A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the February 2023 edition of our bimonthly Newsletter – the first in the series for this year! We are happy that routine academic and research activities speedily got back normal after the -- suspension of the industrial action 5 months ago, and the University is relentlessly gaining lost grounds in research. At the Research Management Office (RMO), our staff are supporting faculty members enabling them to collaborate industry and other stakeholders. In the past, communities that built universities have influenced them, informed their agenda, and held them accountable. The institution and the society it serves have developed a social compact over time. In determining the parameters of the social contract with universities, the federal government must fulfill its obligations. Public universities like ours were established to make education as accessible as possible while assisting in the development of the nation's abundant natural resources through research and innovation. Our Office continues to strengthen pre and post award support structures in order to adequately address the needs of the University.

We, at the RMO, are constantly striving to streamline all processes for research administration and position the office as a one-stop shop for diverse support to all faculty investigators. We believe that through their endeavors significant benefits would accrue to society in the form of economic development, security, public health, and overall national prosperity.

We are aware that globally, nations are evolving rapidly into a postindustrial, knowledge-based society, just as a century ago it evolved from an agrarian into an industrial nation. As industrial production is shifting steadily from material- and labor-intensive products and processes to knowledge-intensive products, we are equally re-aligning our strategy to gain competitive advantage in the current postindustrial knowledge economy.

In a very real sense, we are approaching a new era known as the age of information, in which the knowledge itself has emerged as the most important strategic resource required for development. We must continue to give it our all to generating new knowledge, teaching people, and achieving new levels of understanding in light of the society's increasing reliance on knowledge. To meet these goals, we must continue to compete for funding.

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

Julius Bär
FOUNDATION

Dedline: 24 March 2023, and 30 June 2023

The Julius Baer Foundation supports partners that are impactful, well organized, and visionary, and that have a solid track record in their field. Please take the specified criteria within each strategic core area into consideration.

You may apply for funding under the following conditions:

- your project falls into one of our two core areas: Wealth Inequality or Education Inequality
- your idea for a project on wealth inequality goes beyond poverty reduction
- you present a sound implementation plan and realistic budget for the requested funds
- you demonstrate, where possible, a likelihood of sustainability or legacy as well as impact
- your proposal integrates other stakeholders into a collaborative project
- you have a co-funding system in place (JBF does not cover more than 50% of the total organisational budget)

Furthermore, the Julius Baer Foundation does not support:

- individuals, political parties
- any faith-based organisations, regardless of religion
- leisure activities, entertainment events
- projects that seek support solely for salaries and wages
- fundraising or awareness campaigns
- activities that will have a negative impact on the environment
- any further art institutions (except existing partnerships)

https://www.juliusbaer.com/en/julius-baer-foundation/grant-application/

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE
Making Peace Possible

Advancing Peacebuilding through Inclusive Governance and Human Rights Research

Amount: $100,000

Deadline: 21-Mar-23

The United States Institute of Peace is seeking proposals for the Grants Program that develops innovative methods to improve peacebuilding practice through the study and application of democracy and human rights training in conflict zones worldwide. Priority will be given to applications which identify the factors impacting human rights education, outreach, and practice in fostering democratic values globally and the critical role they play in preventing and resolving violent conflict. *Applications should propose research with clear potential to generate recommendations for policymakers and peacebuilders on how to forge effective democracy and human rights education and training efforts that successfully build and sustain peace. Excellent applications will demonstrate how research findings will be drawn from rigorous analyses of evidence, especially evidence from USIP priority countries.*

Link: https://www.usip.org/grants-fellowships/grants/advancing-peacebuilding-through-inclusive-governance-and-human-rights

CDC-RFA-GH-23-0040
Technical Assistance Services and Programmatic Support to Address National TB Program Needs and Priorities Towards Their Efforts to End TB
Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control - CGH

Amount: $1,000,000

Deadline: 4-Apr-23

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is seeking applications for Technical Assistance Services and Programmatic Support to Address National TB Program Needs and Priorities Towards Their Efforts to End TB.

This NOFO aims to address global TB strategic priorities in high TB-burden countries and settings. Strategies and activities outlined in this NOFO will contribute toward the World Health Organization's (WHO) END TB strategy, STOP TB Partnership's (STOP TB) Global Plan to End TB (2023–2030), and commitments made during the 2018 United Nations High-Level Meeting (UNHLM) on TB through the United Nations Political Declaration on the Fight Against TB.

