



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the fifth edition in our regular series of bi-monthly Newsletters for the year 2023. The Research Management Office (RMO) remains strongly committed to supporting researchers in exploring funding opportunities at local and international levels, as well as helping you implement your grants in line with global best practices.

We have resumed our dynamic series of Capacity building programmes for our Early Career Researchers (ECRs) to hone their skills for the submission of competitive proposals, as well as understanding what critical steps to take towards commercializing novel outputs of their research; especially where there is a strong evidence of commercial viability. We believe that building research capacity is essential for universities to remain competitive in the current global funding landscape, whilst investing in the development of research capabilities of our ECRs is pivotal to thrive in today's emerging research culture. The Research Management Office's (RMO's) grant writing programmes are to assist ECRs to contribute significantly in enhancing the University's reputation for cutting-edge research, advancing research outputs, and increasing research revenue.

In the coming months, we are planning to engage the industries in order to further strengthen University-Industry partnership for improved uptake of research output from our University. We must begin to think of strategic ways to leverage our geographic positioning in Lagos - one of the world's busiest cities with vast numbers of industries. We acknowledge that Universities cannot fulfil their limitless potential without meaningful partnership and strong collaboration with industries and across borders. In particular, partnerships between universities and industries have been identified as a vital strategy for rebuilding the country's ailing economy, and we are well positioned to set the pace in this regard.

In the current edition of our bimonthly Newsletter we bring to you some exciting funding opportunities in various disciplines as we are keen on ensuring that you stay up-to-date with the latest funding opportunities in your research interest areas. We are happy to support you in packaging and submitting your proposal as well as in answering any of your questions regarding the advertised funding opportunities in this edition. The proposal writing groups created to respond to the funding opportunities disseminated during the just concluded workshop are also free to visit the office for further support in submitting their applications. We wish to reiterate that we are always available to provide you with the institutional support documents (including guidance for completing due-diligence forms where necessary).

Wishing you all the best in your research endeavors!

Thank you.

Prof. T.G. Nubi





Closing date: 1 March 2024

Amount: €1,300,000

Call for Concept Notes

Cocoa, Maize, Livestock

Business Support Facility
for Resilient Agricultural Value Chains

Closing date: 10 November 2023

Amount: 200,000€.

Are you working in the cocoa, maize, or livestock (cattle, sheep, goats) sectors in a member state of the Organisation of African, Caribbean, and Pacific states? Are you from the private sector, with a high interest in resilience, competitiveness, or direct supply linkages with off-takers for sustainability?

Do you have an innovative idea that makes the above-mentioned value chains less fragmented, more inclusive, particularly for women and youth, sustainable, and profitable? This also includes innovations for by-products of the sectors.

Then this is a unique opportunity for you to realize your goal!

By applying for this MGF, you can obtain funding to realize your project idea in the named value chains!

For all MGF projects, the **maximal contribution** channeled via ABF will account for up to 50% of the total project budget. This contribution can go up to 200,000€.

For more information, please visit link:

<https://www.agribusiness-facility.org/funding.html>

Raw materials are becoming increasingly scarce. Their extraction and processing place an excessive burden on the earth through greenhouse gas emissions, biodiversity loss and water consumption. A transformation toward a significantly reduced raw material footprint is the societal consensus. This is the goal of circularity. Recycled and biogenic materials, prolonged product lifespans, refurbishing and repurposing are key to this.

What is funded?

The funding line 'Collaborative projects' is primarily aimed at the natural and engineering sciences. Participation from other fields is possible, if respective expertise is needed. Two to three researchers from different subfields with a common topic count as a collaboration. Funding is provided for original and practically relevant research problems towards closing raw material-product cycles. Topics for funding include amongst others bio-inspired material design, microbial and molecular conversion, valorization of complex waste streams, and recycling-friendly product design.

A second funding line for 'Practice transfer' is in preparation. Presumably, by the end of 2023 further details on this accompanying call will be announced.

