include Authorship Policy, Research Ethics Policy, Research Centre Policy, Grants Administration Policy, Patent Management Protocol, Research Policy, and the Animal Ethics Policy. We implore all faculty researchers to visit our website to read and/or download these policy document.

We, at the RMO, are constantly striving to streamline all processes for research administration and position the office as an all-inclusive Office for diverse support to all faculty investigators. The Office has provided support to a number of faculty researchers towards submission of their Concept Notes notably in the first cycle of the 2023 TETFUND Call for Proposals. We are looking forward to positive outcomes and preselection of UNILAG submissions for the next stage – which entails submission of the Full Proposals. We believe that through quality research support services, the potential for significant research outcomes and benefits would ultimately accrue to society in the form of economic development, and overall national prosperity. We are pleased to put in place strategic initiatives to help researchers carry out cutting-edge research that is better suited to serve a knowledge-driven society. The RMO is open to everyone for discussion and grant packaging.

Thank you.

Prof. T.G. Nubi





Elephant Conservation and Research Funding Support in Asia & Africa

The International Elephant Foundation's Elephant Conservation and Research Funding Support grant application process is a two-part process. Pre-proposals selected for further consideration will be invited to submit a full proposal by May 26, 2023 with a deadline to submit your full proposal by August 11, 2023. The selection of the final grantees will be in December 2023 for funding to be made available in 2024. Pre-Proposals should specifically target at least one of the following:

- **African Savannah Elephant:**
 - Human-elephant [conflict](#) mitigation and coexistence.
 - Reducing habitat fragmentation and loss.
 - Action to eliminate illegal killing and trafficking of elephants.
 - Community capacity building.
 - Conservation [education](#).
- **African Forest Elephant:**
 - Human-elephant conflict mitigation and coexistence.
 - Reducing habitat fragmentation and loss.
 - Action to eliminate illegal killing and trafficking of elephants.
 - Community capacity building.
 - Conservation education.

If the project includes direct contact or capture of [animals](#), it must meet humane standards of care when animals are involved.

<https://elephantconservation.org/initiatives/grant-programs/>

Closing Date: 20th June 2023

Applications are invited to the USF's International Fellowships for urban scholars from the Global South. Each award will cover the cost of a sabbatical period at a university of the candidate's choice, worldwide, **for the purpose of writing-up the candidate's existing research findings in the form of publishable articles and/or a book.** The proposed work should be completed under the guidance of a chosen mentor in the candidate's field of study. Funding is available for a period ranging between 3-9 months, and eligible research may cover any theme pertinent to a better understanding of urban realities in the Global South.

Eligibility

Applicants must be early-to-mid career urban scholars with a **PhD awarded within the preceding 10 years** (by the submission deadline) who currently work in a university or other research institution within the Global South. Candidates **must also be nationals of a country in the Global South**, defined as any country on the present [OECD list of ODA recipients \(2023\)](#).

Requirements

The applicant must make suitable arrangements to be mentored by a senior urban scholar at their chosen research institution. **Eligible research institutions may be anywhere worldwide**, and Fellowships based in Global South regions are equally encouraged.

Link:

<https://www.urbanstudiesfoundation.org/funding/international-fellowships/>



Applications are Open!



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UNIDO Global Cleantech Innovation Programme (GCIP)

Funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the GCIP is implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) in collaboration with the Co-Creation Hub and the Government of Nigeria, represented by the Federal Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation (FMSTI) and the Rural Electrification Agency of Nigeria (FEA).

The Program focuses on Nigerian Cleantech Start-ups working on exciting and disruptive solutions to Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, Waste Benefication, Green Buildings, Transportation, Advanced Materials, and Chemicals.

Link: <https://cchubnigeria.com/unido-gcip/>



Amount: up to 150,000 GBP

Deadline: 31 May 2023

The Foundation provides support, in the form of grants, towards artistic and educational projects. Financial support can be requested by non-for-profit arts organisations actively working in areas listed below.