Recipient(s) will implement activities focused on TB screening and case finding, strengthening TB treatment delivery, TB infection prevention and control (IPC) measures, provision of TB preventive treatment (TPT), and incorporating efforts to reduce barriers such as stigma and discrimination, through evidence-based interventions for TB affected people

For further information, Please visit:
https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=344347

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/

Global Europe Thematic Programme on Human Rights and Democracy

Amount: Euros 20m
Deadline: 23 March 2023

The European Commission is pleased to announce the Open applications of the Global Europe Thematic Programme on Human rights and Democracy that contributes to justice and the rule of law through increased accountability for serious human rights violations and abuses. The specific objective of this call for proposals is to fight impunity by building the knowledge base for accountability, and developing comprehensive strategies and tools to address knowledge, capacity and commitment gaps. The initiative will (i) facilitate coordination, access to and sharing of information and knowledge by all relevant actors; and (ii) support their capacity to collect and use evidence and knowledge – for advocacy and accountability at the global, regional and national levels. The design of the impunity observatory must be organised around key components

- Knowledge management, Experience sharing, advocacy and awareness raising, Victim-centred, gender-responsive, trauma-responsive and human rights-based approaches, Support to local actors (including through financial support to third parties)

Link: https://www2.fundsforngos.org/latest-funds-for-ngos/global-europe-thematic-programme-on-human-rights-and-democracy/

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/

Request for Proposal (RFP) Telecommunications – Based Research Innovation from Academics in Nigeria Tertiary Institutions

Deadline: 12th March, 2023

The Nigerian Communications Commission, the Regulator of the telecommunications industry in Nigeria, supports amongst other things, telecommunications-based innovations and research from tertiary institutions in the country that are practical, locally realizable and have clear potential of developing the telecommunications industry. Pursuant to this objective the Commission invites proposals from academics in tertiary institutions to submit research proposals on any of the research topics stated below. It is envisaged that the initiative will help build capacity in the tertiary institutions and promote Nigeria's contribution to the pool of technologies in use in the communications industry.

Areas of Research/Research Topics

To improve the quality of the submissions, the Commission has included the specific topics in each of the Focus Areas of Research that should be addressed in the responses to this Request for Proposal as shown below:

1. Development of sensors for smart city applications such as traffic management systems, smart parking, smart grid, smart homes, smart institutions and smart network management.

- Innovative Smart city applications for broadband penetration. Areas including but not limited to smart parking, smart grid, smart home, smart institutions, smart network management etc.

Use Case

- Smart network management: This could include applications such as network optimization tools for improving efficiency and capacity, as well as cybersecurity solutions for protection against threats.
- Smart parking: This could include applications such as real-time parking availability information, dynamic pricing for parking spots, and smart parking garages with automated vehicle guidance.
- Smart grid: This could include applications such as real-time monitoring and control of electricity distribution, integration of renewable energy sources, and demand response systems for managing energy usage.
- Smart public services: This could include applications such as online portals for accessing government services, as well as connected systems for managing public utilities and infrastructure.
- Public safety and emergency response: This could include applications such as connected cameras for public surveillance, emergency notification systems, and real-time crime mapping tools.

Interested researchers are invited to submit ELECTRONIC and HARD copies of their research proposals on or before 12th March, 2023 to the address below. Please note that any proposal submitted after the deadline will be rejected automatically.

For further information, please visit: https://www.ncc.gov.ng/media-centre/public-notices/1320-request-for-proposal-rfp-telecommunications-based-research-innovation-from-academics-in-nigeria-tertiary-institutions-2

WAIT FOUNDATION GRANT

SMALL GRANTS FOR BIG OCEAN OPPORTUNITIES

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.

DISABILITY RIGHTS FUND

DARWIN INITIATIVE

- Small Grants range from USD 10,000 – USD 30,000 per year.
- Mid-Level Coalition Grants range from USD 30,000 – 50,000 per year.
- National Coalition Grants range from USD 40,000 – 60,000 per year.

Deadline: 23 March 2023

The Disability Rights Fund and Disability Rights Advocacy Fund are grantmaking collaboratives that 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.

Small Grants support growth of a broader and more diverse disability movement to advance the CRPD and the SDGs at local levels.

Mid-Level and National Coalition Grants support advocacy for more inclusive laws, policies, and programs. Because of the importance of joint advocacy at national and sub-national levels, only coalitions of three or more organizations will be funded. Applicant organizations leading coalitions must be OPDs, while partners can be either OPDs or other civil society organizations active in the promotion of human rights. Coalitions led by umbrella organizations or federations may include member OPDs as partners, but must also include at least one outside organization to be eligible. Coalition grants support projects over the course of two years, with second-year funding contingent on progress in the first year.