For further information, please visit:

<https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en/funding/funding-offer/circularity-recycled-and-biogenic-resources>





THE CONSERVATION, FOOD & HEALTH FOUNDATION

Grants to protect Environment, improve Food Production and promote Public Health

Deadline: 1-Jan-24

The Conservation, Food and Health Foundation is offering grants to protect the environment, improve food production, and promote public health in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Fields of Interest

The following are examples of the Foundation's areas of interest within the fields of conservation, food, and health, and are not meant to be exclusive.

Fields of Interest: Conservation, Food, Health

Key Priorities

- In all of its areas of interest, the Foundation gives priority to projects that have the potential to advance the field, build local capacity, promote replication, influence public opinion and policy, affect systems change, and benefit people beyond the immediate project and its local context.
- The Foundation funds applied research, pilot projects, new initiatives, training, and technical assistance, rather than ongoing support for programs that are already well underway. An important goal for the Foundation is to provide seed money to help promising projects, organizations, and individuals develop the track record they need to attract major foundation funding in the future.

Link:

https://cfhfoundation.grantsmanagement08.com/?page_id=6



**UK Research
and Innovation**

Funding opportunity

Population and systems medicine: responsive mode: programme

The Medical Research Council (MRC) is looking to provide funding to support a programme of research focused on population and systems medicine.

The population and systems medicine board (PSMB) funds research to unlock the complexity of human health and disease across the life course.

The funding remit includes population health and the impact of environmental factors including the social environment on health outcomes. Research focused on the physiology and pathophysiology of all the major organs and systems, with the exception of the brain and the immune system, is normally supported through our other research boards.

MRC is looking to fund research in areas including, but not limited to: cardiovascular, respiratory, musculoskeletal, gastroenterology, renal medicine and liver function, endocrinology and reproductive health, maternal health and the early origins of health and disease, nutrition, metabolic regulation, diabetes and obesity, trauma, acute medicine and surgery, inflammation in relation to disease processes and the resolution of the inflammatory response, medical sociology, lifestyle, socio-economic and behavioural impacts on health, health inequalities, population and disease related cohorts

Link: <https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/population-and-systems-medicine-programme/>





Quarterly Research Grant Funding Programme

Funding Amount: £50,000 to £2,500,000

Closing Date: 16-Oct-23

This programme primarily funds preclinical and clinical research focused on slowing, stopping, or reversing Parkinson's. They do not fund research which is directed at symptomatic relief. There are three strategic aims; they believe that if they deliver these, they are giving themselves the best chance of realising the goal of finding a cure.

Priorities

- Due to the urgency requirement, they prioritise research which has potential to translate into the clinic within five years.
- One priority is therefore to fund and support promising clinical trials. This includes funding for trials themselves and pre-clinical research to support potential trials.
- It can also include funding any other research supporting or accelerating clinical trials and their outcomes, including clinical trial design, research into exploratory outcome measures, cohort definition, patient stratification, genetic data collection (e.g. bio-banking of samples), flexible bridging support (extension funding) for trials running into difficulties, screening libraries with appropriate assays, carrying out epidemiological studies, novel approaches to treatment or new methods of treatment delivery.
- More widely, the aim to cure Parkinson's (i.e. slow, stop or reverse) can include potential for preventing or delaying the onset of the condition, although prevention and delay alone are not priorities for Cure Parkinson's: they seek to cure those living with Parkinson's now.

Link: <https://cureparkinsons.org.uk/for-researchers/apply-for-funding/quarterly-research-grant-funding/>

Strategic Opportunity Fund

Funding Agency: Actionaid

Closing Date: Ongoing Opportunity



This is a rapid response fund that can be accessed by women's organizations and their networks for the promotion and protection of women and girls' rights. It is designed to enable women's organizations and their networks respond promptly to rights violations as well as seize unanticipated opportunities to create change in the lives of women and girls in Nigeria.

The grant positions the Local Women's Rights Organisations (LWROs) to be nimble in responding to women and girls' rights issues in any location. Since project commencement, 19 organisations including non-project partners have benefitted from this fund.

Target Audience: Community people, Farmers, Akwa Ibom Women Cooperatives, Kano Youths, Partners and Stakeholders, Women Farmers etc.