Areas of interest

- Promotion of arts and culture of all Asia and the diasporas.
- Supporting established and mid-career level artists.
- Partnerships that explore global topics in creative ways.
- Courses, lectures, research projects, exhibitions and symposiums that cover a wide range of topics from Asia.
- London is our prime city for showcasing talent. International projects and those in other parts of the UK are considered occasionally.

The Foundation supports visual arts, digital production, music, written word, heritage & crafts. Most productions fall within the following format:

- Artist exhibitions or retrospectives, Large scale exhibitions
- New public commissions, Digital Projects
- Major festivals and biennials
- Prizes and awards, Long-term
- cross-cultural-research projects with public outcomes.

For more information, please contact:

<https://bagrifoundation.org/funding-opportunities/>



Land grabbing and land deals - call for grant applications

25 LDPI grants available to researchers in/from the Global South

This call invites applications for small grants to support research and writing around old and new themes related to land grabbing, aiming to understand the contemporary dynamics of land and resource 'grabbing'.

Twenty-five grants of \$3000 each are available to researchers based in the 'Global South' who have undertaken original empirical research and wish to write this up.

More than a decade ago, the Land Deals Politics Initiative ([LDPI](#)) was launched as a loose network of scholars and activists concerned about the rise of land, water and green grabs across the world and the consequences for rural livelihoods and agrarian relations. A massive wave of investment in land, resulting in expropriation and displacement had emerged following the financial, food and energy crises of 2008-09. We wanted to understand what was going on and how best to respond.

The global debate around land deals has diminished in the last several years, but important research and political questions remain.

- What happened to the hundreds of land grabs documented by researchers, non-governmental organizations, activist groups, news media, and aid agencies?
- What new configurations of land, labour and capital have emerged since?
- How has the rise of authoritarian, state-led populism and politics re-shaped the tensions between 'foreignization' and extraction?

Link: <https://www.iss.nl/en/news/land-grabbing-and-land-deals-call-grant-applications>



Amount: \$30,000

Deadline: 30-Jun-23

Applications are now open for the Voiceless Grants Program to support impactful initiatives in line with the vision to create a just, equitable world where animals can flourish. The Voiceless Grants Program focuses exclusively on the root causes of animal exploitation and works to shift the anti-animal values, beliefs and assumptions that shape their political, social, legal and [economic](#) systems.

Focus Areas

- Animal protection issues that are small or localised – in order to see maximum impact for animals, they want to focus on large institutionalised, industrialised, national or international issues.
- Animal welfare: minimising suffering for animals in captivity, minimising suffering for animals that will be used by humans in some way
- Projects that use animal products (animal-based food, leather, etc.)
- Projects or organisations that benefit, support, or are impartial to animal [agriculture](#) or other exploitation of animals
- Anything where the ultimate focus is human well-being versus animal flourishing.

For further information, please visit:
<https://voiceless.org.au/about-the-voiceless-grants-program/>



Call for Applications: African Public Health Emergency Management Fellowship

The Fellows shall be taken through a standardized training, mentorship, hands on experience, and technical assistance program leveraging on the PHEM Fellowship design of the US-CDC. During the training, fellows will receive specialized training in public health emergency management functions and operations, participate in study tours, work within Africa CDC EOC, take part in public health exercises and responses and receive guidance from global specialists in emergency management. Upon completion and return to home countries, fellows will be expected to facilitate the expansion of public health emergency management programs within their home countries and take up leadership and advisory roles in public health emergency management programs.

Target Audience

The fellowship is designed for midlevel public health professionals with experience in managing public health emergency operations centres or leading emergency preparedness and response programs in their countries.

Goal

To develop a cadre of African public health workforce who are highly skilled to coordinate and lead preparedness and response to public health emergencies in Africa.

