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OUR MOTTO

Advancing translational research output and uptake to meet Societal needs

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

OUR VISION

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

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 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 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.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The first Library of Tomorrow (IFA-LoT) commissioned by Governor Adegboyega Oyetola at the University of Ibadan Research Foundation on 16 November 2019.
- New Innovation for Commercial Chicken Farming from University of Ibadan Research Foundation Grant Project.

Vice Chancellor's End of the Year Message



Prof. Abel Idowu Olayinka

It is an axiom that research is a major component in the operations of a university system. A great institution, a leading citadel of learning in Nigeria, is on the right track in this endeavour. During the year 2019, we have success stories to share in this direction despite our limitations. Faculties, staff and students have unequivocally demonstrated their commitment to excel in different disciplines as announced from time to time.

Of particular interest is the number of awards and recognitions resulting from research excellence recorded during the year. This could not have been possible without the good research output of individuals and groups. I, therefore, salute the courage of all faculty, staff and students who have continued to key into the University's vision and mission statement.

While we rejoice over the research exploits and feats recorded during the year 2019, I strongly believe that there is room for improvement in the coming year. One way of increased performance in the coming year is to improve on our current level of performance and the mentoring of the younger ones relating to research culture, which is a way of life acquired and exhibited. Since culture is acquired through learning and imitation, mentorship ~~issue~~ is very important in the academia. As a result, I want to acknowledge the various efforts to bring this to bear in our institution by various groups and individuals. In particular, I want to put on record the innovative strategies adopted by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships (RISP)), Professor Olanike Adeyemo, during the year 2019 to address the twin issues of mentorship and collaboration in our university. I am convinced beyond reasonable doubt that the "research" seed that has been sown will yield success. The University of Ibadan Research Foundation's (UIRF) IFA Library of Tomorrow (IFA-LOT) programme will assist greatly to achieve our dream in this direction.

As part of our effort to sustain research excellence, we have been able to train over 500 postgraduate and early-career staff through the MacArthur-Foundation facilitated Collaborative Academic Resuscitation and Transformation (UI-CART) programme in two clusters at the University. The first cluster consisted of Faculties of Arts, Social Sciences, Law, Education and Institute of Africa Studies, Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies (IPSS) and Centre for Petroleum Energy, Economics and Law. The second cluster comprised Faculties of Science and Technology. The objective of this programme is to promote multi-disciplinary research and infrastructure in all disciplines (in the Social Sciences and the Humanities??). The UI-CART project received initial funding from the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA). Realising the importance of the programme in improving research culture, we resolved to make it a university-wide programme. The first phase of the training was fully funded by the University Management, and it was designed to train early-career scholars and doctoral students in Faculties of Science and Technology with the hope of extending it to the remaining sectors of the university system in the coming year.

It is important to note that seven patents were registered by members of the University community during the year 2019; **ethics** is a laudable achievement in the history of this university. While we are happy for this level of achievement, we are confident that the coming year will be better. There is no doubt that our *gown- to-town* relationship has improved through research collaborations during the year by the number of private sectors collaborating with researchers in the university, as well as the involvement of communities in research programmes. A testimony of this was the Small and Medium Scale Industry Workshop facilitated by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships (RISP)) as part of the 2019 Convocation programme. **During the years we were able to organize the annual University of Ibadan Research and development Fair Committee (UIRESDEV) with huge success.**

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All the foregoing achievements would not have been recorded **were it** for the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff and students. I, therefore, wish to express my profound appreciation to all and sundry as we are closing this year with good success; It is sure that the coming year will be better.

Prof. Abel Idowu Olayinka
FAS, FNMGS, FNAPE, FGS

Vice-Chancellor.

