



## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

**G**reetings from the Research Management Office (RMO) and welcome again to our Newsletter – the final edition for the year 2023! Together we have accomplished so much this year, and I am happy to announce that it has been a successful year for us in terms of strengthening international collaboration for research

and attracting research grants. The University of Lagos (UNILAG) attracted research revenue of over \$10.1 mil from competitive proposals submitted to various local and international funding agencies this year.

We also recorded excellent performance at the applications sent to TETFUND for funding with 8 Proposals reaching the final stage of the extremely competitive award. The 8 finalists were invited to Abuja for the final defense. These results demonstrate unequivocally that the University is securing an increasing annual research income. During this year, many remarkable research activities and capacity building programs took place in the University! Most notably, the 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial ARUA Conference was held in the University between 15<sup>th</sup> November and 17<sup>th</sup> November. The event facilitated plenary sessions and workshops addressing the broad theme of ***'Reimagining the Future of Higher Education in Africa'***. The conference brought together researchers from all member Universities as well as academics from different geographic areas. We had a great focus on our early career researchers with meaningful workshops focusing on honing their competencies with writing competitive grant proposals.

I'm really thrilled about the advancements that 2024 will offer; thanks to your persistent research efforts and our unwavering support at the RMO; especially in pre- and post-award administration. In addition to enhancing the capabilities of our early career researchers and fostering greater interaction with research center directors, we will keep offering possibilities for deeper engagement with foreign research institutions, funding agencies, and industry. In the coming year, we intend to work more with our Research Centres to facilitate town & gown engagements as well as uptake of research output.

We shall also provide stronger support to the various research groups via strategic programs to submit fundable proposals. We hope to consolidate on already established research support structures in our pre- and post-award functions while working synergistically with our sister office – the Innovation and Technology Management Office. Our goal is to increase awareness of our research projects and provide state-of-the-art research endeavors while interacting with the companies and society that utilize our research as end users!

We are pleased to provide to you a variety of grant requests for the final month of the year. Please review them and get in touch with us. As always, RMO is pleased to assist you with the application process. We are accessible as stated at our office, which is open Monday through Friday, by email, Skype, and now Twitter! Working with all of you has been an incredible honor! We wish you Happy holidays and a joyous celebration of the holiday season!!

Thank you.

**Prof. T.G. Nubi**





The AXA Research Fund would like to notify you on our latest call for proposals - '**Building Resilience against Systemic Cyber Risk**'- launched December 1st.

The call marks the beginning of a new partnership between the Swiss Re Institute and the AXA Research Fund, dedicated to address systemic risks. The Joint Risk Resilience Partnership is endowed with 1M€ over a period of 3 years and will hold annual calls for proposals.

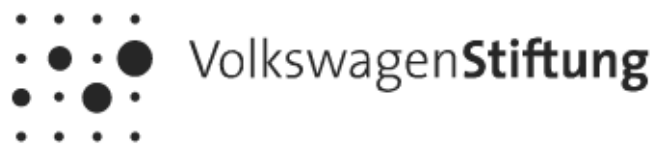
The first call on Systemic Cyber Risk seeks to improve the understanding of economic resilience to cyber catastrophes, in a world that is increasingly relying on digital technologies. Applications are open to academic institutions across the globe. Collaborations between academic institutions as well as with private sector, think tanks and NGOs are possible.

**Applications are accepted until February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

For more information, please find attached the relevant documents that will help you through the application process:

**Guidelines** (1) of the call & **Instructions** (2) on how to submit your application.

The application Help Desk can be reached via: [esf-panels@esf.org](mailto:esf-panels@esf.org)



**Closing date:** 1 March 2024

**Amount:** €1,300,000

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](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/>





## **WADA launches Call for Proposals for 2024 Scientific Research Grants and its new grant application process**

**EOI Deadline: 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024**

**Full Application: 31 May 2024**

**Help advance anti-doping research :** The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is pleased to launch the new Call for Proposals for the 2024 Scientific Research Grant Program. Science is key to driving advances in anti-doping. Innovative research helps the anti-doping community identify new trends in doping, new drugs, new delivery mechanisms, and new methods of detection.

**To submit expressions of interest for 2024 Scientific Research Grants Program:** Scientists interested in submitting an expression of interest (EOIs) as part of our [2024 Scientific Research Grant Program](#) are invited to do so via the Agency's [WADAGrants](#) platform. As [announced in October 2023](#), WADA's new grant submission system welcomes researchers to submit EOIs at any time during the year. In 2024, EOIs will be grouped into two cycles, aligned with WADA's Executive Committee meetings. EOIs will go through an initial review process prior to selected research teams being invited to submit a full application.

Link:

<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/news/wada-launches-call-proposals-2024-scientific-research-grants-and-its-new-grant-application>

## **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 WVLP Nigeria project Strategic Opportunity Fund (SOF).

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





## ERASMUS+ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024: CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The European Union Delegation to Nigeria and ECOWAS has announced the commencement of the application phase for the Erasmus+ Postgraduate Scholarship Programme for the year 2024. This prestigious programme offers Nigerian individuals the opportunity to pursue Master's and Ph.D. degrees in European countries, on fully-paid EU. The Erasmus Scholarship programme aims to promote academic excellence and international collaboration.

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Eligible Nigerians, including higher education institutions staff, are encouraged to visit the official Erasmus+ Scholarship website at <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/> for comprehensive details on application procedures, eligibility criteria, available fields of study, and invaluable opportunities for career advancement. For further information please visit: [https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/nigeria/applications-open-2024-erasmus-postgraduate-scholarships\\_en?s=114](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/nigeria/applications-open-2024-erasmus-postgraduate-scholarships_en?s=114)



## 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/>





## Bagri Foundation Grants for Artistic and Educational Projects

**Deadline:** 31-May-24

The Bagri Foundation is accepting applications to provide support, in the form of grants, towards artistic and educational projects.