Eligibility Criteria

- If you have been in the NGO world for quite a while, you will agree that winning grants is not just about bank credit alerts. There are processes that spans across proposal development, review, pre-selection, due diligence, final selection, Work Plan development, and Work Plan Approval, before granting finally happens. These processes could take months, and sometimes years, but imagine all these including implementation, reporting, and funds retirement happening in seven (7) days? Yes, 7 days – they present to you WVL Nigeria project Strategic Opportunity Fund (SOF).

Link: <https://www.feministhub.org/strategic-opportunity-fund/>

**BIOCHEMICAL
SOCIETY**Grants and Bursaries

Diversity in Science Grants

Amount: \$50,000**Closing Date:** 6th December 2023

The Biochemical Society's Diversity in Science Grants (BSDCG) scheme provides grants of up to £500 to individuals, groups, charities or not-for-profit organisations.

BSDCG helps create and support a representative scientific community with our Diversity in Science Grants.

These grants are available to any individual or group with a project that will support and address issues relating to inclusion and diversity in science. You do not need to be a member of the Society to apply and you don't need to be based in the UK; these grants are open to applicants from any country.

This year we are particularly interested to receive applications that address one or more of the areas identified as priorities by our community in our 2023 survey:

- Neurodivergence in the workplace and improving access for those with disabilities;
- Supporting women in biochemistry and those with caring responsibilities;
- Communicating EDI data metrics for the biochemical community;
- Representation and diversity at conferences, events and on editorial boards;
- Recognition and promotion of the visibility of minority scientists.

Previous recipients of any of our grants are welcome to apply for funding from this scheme.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.biochemistry.org/grants-and-awards/grants-and-bursaries/diversity-in-science-grants/>





EO Climate Crisis Photography Competition 2024 Is Now Open!

Deadline: 26-Apr-24

Earth. Org's Nature and Wildlife Photo Competition 2024 is now open for submissions, where you will have opportunity showcase your work to the world, and win one of three cash prizes.

They invite explorers, adventure travellers, professional photographers and photographers working on the front line of wildlife conservation across the world to submit their photographs for the following categories: **Wildlife in Peril, Climate Action,**

Overall Winner: 6 of the best photos to be chosen from the two categories above.

The Winner of the Earth.Org "Overall Best Environmental Photo" 2023 will be awarded with US\$500. The Winners of the two sub-categories "Wildlife in Peril" 2023 and "Climate Action" 2023 will be awarded with US\$250 each.

Link: <https://www2.fundsforngos.org/environment/2024-eo-climate-crisis-photography-competition/>

Link: <https://earth.org/photocompetition-2024/>

PADI FOUNDATION

Deadline: 5-Oct-23 **Amount:** £400,000

The PADI FOUNDATION encourages and supports research and education related to aquatic environments. The Foundation will fund and assist worthwhile projects that either:

- Enrich mankind's understanding of aquatic environments and encourage sensitivity to and protection of ecosystems.
- Increase understanding of sports diving physics and physiology that will benefit the general diving public and add to the scientific understanding of man's relationship and ability to survive in the underwater environment.
- Improve understanding of, and response to, hazards to humans and ecosystems related to climate change in coastal and ocean environments.

The PADI Foundation offers worldwide grants in underwater science, environmental projects, and marine education. The Foundation supports research and education related to aquatic environments.

Eligibility

- Grant recipients include university faculty and students; teachers of environmental education; and marine researchers who work for conservation NGOs and other nonprofit organizations.

<http://www.padifoundation.org/guides-deadlines.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**.



STELLENBOSCH INSTITUTE
FOR ADVANCED STUDY

INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP

**Join a cohort of leading thinkers in a
creative space for the mind.**

Closing: 31 Oct 2023



INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

STIAS provides and maintains an independent ‘creative space for the mind’ to advance the cause of [science](#) and scholarship across all disciplines. It is global in its reach and local in its African roots, and values original thinking and innovation in this context. No restriction is placed on the country of origin, discipline, or academic affiliation when STIAS considers a [fellowship](#) invitation. It encourages the cross-pollination of ideas and hence gives preference to projects that will tap into, and benefit from, a multi-disciplinary discourse while also contributing unique perspectives to such a discourse. This interaction is fostered by inviting individual fellows or project teams where each team member is evaluated individually.