Deputy Vice Chancellor (RISP) End of the Year Message



Prof. Olanike K. Adeyemo

Compliments of the season! I thank God on behalf of every member of the University of Ibadan community who **have** the privilege of witnessing the end of the year 2019; while praying for the repose of the souls of our departed colleagues. There is no doubt that this year has been characterized by robust research-driven activities (seminars, trainings, workshops, conferences, festschrifts, Summits, Fairs, etc).

I am positive every student, academic staff and non-academic staff **have** experienced significant progress within the year through such activities and others.

Research activities in our university during the year witnessed tremendous growth in many ways and through the many enrichment activities that have been put in place for such purpose. For example, the Multidisciplinary Research Collaboration (MRC) initiative was instituted with each MRC group allocated both internal and international mentors. It is our hope that this innovative idea would create and sustain the culture of multidisciplinary research collaboration, mentorship and grantsmanship in our university.

Our *gown-town* relationship has yielded immense results during the year; we successfully concluded the opening of a **MERCK's** institutional account to ensure direct access to equipment, reagents and other laboratory products. More than ever before, our researchers recorded increased opportunity for collaboration and partnership with private sectors to ensure that researches emanating from the University of Ibadan are geared towards meeting societal needs. For instance, in the realization of the centrality of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) as drivers of economic growth in Nigeria and to foster cooperative research and development (R&D) support for SMEs, we organized a summit that brought researchers and Small and Medium Scale industries together as part of the convocation programme. The 4th edition of the annual University of Ibadan Research and development Fair (UIRESDEV) also took place and was a huge success.

I hereby acknowledge and thank the many researchers who through great tenacity and scholarship attracted extramural grants into the University of Ibadan as well as the 12 research groups who attracted TetFund NRF Grants. I also acknowledge the seven patents registered by members of the university community during the year towards our effort to make research count for human development.

The partnerships of other tertiary institutions (local and international), industries and individuals who have enriched and/or supported research activities within the University of Ibadan in 2019 is also appreciated. Finally, I am highly indebted to every academic staff, non-academic staff and students for their sustained support. We look forward to raising the bar in 2020 as the management strives to provide the enabling environment and support needed for research activities to thrive at the University of Ibadan.

Professor Olanike K. Adeyemo
FCVSN, FEnv, FAAS, FAS, FTWAS

Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships)



Prof. A.S. Jegede

As the curtain of the year 2019 is drawing to a close, we are glad to share the joy of successful research administration at the University of Ibadan with you. The year has been full of research activities. These include a broad range of work of faculty, staff and students over the past year, which have positively addressed the University of Ibadan vision and mission statements, as well as the university's Motto, "Recte Sapere Fons", meaning "To think straight is the fount of knowledge".

Through the services of the Research Management Office (RMO), the year has witnessed a remarkable number of research awards, research collaborations with international and local partners, fellowships for staff and students, as well as scholarship awards for students. Some of the RMO staff have benefited from a number of training opportunities within and outside the country. All these could not have happened without the sustained interest of our hardworking Vice Chancellor, Professor Abel Idowu Olayinka, and the amiable Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Strategic and Partnerships (RISP), Professor Olanike Adeyemo; researchers and scholars, and the wonderful cooperation of the Principal Officers of the University, including the Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration, Professor K.O Adebowale; Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic, Professor A.B Ekanola; the Registrar, Mrs Olubunmi Faluyi; the Bursar, Dr. Michael Alatise, and the Librarian, Dr. Helen O. Komolafe-Opadeji, as well as the management staff of the University.

We recognise the cooperation of the Office of International Programme (OIP), the College of Medicine Research and Innovation Management (CRIM) unit, the University of Ibadan Research Foundation (UIRF) and the MacArthur Foundation towards our modest achievements during the year. The Research Ethics Committee made important contributions to the commendable achievements during the year. We are particularly grateful for the financial support by the Postgraduate College and the unflinching supports of the Provosts of the College of Medicine (Professor Oluwabunmi Olapade-Olaopa) and the Postgraduate College (Professor J.O Babalola). All the Deans of faculties, Directors of Institutes and Centres, as well as Heads of Departments kept our spirit high by attending to our numerous requests even at short notices. This is a clear demonstration of our readiness to sustain our enviable position of the first and the best University.