For further information, please visit:
https://disabilityrightsfund.org/for-grantseekers/

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**.

CODESRIA ADVANCED SENIOR RESEARCH GRANTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION STUDIES: CALL FOR PROPOSAL

Deadline: March 15th, 2023

The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, CODESRIA, with funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY) is implementing a research intervention to support senior academics in African Universities undertake research on various sub-themes related to the future of higher education in the continent.

The grant will be tenured for 15 months.

The overall focus of this intervention is to support research on systemic realities affecting African universities and the higher education space more generally. In designing this intervention, CODESRIA noted that the higher education space in the continent is strongly connected to prevailing socio-economic challenges like poverty, underdevelopment, insecurity and climate change. An appreciation of these broader contextual issues as they impact higher education will be necessary. Those submitting proposals for consideration should focus on the following sub-themes:

Higher Education in Africa and the SDGs, Digital transitions and alternative pedagogies for graduate education, Curriculum and graduate transition into the work environment, African universities and the national and global research eco-systems, The future of the social sciences and humanities in African universities, The changing nature of academic and scientific freedom in African Universities, The question of funding and implications for university missions and mandates.

A 5-10-page proposal synopsis indicating the specific theme/topic to be investigated, with a clearly articulated conceptual framing for the work to be undertaken and clearly linked to current literature on one of the sub-themes identified above. A letter from a senior university administrator, preferably a deputy vice chancellor for Research or academics confirming the institutional affiliation of the principal applicant Completed proposals should be submitted through the CODESRIA online submission system on or before the 15th March 2023 using the following link https://submission.codesria.org/.

Application Modalities

Those submitting proposals, either jointly or individually should include the following:

1. A recent CV highlighting the candidate's strengths in the areas indicated in this call
2. A 5-10-page proposal synopsis indicating the specific theme/topic to be investigated, with a clearly articulated conceptual framing for the work to be undertaken and clearly linked to current literature on one of the sub-themes identified above
3. A letter from a senior university administrator, preferably a deputy vice chancellor for Research or academics confirming the institutional affiliation of the principal applicant

For further information, please visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQr-HmfXZ-Q

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

FULBRIGHT AFRICAN RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (ARSP) 2023

A The Public Affairs Sections of the U.S. Mission in Nigeria are pleased to announce the annual call for applications for the Fulbright African Research Scholar Program (ARSP) for the 2024/2025 academic year. The program offers senior faculty from select Nigerian universities the opportunity to conduct research or carry out curriculum development activities at U.S. academic or research institutions.

ARSP offers two categories of grants as follows. Applicants must indicate their grant category.

1.   **Research Grant:**

ARSP research grant offers senior faculty from select Nigerian universities or research institutes, opportunity to conduct research in any academic discipline at a U.S. academic or research institution for a minimum of three (3) months and a maximum of nine (9) months, beginning no earlier than August 2024 and no later than March 2025. Applicants for research grants must hold a doctorate degree or equivalent terminal degree in their fields at the time of application. Preference will be given to individuals who have at least three years of university teaching experience and a productive scholarly record.

2.   **Program and Curriculum Development Grant:**

ARSP program and curriculum development grant offers senior faculty or administrators from select Nigerian universities or research institutes, opportunity to conduct research in any academic discipline at a U.S. academic or research institution for a minimum of three (3) months and a maximum of five (5) months beginning no earlier than August 2024 and no later than March 2025. Proposals should be linked to professional duties and demonstrate how the scholar will use the knowledge gained to develop new courses, curricula, or other academic programs at the home institution. This grant is designed for university faculty or administrators with less experience and who may not have had recent access to research or instructional developments in their disciplines. A doctorate degree is not required, but applicants must hold a minimum of a master's or equivalent graduate degree at the time of application.

Grant Benefits:

The grant covers J-1 visa, round trip airfare to the U.S., a settling-in allowance, professional allowance, monthly stipend, housing allowance, books-and-supplies allowance, and computer allowance. The grant also covers basic university health insurance as a primary insurance coverage and the Fulbright ASPE health benefit as secondary coverage. The grant also covers dependent allowance and travel of one dependent if he/she will stay with the grantee for at least 80% of the grant period.

•   **Application Deadline: Thursday, June 1, 2023.**

•   To Start a New Application: click "create an application" at: https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2024

RESEARCH OF FOCUS

AirQo Project of Makerere University in partnership with the Air Quality Monitoring Research Group (AQMRG) from the University of Lagos and UrbanBetter Lab Innovation Africa, University of Pretoria, have launched a city-focused consortium to scale up participatory and evidenced-based approach to tackling air pollution across African cities.