The STIAS programme comprises projects which are entirely self-generated and proposed by applicants, as well as projects and programmes initiated and led by STIAS, typically with select partner organisations (see Initiatives). STIAS fellows are expected to be resident at STIAS for the duration of a fellowship, with no academic obligations other than pursuing the proposed [research](#) project. The only other obligations are to share in the discussion over lunch which is served daily at the STIAS Wallenberg Research Centre, and to participate in the ‘Tuesday and Thursday STIAS fellows’ seminar where fellows in turn present their work to other fellows and invited academics from the local community.

STIAS accepts and welcomes proposals for team projects (typically three to five participants). Team members are usually accommodated in a large office with five workspaces and adjoining seminar room and lounge.

Link: <https://stias.ac.za/fellowships/individual/>



Apply for the National Geographic Society Grants Program

Deadline: 11-Apr-24

The National Geographic Society warmly welcomes and encourages applicants from historically and currently underrepresented and underserved populations to apply for its grant program.

National Geographic is committed to funding a diverse and globally representative cohort of Explorers. Funded projects will incorporate science, storytelling, and/or education, and must align with one or more of the Society's five focus areas: Ocean, Land, Wildlife, Human History & Cultures, and Human Ingenuity.

Funding Information

- **Level I Grants:** Funding requests at this level can be up to USD \$20,000.
- **Level II Grants:** Funding requests at this level can be up to USD \$100,000, but smaller requests will be accommodated and will not be more or less competitive.

What they Fund?

- Bold, innovative, transformative work
- They fund individuals working on projects in science, conservation, storytelling, education, and technology that align with one or more of the focus areas.
- And they don't just support their incredible work. They actively seek to help them network, connect, and learn with National Geographic and each other, empower them with cutting-edge tools, technology, and training, and further their impact and recognition through the storytelling.
- Methods and/or means of work must be ethical, sensitive, and align with the National Geographic Society Code of Ethics
- You may submit a proposal as the project leader for only one National Geographic Society grant at a time.
- You must submit a final report and media from any previous National Geographic Society grants for which you were the leader before applying to lead a new project.

Link: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/society/grants-and-investments/>



Mental Health Award: Understanding how anxiety- and trauma-related problems develop, persist and resolve

Early-career researcher, Established researcher, Mid-career researcher,

Where your administering organisation is based: Anywhere in the world (apart from mainland China)

Level of funding: £4 million

Duration of funding: 5 years

This award will fund researchers to investigate the causal mechanisms through which brain, body and environment interact over time in the development, persistence and resolution of anxiety- and trauma-related disorders. Knowing more about these mechanisms will help us find better ways to identify these problems and intervene at an early stage.

The funding is to drive a transformative change in our ability to intervene as early as possible in the course of anxiety, depression and psychosis, in ways that reflect the priorities and needs of people who experience these problems. This call will fund research that advances scientific understanding of the causal mechanisms through which brain, body and environment interact over time in the development, persistence and resolution of anxiety- and trauma-related disorders.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must address at least one of the following two priorities.

1. Research that considers multiple levels of explanation

The causes and solutions of mental health problems are likely to involve a combination of biological, psychological and social factors. Integrated approaches are therefore crucial to understanding the causal mechanisms of mental health problems.

We are therefore looking to fund research that examines questions at more than one level of explanation (for example, molecular, cellular, systems, cognitive, behavioural, social, environmental or societal). This may involve using different experimental models (for example, organoid and rodent models) and human participants; however, this is not a requirement.

2. Research in low- and middle-income countries

Of the more than 300 million people living with an anxiety-related problem globally, an estimated 79% (238 million) live in low- and middle-income countries. Despite this, research into anxiety-related problems in these countries has been underfunded, with less than \$2 million spent on anxiety each year, compared to over \$17 million spent on depression. Without a better understanding of how these problems develop, persist and resolve in these countries, we will not be able to progress towards our vision of a world in which no one is held back by mental health problems.