Fellowship Structure

The PHEM fellowship will run for 24 weeks (six months). It will include eight weeks of in-person training at the Africa CDC's headquarters in [Ethiopia](#). During this period, Fellows will equally be matched with experienced mentors and coaches to support their continued learning experience. Fellows will then be deployed to PHEOCs across Africa including the Africa CDC PHEOC for eight weeks. The next four weeks will be spent on study tours, with each fellow getting a chance to visit one PHEOC within Africa and one outside Africa. To roundup the program, the final four weeks will be spent on didactic learning, project completion and final graduation.

Link: <https://africacdc.org/news-item/call-for-applications-african-public-health-emergency-management-fellowship/>





WAIT FOUNDATION GRANT



Amount: \$20,000

Deadline: Open

The Rapid Ocean Conservation (ROC) Grants Program

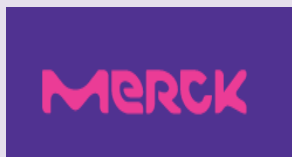
ROC Grant is a project of the Waitt Foundation. ROC Grants provide small grants with a quick turnaround time for solutions to emerging conservation issues and ocean protection. This complements the Waitt Foundation's existing major grants program and is responsive to conservation opportunities, supports higher-risk ideas at a low financial cost, and engages with small, local NGOs on a global scale. Project must support sustainable fishing and/or Marine Protected Areas. Refer to the "Program Focus" section on this page. Funds cannot be used for event sponsorships.

Project Duration – 6 months

Experience – Applicant must possess commensurate level of experience and expertise with respect to the proposed project.

Affiliation – Applicant must maintain affiliation with an academic institution or NGO for the duration of the grant project.

ROC Grants should constitute the sole or primary source of funding for the proposed project, not serve as complementary funding for larger, more costly projects.

**MERCK RESEARCH
GRANT ON GREEN
HYDROGEN**

Submission deadline 31 August 2023.

The Merck research grants program is open to scientists in all career stages who are affiliated with any research-based institution, university or company.

In the first stage of the Research Grants applications process, applicants submit their application containing non-confidential information only. You may apply for more than one grant or submit your application for more than one category. If your application is successful, you are invited to submit a full proposal under confidentiality and join a deep-dive workshop. All applicants are informed about the decision of the selection committee.

The second stage of the Research Grant process is a collaborative step, the deep-dive workshop. Finalists submit their full proposals and then work together with Merck managers and scientists to jointly optimize submitted project proposals. All teams reaching this stage will be informed in October. The deep-dive workshops are currently scheduled to take place in November 2023. The culmination of the deep-dive workshops will be the selection of the research grant winners.

The third stage of the Research Grants process is the Research Grant funding phase. To enable pay-out and project start, Merck enters into bilateral collaboration agreements with the winning recipients. Our collaborative Research Grants are a unique opportunity for researchers who are interested in working with Merck's scientists and receive guidance from industry. During the Research Grant funding period, there will therefore be regular meetings with Merck scientists.

Link: <https://www.merckgroup.com/en/research/open-innovation/research-grants.html>

**DARWIN
INITIATIVE**

AMOUNT: £100,000 and £600,000
DEADLINE: open

Round 29 sees the continuation of Darwin Initiative Main, now in its 30th year. Darwin Initiative Main invites applications for environmental projects between £100,000 and £600,000.

You need to apply online for Round 29 Darwin Initiative projects through the Flexi-Grant Application Portal.

Round 29 of the Darwin Initiative include the following schemes:

- Darwin Initiative Main – Stage 1 closed, Stage 2 by invite only
- Darwin Initiative Extra – now open
- Darwin Initiative Capability & Capacity – now open
- Darwin Initiative Innovation – now open

Additional material that you will be required to complete as part of your application can be downloaded from Flexi-Grant.

Darwin Initiative Extra will continue under Round 29 for projects between £600,000 and £5m. Darwin Initiative Extra is intended for projects that are on a clear scaling pathway: building on good evidence from smaller projects to demonstrating the potential to scale further by completion and delivering strong results for biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction. Darwin Initiative Innovation is aimed at projects intending to test a novel approach that if proven could scale to deliver results for biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction.