This pioneering multi-region partnership is an Africa-led collaboration and emphasizes the need to strengthen regional networks for sustained collaborations and will enable the partners to co-develop solutions for improving capacity for air quality monitoring and management across five (5) countries in Eastern, Central, and Western Africa including Uganda, Burundi, Cameroon, Ghana and Nigeria.

The consortium is supported by the US Department of State, with an established history of pioneering continuous air quality monitoring in data-hungry cities through the US Embassies across Africa. This partnership will build a '*regional community of practice to convene air quality experts, decision-makers, community groups, the private sector, and other air quality practitioners and stakeholders to create knowledge and develop best practices to;*

- *Improve air quality monitoring, modeling, forecasting, and data management;*
- *Expand awareness and understanding of air quality issues; and*
- *Develop and implement air quality management frameworks and clean air solutions across scales.*

In Sub-Saharan Africa, air pollution is known to be more deadly and costlier than malnutrition and unsafe water and recently HIV/Aids, and yet systems and deliberate policies to manage air quality are not fully established. Existing baseline data show that air pollution levels are over 10 times the World Health Organisation (WHO) annual guidelines across the participating cities, but designing tailored interventions would require a more high-resolution and continuous monitoring network.

Professor Engineer Bainomugisha, the AirQo Project Lead, and the consortium lead noted that the new funding collaboration is a big milestone for the African continent as it will not only improve the regions' capacity in air quality monitoring and access to air quality data but also strengthen cross-region air quality management collaborations in African cities.

"*We will establish regional air quality management hubs through collaborations with the partners in order to improve capacity in air quality management across Africa. Cities need to start collecting air quality data so that they are aware of their own contribution to air pollution and put in place mitigation efforts*," noted Professor Bainomugisha

. "*Through this funding, we will not only accelerate expansion into new African cities but also work with cities to build clean air solutions and establish air quality management frameworks. These frameworks will enable increased access to air quality data and capacity among local authorities in more African Cities to raise awareness for action.*"

The University of Lagos Air Quality Monitoring Research Group (AQMRG) will be coordinating the West African Research Hub which will bring together researchers, policymakers and advocacy groups from Nigeria, Ghana and Cameroon.

'We are excited that this collaboration gives us the opportunity to champion participatory air quality research work in Nigeria and West Africa.' Dr. Rose Alani, the AQMRG lead noted. Dr Alani Rose further added that the consortium's biggest strength is having a multidisciplinary and muli-stakeholder group including Lagos State Environment Protection Agency, US Mission, Evidence Use in Environmental Policymaking in Nigeria (EUEPiN)

U.S Mission Air Quality Technical Working Group (AQTWG), University of Yaoundé , Cameroon, University of Burundi, Ghana Urban Air Quality Project (GHAir), Federal Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development (CHSD), University of Lagos, Federal Ministry of Science and Technology (FMSTI), among many others; all with a shared vision for cleaner air for cities. Deo Okure, the consortium coordinator emphasised that the collaboration particularly advances new approaches to air quality monitoring and modelling while utilising a hybrid network of Low-cost sensors and reference monitors. A total of **65 locally developed low-cost sensors** will be deployed in the cities of Lagos, Bujumbura, Accra, Yaounde, and one other city in

Uganda and will be supplemented by existing reference monitors installed in the respective U.S Missions. City-specific Machine Learning and AI models will be deployed to predict and forecast air quality while improving the quality of low-cost data.

https://blog.airqo.net/establishing-regional-air-quality-networks-in-african-cities-6287d84cd525

UNILAG ITMO Receives Research and Innovation Systems for Africa (RISA) Grant for Project I2M

The Innovation and Technology Management Office (ITMO) has been awarded the Research and Innovation Systems for Africa (RISA) Grant.

The amount of fund received is **Three Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventeen Dollars** ($361,517) including an in-kind contribution of **Twenty Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred and One Dollars** ($28,701) from ITMO. The fund will be used to implement the *Innovation to Market*: *I2M Project* – Building an Integrated Support System for a Sustainable Innovation Ecosystem in Nigeria.

The Project is financed by the Government of the United Kingdom, His Majesty's Government (HMG), and supervised by Chemonics International Inc. It will run for a period of one (1) year, starting from January 2023.

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Folasade T. Ogunsola, *FAS* on behalf of staff, students, and other members of the university community, heartily congratulates the ITMO for its latest feat.

https://unilag.edu.ng/?p=18776

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.

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

KNOW MORE ABOUT THE RESEARCH MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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.