- 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 and cross-cultural research projects with public outcomes.
  - Please be aware that the grants does not support Research & Development-only projects, scholarships and fellowships, and applications submitted by individuals.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Financial support can be requested by non-for-profit arts organisations actively working in areas of interest listed above.

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

## 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/>



## UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women

**Deadline:** 1-Feb-24

**Amount:** USD \$1,000,000

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women (UN Trust Fund) is inviting civil society organizations with proven expertise in ending violence against women and girls to submit project concepts to end violence against marginalized women and girls.

The UN Trust Fund welcomes proposals that contribute to one or more of its three strategic outcome areas:

- Improving access for women and girls to essential, specialist, safe and adequate multisectoral services;
- Improving prevention of VAW/G through changes in behaviours, practices and attitudes; and
- Increasing effectiveness of legislation, policies, national action plans and accountability systems to prevent and end VAW/G.

The UN Trust Fund will only accept applications from Civil Society Organizations with specialized knowledge, expertise, and a track record of working on defending and advocating for women's and/or girls' rights and eliminating violence against women and girls. Organizations are expected to have at least five years of relevant programming experience in the field of ending violence against women and/or girls. The organization must provide information on its technical expertise and experience in this field as part of its application, including an explanation of its history and experience working on this issue and the number and CVs of staff with the requisite ending VAW/G skillset.

Civil society organizations can apply for grants between **USD 150,000 to USD 1,000,000** for **four year-year grants**. This call encourages applications from smaller, local organizations through a dedicated **small grants funding modality** (between \$150,000 - \$250,000) that provides additional core funding.

This year's call has two funding windows:

1. **A General Window:** Addressing violence against marginalized women and girls and those experiencing intersecting forms of discrimination; and
2. **A Special Window:** Addressing violence against women and girls affected by crisis.

**Multi-country proposals** will also be considered, up to 10 countries, with a proposed impact beyond national level.

For more information, please visit: <https://untf.unwomen.org/en/grant-giving/call-for-proposals/application-guidelines>



# Request for Applications: Expansion of Community HIV Response in Nigeria

**Deadline:** 19-Feb-24

**Amount:** \$10,000,000

Centers for Disease Control – CDC is inviting applications to support civil society organization (CSO) group(s) to work with the Government of Nigeria (GoN) to expand the delivery of a comprehensive package of HIV services to sub population groups through community-led approaches in select CDC-supported sub-national units.

The NOFO targets closing service coverage gaps in adolescents and young persons (AYP) and key populations (KP) sub-groups including sex workers (SW), men who have sex with men (MSM), people who inject drugs (PWID), and transgender people (TG). This will contribute to Nigeria's attainment of the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) 95-95-95 targets, which require having 95% of people living with HIV (PLHIV) tested and diagnosed, 95% of those diagnosed placed on anti-retroviral therapy ([ART](#)), and 95% of those on ART virally suppressed. Recipient(s) will be expected to operate within community structures or develop innovative mechanisms to deliver integrated community-led HIV interventions for AYP and KP. This NOFO seeks to achieve impactful and sustainable outcomes that require implementation of innovative and efficient models of community-led prevention and treatment methods, including program monitoring and routine use of data for continuous quality improvement. The NOFO will support a shared programmatic approach that collaborates with, and builds the capacities of other community stakeholders, promotes local ownership, and contributes to Nigeria's overall HIV epidemic control efforts.

## Goals and Priorities

- Reducing the prevention and treatment gaps for adolescent girls and young women (AGYW), children, and key populations (KPs);
- Strengthening national and local programmatic, financial, and community leadership;
- Designing new partnerships with key private, public, and multi sector entities that can complement existing programs and expand reach;
- Investing in the scale-up of cutting edge behavioral and implementation science to bend the curve on new infections;
- Improving the care and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and related opportunistic infections by improving STI management; enhancing laboratory diagnostic capacity and the care and treatment of opportunistic infections; interventions for intercurrent diseases impacting HIV infected patients including tuberculosis (TB); and initiating programs to provide anti-retroviral therapy (ART);
- Strengthening the capacity of countries to collect, use, and share surveillance data and manage national HIV/AIDS programs by expanding HIV/STI/TB surveillance programs and strengthening laboratory support for surveillance, diagnosis, treatment, disease monitoring, and HIV screening for blood safety.
- Developing, validating, and/or evaluating public health programs to inform, improve, and target appropriate interventions, as related to the prevention, care and treatment of HIV/AIDS, TB, and opportunistic infections.

Further information: <https://www2.fundsforngos.org/latest-funds-for-ngos/request-for-applications-expansion-of-community-hiv-response-in-nigeria/>



# 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:

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### 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/>



## Follow-up on the UNILAG Early Career Researchers Grant Writing Workshop (II)



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 targeted ECRs to build competitive grant writing skills. During the workshop, participants were grouped into different teams and tasked to develop research proposals in response to some identified funding opportunities.

As a follow-up to the exercise, the RMO reconvened the participants (on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023) to monitor progress with the grant writing exercise and render support where necessary. A panel of experienced researchers were present at the event to take a critical look at the draft proposals by the various teams, and to make recommendations towards further strengthening the drafts – rendering them more competitive and compelling to the funders.

In the coming year, the RMO shall be conducting series of similar grant writing workshops while supporting multidisciplinary teams to respond to live calls for funding.

For more information please visit: Research Management Office.

## 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](mailto:Unilagrec@unilag.edu.ng) OR [Unilagacurec@unilag.edu.ng](mailto:Unilagacurec@unilag.edu.ng)





MERRY  
Christmas

*From all of us in 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.