We are happy to note that our faculty, staff and students have continued to receive research-related awards and recognitions for their works during the years. During the outgoing year in particular, our staff were able to send out notices on many grants' opportunities and facilitated a number of grants' submissions.

We continue to work together to improve our services and expand the innovative strategies of addressing our challenges. Most importantly, we continue to work in unison to build and support an enabling environment created by the management to support and promote research culture and strive for commitment and excellence in research. All this would not have been possible if not for the hard work and commitment of our funders, local and international collaborators and partners. Their sustained interest and trust in our faculty, staff and students remains the main reason for many grants, fellowships and scholarships received during year 2019. We yearn for more and increased supports in the coming year 2020.

As we look forward to making the University of Ibadan a better research environment in year 2020, we resolve to working together with all stakeholders to make our great institution the first choice for all.

We wish you all merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Prof. A.S. Jegede

Director, Research Management Office

The first Library of Tomorrow (IFA-LoT) was commissioned by Governor Adegboyega Oyetola at the University of Ibadan Research Foundation on 16 November 2019.

The Isaac Folorunso Adewole Library of Tomorrow (IFA-LoT) was commissioned by Alhaji Adegboyega Oyetola, Governor of the State of Osun with the Governor of Oyo State, ably represented by the Deputy Governor, Engineer Raufu Olaniyan and the Pro Chancellor of the University of Ibadan, Nde Waklek, Joshua Mutka, mni, during the unveiling of the Headquarters building of the University of Ibadan Research Foundation on 16 November 2019. The commissioning of the IFA-LoT and unveiling of the Uduimo Itsueli Foundation Building are centrepieces of the one-day annual UI-Research Foundation event in celebration of the 71st Foundation Day and Convocation Ceremonies of the University of Ibadan.

The administration of the University of Ibadan over the past four years dedicated the one day convocation events to showcase the activities of the University of Ibadan Research Foundation. The event was hosted by the Vice Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Professor Abel Idowu Olayinka, FAS and the Chairman, Board of the UI-Research Foundation, the RT. Hon. Chevalier Uduimo Justus Itsueli, KSG, OON, DSc (Ibadan).



The Library of Tomorrow (LoT) has been created to strengthen the competencies and contributions of research leaders in cutting edge research and also to promote "Gown to Town" efforts on sharing research findings with all stakeholders for applications towards national development. The IFA-LoT consists of four major platforms including: Latest Research Information, Dissemination and sharing Platform (LRIP); University of Ibadan Research Foundation Journal Club (UIRF-JC); "Gown to Town" – Community Information Outreach Platform (CIOP); and Training Platform for Early Career Researchers, Postgraduate Researchers and Staff. IFA-LoT is named after Professor Isaac Folorunso Adewole, FAS, FSPSP, FRCOG, DSc. an illustrious alumnus and leader who continues to serve the university and the nation in various capacities. He is the immediate past Minister of Health of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ibadan during whose tenure the University of Ibadan Research Foundation was created.

An eloquent keynote address was delivered at the event by Professor Friday Okonofua, FAS, FAAS, pioneer Vice-Chancellor of Ondo State University of Medical Sciences, Ondo State. A session of the Journal Club was also held for 75 Early Career Researchers (ECRs) and Postgraduate Research Scholars of the University of Ibadan during the events.