Further info please see link:
<https://www.darwininitiative.org.uk/apply/>



Horizon Europe 2021 - 2023

The European Commission has recently launched the Horizon Europe work programme 2023-24, as part of the broader Horizon Europe programme for 2021-2027.

Horizon Europe is the ambitious EU research & innovation framework programme for 2021-2027 that tackles climate change, helps to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and boosts the EU's competitiveness and growth. The programme facilitates collaboration and strengthens the impact of research and innovation in developing, supporting and implementing EU policies while tackling global challenges and supports creating and better dispersing of excellent knowledge and technologies. The work programme of Horizon Europe for 2023-2024 aims to support researchers and innovators in Europe to pursue breakthrough solutions for environmental, energy, digital and geopolitical challenges, contributing to the EU reaching its climate goals, increasing energy resilience, and developing core digital technologies.

This year, the programme includes targeted actions with key non-EU partners, including the second ever 'Africa Initiative II'. Building on the positive outcome of the Africa Initiative I of Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022, the Horizon Europe work programme 2023-2024 includes ~25 topics under calls for proposals to boost EU-Africa cooperation on research and innovation (13 open calls and 10 forecasted calls), with a budget of around €300 million under Calls for Proposals that are particularly relevant for cooperation with Africa. The calls for proposals, enabling the implementation of the short-term and medium-term actions of the AU-EU Innovation Agenda, require or encourage participation of African entities. Topics range from climate change, rural innovation, sustainable food systems and sustainable energy to bringing European highly innovative SMEs to the forefront of African markets.

Deadlines: Kindly note that the call submission deadlines vary between March and April 2023.

Important Notes:

- The budgets, project periods, deadlines and requirements regarding consortia and eligibility vary from one call to the other and must be consulted carefully with OSP before working on the call.

For more Information:

- Please visit the Horizon Europe Africa initiative calls tenders and funders portal which showcases all 15 open calls - under 'Africa'
- Please refer to the following link with related EU-Africa cooperation in research and innovation (R&I) details:
<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/africa/events/horizon-europe-launch-event-focus-wp-2023-2024-and-africa-initiative-ii>

If you are interested in any of the above opportunities or want to discuss further details, please contact osp@aucegypt.edu.

Call for Applications: From Growth to Well Being Think Fund

Closing Date: July 31st, 2023.

For decades, economic growth—measured as Gross Domestic Product (GDP)—has been the ultimate guiding principle for mainstream economic and political thinking. GDP was synonymous with rising living standards and continuous progress. Yet the last two decades have demonstrated that a blind pursuit of growth has caused catastrophic ecological harm, a mass extinction of global biodiversity, and led to an ever-widening gap between the world's richest and poorest people. In simple terms: growth, as measured by traditional economic indicators, is becoming destructive.

The From Growth to Well Being Think Fund offers small grants to experts, researchers, and writers - especially from the Global South - to develop proposals, recommendations, and ideas to move the conversation on inclusive and more equitable economic transformation forward. This will contribute to building a pool of innovative and cutting-edge knowledge in a regionally and professionally diverse manner.

ISSUE AREAS

Possible topics could include:

- What are complementary or other indicators that can serve as alternative measures to GDP?
- What are current data collections gaps that hinder the tracking of more holistic economic indicators, particularly in the Global South?
- What are other culturally and regionally different wellbeing paradigms like “Buen Vivir” or “Ubuntu,” and how can they be applied in practice?
- What are the key gender considerations that need to be taken into account (e.g. role of paid/unpaid care work for global prosperity) when moving toward a wellbeing economy?
- What is the role of International Financial Institutions (IMF/WBG) and how can they be transformed?
- How do we increase public awareness around the need to reorient our economic models and mobilize support for different policies at the national and international level?

For further information, please visit link

<https://us.boell.org/en/2023/03/16/call-applications-growth-wellbeing-think-fund>

Call for Fellowships: Research into online gender based harassment



Deadline: Ongoing Opportunity

Code for Africa (CfA) in partnership with Jigsaw, is offering research grants and technical support for evidence-driven analysis into how malign actors coordinate harassment and complaints against African women journalists and fact-checkers across 21 African countries.