We are therefore looking to fund research within and/or across low- and middle-income countries, to better understand how different contexts may impact the trajectory of anxiety-related problems. [Read the full list of low- and middle-income countries.](#)

For further information, please visit link; <https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes/understanding-anxiety-and-trauma-related-problems>



RESEARCH FUNDING

THE CONSERVATION, FOOD & HEALTH FOUNDATION

Amount: \$50,000

Closing Date: 1 January 2024

The Conservation, Food and Health Foundation seeks to protect the environment, improve food production, and promote public health in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Types of Support

The Foundation supports projects and applied research that:

- Generate local or regional solutions to problems affecting the quality of the environment and human life;
- Advance local leadership and promote professional development in the conservation, agricultural, and health sciences;
- Develop the capacity of local organizations and coalitions; and
- Address challenges in the field.

The Foundation prefers to support projects that address under-funded issues and geographic areas. The Foundation funds applied research, pilot projects, new initiatives, training, and technical assistance, rather than ongoing support for programs that are already well underway. An important goal for the Foundation is to provide seed money to help promising projects, organizations, and individuals develop the track record they need to attract major foundation funding in the future.

Key Priorities

In all of its areas of interest, the Foundation gives priority to projects that have the potential to advance the field, build local capacity, promote replication, influence public opinion and policy, affect systems change, and benefit people beyond the immediate project and its local context.

For more information, please visit:

<https://cfhfoundation.grantsmanagement08.com/>



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/>



UNILAG Empowers Early Career Researchers with Grant Writing and Research Commercialisation Skills



The Research Management Office (RMO), under the leadership of Professor Timothy Nubi, held a grant writing and research commercialisation workshop for early researchers between Monday, October 23 and Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at the Tayo Aderinokun Lecture Theatre, UNILAG, Akoka. The workshop with the theme “Building Grant Writing and Research Commercialisation Skills – A Practical Approach” kicked off with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics & Research), Prof. Bola Oboh welcoming participants, noting that the workshop was set up to build capacity in terms of writing for and winning grants among early career researchers.

The two-day workshop taught early-career researchers about practical steps to submitting competitive research proposals, clarifications about grants applications, legalities, contracts, who can lead a team as a principal investigator, Central Research Committee (CRC) grants, administrative costs of grants, budgeting, etc. The interactive sessions provided participants with opportunities to ask questions and clarify grey areas on issues relating to finding research funding, patenting, commercialization and licensing of inventions, as well as developing a comprehensive budget for their projects.

For more information please visit:

<https://unilag.edu.ng/?p=28487>

2019 – 2021 UNILAG RESEARCH 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>

**YOU CAN NOW ACCESS SUPPORT FOR ETHICAL
APPROVAL**



THE RESEARCH MANAGEMENT OFFICE



HREC

The University of Lagos **Human Research Ethics** (UNILAG HREC) now has a Central Office at the Research Management Office, Akoka Campus. The Office has the same mandate as the Idi-Araba HREC Office, and brings all services for ethical clearance to your door-step at Akoka Campus. This further reiterates our commitment to have a one-stop Office at the RMO. The HREC Office has the following mandates:

- Verify that the rules and processes of the university regarding research ethics adhere to both national and international standards.
- Create institutional review and research ethics Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and policies for the University;
- Educate the university's staff and students about conducting ethical research and conducting ethics reviews by offering seminars, workshops, materials, and other resources
- Provide administrative support to all researchers applying for ethical clearance

The **Research Ethics Office** ensures that research conducted by University researchers/faculty and students, complies strictly with institutional policies as well as with global best practices. UNILAG HREC consists of the Institutional Review Board (IRB), which reviews research involving human subjects.

ACUREC



We are also happy to inform you that the University's Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUREC), which reviews and grants ethical clearance to research studies involving animals is likewise housed in the Research Management Office.

In essence, prior to research involving animal(s) can be undertaken, it is imperative to seek reviews of the project's ethical considerations and obtain approval from UNILAG ACUREC. Kindly note that it is a violation of global and national ethical laws governing handling of or use of animals in research without seeking and obtaining ethical approval. In essence, no research, teaching or testing that involves the use of animal should commence before ethical approval by the Committee. We are committed to ensuring that researchers do not dabble into unanticipated problems or complications for neglecting national regulations and policies governing animal care and use.

For more information/queries, please email: Unilagrec@unilag.edu.ng OR Unilagacurec@unilag.edu.ng

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.