(L-R) The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, University of Ibadan, Nde Waklek, Joshua Mutka; the Oyo State Deputy Governor, Mr. Rauf Olaniyan; Osun State Executive Governor, Mr Gboyega Oyetola; the immediate past Minister of Health and Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Professor Isaac Folorunso Adewole and his wife, Dr. Adewole; the Chairman of Board of the University of Ibadan Research Foundation, The Rt. Hon. Chevalier Uduimo J. Itsueli and his wife; at the Unveiling of Uduimo Itsueli Foundation Building & Commissioning of the Isaac Folorunso Adewole Library of Tomorrow (IFA-LoT) on 16 November, 2019 held at UI-RF Headquarters, Ajibode, University of Ibadan, Ibadan

Alhaji Oyetola, Governor, State of Osun commended the efforts of the University of Ibadan for always maintaining the “first” and pioneering innovations to enhance contributions to national development. He noted that the innovative interactive research platform such as IFA-LoT would nurture Early Career Researchers (ECRs) and Postgraduate Research Scholars (PGRs) into becoming leaders of thoughts and also promoting knowledge-based development agenda necessary for the socio-political and economic development of Nigeria.



(L-R) Mr. U. K. Ekemezie, Professor A. M. J. Oduola, Mrs. Olubunmi O. Faluyi, the Registrar, University of Ibadan, Daughter to The Rt. Hon. Chevalier Uduimo J. Itsueli, The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, University of Ibadan, Nde Waklek, Joshua Mutka; The Rt. Hon. Chevalier Uduimo J. Itsueli and his wife and guests at the Commissioning of the Isaac Folorunso Adewole Library of Tomorrow (IFA-LoT) on 16 November, 2019 held at UI-RF Headquarters, Ajibode, University of Ibadan, Ibadan

Professor Adeyinka Aderinto, coordinator of the Friends of IFA initiative and former Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Ibadan anchored a fund raising session to support the activities of the Library of Tomorrow. Several friends of IFA were on ground and gave generously to support the IFA-LoT. Professor Ayoade M. J. Oduola, the Director, University of Ibadan Research Foundation in his remarks noted that IFA-LoT is predicated on efforts to enhance contributions of research to national development through access to quality literature, the ability of research leaders to conceptualize issues and proffer solutions with well-designed research methodologies. He thanked everyone for their leadership and expressed gratitude, especially to those who have given and plan to give generously to support the objectives of the IFA-LoT. The Director assured all donors that the donations and contributions would be judiciously managed for the sole aim of achieving the full potentials of the library.



(L-R) The Vice Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Professor Abel Idowu Olayinka, FAS; the Chairman of Board of the University of Ibadan Research Foundation, The Rt. Hon. Chevalier Uduimo J. Itsueli, his wife and his daughter; the immediate past Minister of Health and former Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Professor Isaac Folorunso Adewole; the Director, UI-Research Foundation, Professor A. M. J. Oduola and a member of the Board of UI-Research Foundation and former Vice Chancellor of Ondo State University of Science and Technology, Professor A. Adesomoju at the Unveiling of Uduimo Itsueli Foundation Building & Commissioning of the Isaac Folorunso Adewole Library of Tomorrow (IFA-LoT) on 16 November, 2019 held at UI-RF Headquarters, Ajibode, University of Ibadan, Ibadan

The Governor and other dignitaries who toured the facilities and the four platforms of the library already put in place commended the effort of the UI-Research Foundation Team and promised to always support the vision of the IFA-LoT. The successful program was led by Mrs. Olubunmi O. Faluyi, the Registrar, University of Ibadan, Professor Omolola Atalabi, Chair of the University of Ibadan Ceremonials Committee, Mr. U. K. Ekemezie, Deputy Registrar, UI-RF, Professor A. M. J. Oduola, Director, UI-RF, members of the Working Group at the UI-Research Foundation, the Convocation Events Journal Club Planning Committee hosted by Professor Oderinde at the MacArthur Foundation and the support of Friends of Professor Isaac Folorunso Adewole, Initiative led by Professor Foluso Okunmadewa.