The research fellowships come with a financial stipend, along with access to CfA's in-house research desk, as well as forensic analysts, data scientists and open source intelligence (OSINT) researchers, and machine learning tools for social listening or data/network analysis. The research fellows will compile evidence about online gender-based harassment into substantive public research reports that shines new light on the actors, networks and motives behind the online harassment and how it undermines public participation of marginalised groups on the African continent.

Where will my research be published?

- Fellows' research output will be published with their home institutions, as well as on this site. CfA will also collaborate with research partners to identify and publish in relevant high-impact, mass-audience media or industry journals. Research can also be published as pre-print papers.
- Depending on the research output, and the report format, the fellows may present their findings at public events or on broadcast media (as guest speakers) rather than in print media. As a principle, CfA will strive for syndication or multiple publications, to maximise impact.

Eligibility Criteria

- Individuals or small teams that work in African countries, or that are affiliated with African-based partners can apply.
- All applications will be evaluated by an internal review committee.

For further information, please visit: <https://feedshield.africa/opportunities/research-partners>



Centre for Human and Zoonotic Virology (CHAZVY), UNILAG

The **Centre for Human and Zoonotic Virology (CHAZVY)** recently received an International Award in recognition of its efforts in setting up **Quality Management Systems (QMS)** using the **ISO 15189** Standard by the West African Health Organisation (WAHO). The award was presented at the third ECOWAS Laboratory Network meeting in Cape Verde. CHAZVY Laboratory is one of the VHF reference Laboratories for Nigerian Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) in Nigeria and the WAHO Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (VHF) reference laboratory. CHAZVY has been on mentorship support for the implementation of QMS using the Stepwise Laboratory Quality Improvement Process Towards Accreditation (**SLIPTA**) to achieve the requirements of the ISO Standard by the NCDC and WAHO. Essentially, CHAZVY Laboratory has attained the Four Star (4 Star) level using the SLIPTA Checklist Version 2:2015 for Clinical and Public Health Laboratories and now preparing for the accreditation enrolment with the continued support of the NCDC and WAHO in collaboration with the African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM).

The **Centre for Human and Zoonotic Virology** was established as one of the Research Centres/Laboratories in the University of Lagos in 2017. The laboratory was formerly referred to as the Virology Unit Laboratory which has been in existence since the inception of the Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology, College of Medicine of the University of Lagos (CMUL). Over the years, the Centre/laboratory grew to serve various Tertiary and Private Hospital diagnostics and Outbreak investigations in Nigeria with collaborations/supports provided by the Nigerian Centre for Disease Control (NCDC); Laboratoire National de Sante Institute, CRP-Sante, Luxembourg; Volkswagen Foundation; German Research Council (DFG), Germany; the West African Health Organization (WAHO); Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) and the Lagos State Biobank Laboratory, Lagos Ministry of Health respectively.

The Centre oscillate between patient's diagnoses, research, and training and serves as the Virology diagnostics laboratory for the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), Lagos, other States Ministry of Health and Hospitals, Private healthcare facilities and the West African sub-region. The diagnostic section carries out various laboratory testing on patient's samples with suspected viral infections. Currently, CHAZVY is one of the reference testing Centre's for the COVID-19, Viral Haemorrhagic fevers, Lassa virus, arboviruses as well as other viruses of public health importance. The laboratory in conjunction with the Bernard Nocht Institute for Tropical Infections in Germany did plan and set-up the current Lassa fever virus diagnostic laboratory in Irrua, Edo State-Nigeria. We were designated the WHO-Afro Laboratory in 2014 after we successfully detected the Ebola virus in less than six hours of receiving the specimens of the first Ebola case in Nigeria. Currently we are in the forefront of providing DNA research information on the nature of the Lassa virus and other deadly viruses plaguing our communities.