New Innovation for Commercial Chicken Farming from University of Ibadan Research Foundation Grant Project

*Influence of garlic (*Allium sativum*) feed inclusion on production performance and health of commercial chickens*

Increasing prevalence of antibiotic resistant diseases causing agents and threat to public health have led to the ban on the use of antibiotics as growth promoters in food animals including chickens in many countries of the world. The University of Ibadan Research Foundation awarded a grant of Seven million Naira (N 7,500,000.00) in 2014 to research leaders at the



University of Ibadan to look for solutions especially the use of non-conventional growth promoters that can be scaled up for commercial

chicken farmers and industry in Nigeria.

The use of garlic as a feed additive for commercial poultry production have been considered by research leaders at University of Ibadan due to its known antibacterial, antiprotozoan and antioxidant effects. The group led by Professor Omolade Oladele Faculty of Veterinary medicine, in pilot studies developed a user-friendly garlic-meal which gave promising results and the product and its processing was registered as a patent (NG/P/2012/285).

The grant from the UI-Research Foundation for the detail studies showed that garlic-meal is valuable as feed additive for chicken production. The new garlic-meal:



Influence of garlic (*Allium sativum*)'s Team

- Improved indices of health status, as well as, humoral and cellular immunity,
- Increased egg production with more profit over the cost of garlic,
- Prolonged shelf-life of table eggs,
- Demonstrated antiparasitic and antibacterial effects and
- Enhanced the flavor, juiciness and overall acceptability of the chicken meat.

University of Ibadan Research Foundation is currently exploring framework for commercial partnerships and production of the garlic-meal as feed additive or value-added feed for poultry farmers in Nigeria.

Research Team Members:

1. Professor Omolade A. Oladele, Avian/Poultry Medicine (Principal Investigator)
Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ibadan
2. Dr. O. A. Abu, Ph.D., Animal Science, (Co-Principal Investigator)
Department of Animal Science, University of Ibadan
3. Dr. Olufunke O. Ezekiel, Ph.D. **Professor Omolade A. Oladele**
Food Technology (Co-Principal Investigator)
Department of Food Technology, University of Ibadan
4. Dr. O. O. Esan, MVSc., Avian Medicine (Investigator)
Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ibadan
5. Dr. Olutola Oyedele, Agricultural Extensionist, (Investigator)
National Horticultural Research Institute (NIHORT), Idi-Ishin, Ibadan.
6. Mrs Yemisi Adewale, Agronomist, National Horticultural Research (NIHORT) Idi-Ishin, Ibadan.



Fellowships

Jefferson Scholars Foundation National Fellowship Program 2020 (stipend of \$25,000)

Deadline: February 1, 2020

Applications are open for the Jefferson Scholars Foundation National Fellowship Program 2020. The National Fellowship Program supports outstanding scholars at top institutions across the country who are completing dissertations in American history, politics, public policy and foreign relations.

National Fellows have the opportunity to connect with and be a part of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation's interdisciplinary community of world-class Scholars and Fellows at the University of Virginia. The Jefferson Scholars Foundation encourages applicants from a broad range of disciplines, including, but not limited to, history, political science, policy studies, law, political economy, communications and media, and sociology.

Fellowship Details

Each Fellow is required to participate in two conferences, one in the fall and one in the spring. The conferences provide a forum for presenting research and findings to the scholarly community at the Jefferson Scholars Foundation and the University of Virginia. The spring conference in particular provides an opportunity to receive feedback from mentors who are also in attendance. Expenses for both conferences are paid for by the Jefferson Scholars Foundation.

Residence at the Jefferson Scholars Foundation is encouraged but not required for all Fellows, with the exception of the Louis Galambos National Fellowship (which requires residence at the Hagley Library during the academic year). With the exception of the Louis Galambos National Fellow, Fellows who choose to be in residence will receive an additional stipend of \$1,500 in lieu of costs associated with Fellows' travel and lodging for the spring and fall conferences.

All Fellows, regardless of residency, are expected to participate in and contribute to the interdisciplinary community of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation

National Fellows will receive:

One year of support for dissertation research and writing

A stipend of \$25,000

Mentoring from a renowned senior scholar in the field

Invitations to two annual conferences, one in the fall and the second in the spring

Eligibility:

An applicant must be a Ph.D. candidate who is expecting to complete his or her dissertation by the conclusion of the Fellowship year. This is not a post-doctoral fellowship.

Non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply.

Judging Criteria:

Applicants will be judged on the quality of their scholarship and on their potential to shed new light upon contemporary developments in American politics, foreign policy, and America and the World.

Application:

The application consists of the following materials and must conform with the stated word or page limits:

Applicant information sheet:

Project description (1,200 words) – describe your dissertation or book, state the thesis, explain how it contributes to or revises existing scholarship, and how or why you decided on this particular topic

Op-ed or blog post (750 words) – a published or sample op-ed (like those featured in the New York Times) or a published or sample blog post (like those appearing on Slate.com) that applies a major finding from your research to a current public policy problem

Bibliography (3 pages)

Curriculum vitae (2 pages)

Writing sample (40 pages maximum) – selected sample should consist of one chapter from your dissertation with a one-page introduction that situates the chapter in the broader project OR an accepted/published journal article

Two letters of recommendation (one of which must be from your advisor). Letters of recommendation are initiated through the application process or may be sent to the Selection Board at nationalfellows@jeffersonscholars.org.

For more information, visit [Jefferson Scholars Foundation](#).

Norbert Elias Fellowships for Researchers from Africa

Science needs diverse perspectives. However, researchers from African countries are still underrepresented in the international scientific community. In order to increase the diversity of perspectives in the ZiF research groups and to make African researchers more visible, the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF) is now offering two scholarships per year for researchers from Africa: the Norbert Elias Fellowships.

Successful applicants will become fellows of the current ZiF research group for up to ten months, during which they will live and work at the ZiF. Applications are welcome from senior researchers and postdocs from African universities from all disciplines whose research and publications are closely linked to the research group's topic. Deadline for applications for the Norbert Elias Fellowships for the ZiF research group "Global Contestations of Women's and Gender Rights", convened by Professor Dr. Alexandra Scheele, Professor Dr. Julia Roth and Professor Dr. Heidemarie Winkel, is 28 February 2020. The research group will be working at ZiF from October 2020 to July 2021.

The Norbert Elias Fellowships are supported by the Volkswagen Foundation.

The call and an interview with the Managing Director of ZiF, Professor Dr. Véronique Zanetti, can be found here.

Sociologist, philosopher and poet Norbert Elias (1897-1990) developed the theory of the 'Civilization Process' and worked at the ZiF as a permanent fellow for six years. Elias, who had to emigrate to England in 1933 and was later working in the Netherlands, held his first chair at Accra University in Ghana.

Calls

Support to Doctoral schools, Re-building scholarly infrastructures and academic communities in the Humanities in African Universities

Deadline for submission of proposals: 30th March 2020.

With funding support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, CODESRIA, is pleased to announce a call for proposals to support Schools and Faculties of Social Sciences and Humanities and Doctoral Schools to organize interventions aimed at capacity building in the teaching and research of the Humanities in their Institutions.

The initiative carries forward CODESRIA's work in strengthening the institutional bases for knowledge production in the social sciences and humanities in African universities, and is linked to the Council's 2017-2021 Strategic Plan that focuses on 'Reaching New Frontiers in Social Research and Knowledge Production for African Transformation and Development'.

This "call for proposals" is part of CODESRIA's efforts to reposition and strengthen research and teaching of the humanities in African universities. The overall goal is to engender a generation of academics and knowledge that can enable the people of the continent critically (re) imagine and (re)create better, freer, more sustainable, and more inclusive communities. CODESRIA believes that focusing these efforts on doctoral schools and supporting efforts at rebuilding scholarly communities in the institutions through interventions such as convening academic seminars and workshops; writing and publications workshops and workshops that seek to induct doctoral supervisors in emerging disciplinary frameworks and methodologies, will potentially result in recreating the culture of academic excellence in the teaching and research in the humanities. The strategy here will be to support activities that contribute towards reviving infrastructures for teaching and researching the humanities, including support for faculty seminars and workshops and supporting faculty-based publication and dissemination outlets.