RESEARCH FUNDING

Call for Application: Africa CDC – Pathogen Genomics and Bioinformatics Fellowship Program

3 April 2023

Theme: [Africa Pathogen Genomics Initiative](#)

Region

[Central Africa](#), [Eastern Africa](#), [Northern Africa](#), [Southern Africa](#), [Western Africa](#)



The Africa CDC – Pathogen Genomics and Bioinformatics Fellowship Program is a continental workforce development program targeting national public health institutions and laboratories in the African Union Member States to improve the use of pathogen genomic data for outbreak detection and disease surveillance. The fellowship is program is implemented in partnership with the African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM), and regional centers of excellence.

Who should apply:

The program is open to National public health institutes (NPHIs) and National Reference Laboratories (NRLs) personnel who wish to gain experience in NGS sequencing or analyzing pathogen genomic sequence data. Applicants should have a minimum of BSc degree and be a citizen of the African Union Member States.



Fellowship Program:

- The fellowship has two tracks – i) a wet-lab track focusing of end-to-end protocols for next-generation sequencing of pathogens; and ii) a dry-lab track with a focus on public health bioinformatics data analytics, interpretation, and reporting.
- The fellowship program aims to support technical experts and future leaders in public health pathogen genomics and bioinformatics in Africa.
- Training led by continent-based educational and professional subject matter experts
- Training at State-of-the-art facilities across the continent
- Multilingual fellowship program

The fellowship program has the following objectives:

- To train pathogen genomics and bioinformatics workforce to improve outbreak detection, investigation & disease surveillance in Africa
- To contribute to strengthening the prevention, preparedness, surveillance, and control of infectious diseases while supporting the implementation of Africa's New Public Health Order
- To contribute to knowledge and technology transfers and capacity building within and between African Union Member States

Potential candidates and host institutions:

- We are anticipating at least 25 fellows for the 2023 cohort
- 15 host institutions across Africa. Applicants should provide evidence of the host institution's agreement to accept the fellow for the duration of the fellowship period. Africa CDC and ASLM will support fellows to identify host institutions.

Further information: <https://africacdc.org/news-item/call-for-application-africa-cdc-pathogen-genomics-and-bioinformatics-fellowship-program/>



DELEGATES FROM NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION (NUC) VISITS THE RESEARCH CENTRES

April 2023

Reminder: 2019 – 2021 UNILAG RESEACRH REPORT

We are pleased to present to all faculty and staff of the University, as well as the external community and the world at large, our 2019-2021 Research Report.



A Research Monitoring Team from National Universities Commission (NUC) visited the University of Lagos on Monday, 20th March, 2023. The objective of the visit was to interact with Centre Directors to gain an insight into research and training activities going on in the various Research Centres.

The RMO Director, Prof. Timothy Nubi hosted the team and facilitated tours to a number of Research Centres. Questionnaires/forms were shared to the Centre Directors to enable the team gather necessary data. Centres randomly visited, and include: The Institute of Africa and Diaspora Studies (IADS), the African Center of Excellence for Drug Research, Herbal Medicines Development and Regulatory Science (ACEDHARS), the Central Research Laboratory (CRL), the Centre for Digital Humanities, and the ARUA Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development.

The RMO appreciates the commitments of all Centre Directors for completing all disseminated forms and enabling the team to give objective appraisal of research activities in UNILAG.



The Research Report for this period provides comprehensive details on the Research activities across the different disciplines and faculties in the University, publications in peer-reviewed journals, grants successfully won and implemented, engagement with society, innovation from cutting-edge research, and research partnerships built for stronger research impact on our society. Although the 2019-2021 period marked the years in which the COVID-19 pandemic caused significant declines in academic research productivity globally, the University of Lagos sustained its tenacity for research excellence and reputation as a premiere public research university with over N17b attracted in research income. We are glad to have electronic copies accessible to all our readers. To download a copy, please visit:

<https://research.unilag.edu.ng/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Annual-Report2.pdf>



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.