Established in 1973, CODESRIA is a Pan-African organization dedicated to development in Africa by promoting research on some of the most fundamental questions using the humanities and social sciences. CODESRIA seeks to magnify the voices of African and Diaspora scholars in the Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) on the most important questions in African life through support for research, training, publication, dissemination and advocacy. In doing this, CODESRIA seeks to act as a strategic partner for higher education institutions and research centers in Africa as well as policy actors and practitioners engaged in policy work that might benefit from sound knowledge. The HSS in higher education institutions in Africa have had a troubled past in finding anchorage within institutions. In the first and second decades that most universities in Africa were established, the disciplines sought for space both in terms of creating an indigenous African academic community and a relevant curriculum that articulated with the political and socio-economic development imperatives in the African continent. It did help the course of the SSH in the nascent institutions that in terms of their pedagogical and epistemological orientations, they provided platforms upon which the quest for political independence and national self-determination of African countries, and their subsequent search for development blueprints after independence, were based. The funding crisis that the institutions in the 1980s and the subsequent decline witnessed in the 1990s left the HSS in a precarious position.

Currently, the HSS disciplines face underfunding. This is partly due to the widespread neo-liberal arguments that what Africa needs for development are the STEM disciplines. Institutions continue underfunding infrastructures in the HSS, students enrollments have dipped and infrastructures to produce the next generation of social scientists and humanities scholars are barely adequate.

Proposals to be supported under this call should be submitted by individual/groups of graduate/doctoral schools and/or HSS faculties and teaching departments.

Proposals should focus on one of the following activities:

- Support for strengthening of the administrative aspects of graduate schools in the humanities including issues to do with curricular reform, doctoral student supervision practices and mentoring of faculty for graduate supervision;

- Interventions to rebuild/recreate scholarly infrastructures and academic communities in the HSS through holding faculty seminars, strengthening faculty journals and conferences, systems to revitalise strong workshop and seminar cultures, etc.

- Support for scholarly writing and academic publishing workshops in the Humanities, especially targeting doctoral students and early career academics.

Proposals submitted should include the following:

1. A 10-page concept proposal outlining the activity to be supported, how it will be organized, if it will be jointly organized with doctoral schools/faculties from other institutions, the number of participants targeted and how it fits into the institution's overall academic plan and CODESRIA's strategy as outlined in this call. Also to be included are the overall outputs and outcomes expected from the activity. It will also be important to show how the institution intends to sustain such activities on an annual basis.
2. A forwarding letter from a senior institutional administrator and another from the Dean of the school/faculty proposing to host the activity;
3. A detailed budget indicating the amount of funding required for organizing the activity. An indication of any support from the institution to support the activity proposed will be an added advantage in terms of reviewing the overall suitability of the proposal for support.
4. The duration of the activity (CODESRIA will support activities lasting from 5- 10 working days) and hosted within institutional environments.

Those to be supported under this call will be expected to submit to CODESRIA a publishable scientific report of the accomplishments and the next steps. Complete application documents should be posted to CODESRIA Submission System <https://codesria.org/submission/>

DELTAS AFRICA II, A NEW PHASE OF RESEARCH FUNDING, - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

\$72M INVESTED TO ACCELERATE RESEARCH IN AFRICA

Nairobi, Kenya - The African Academy of Sciences (AAS) is announcing a second round of calls for a multi-million-dollar research programme led and implemented by African scientists, working collaboratively to address challenges faced by people in African countries. This follows a successful first five-year programme with the second round extending its remit to new priority research areas including non-communicable diseases, public health research, social sciences and humanities, implementation science and climate change.

\$72M has been invested into the second phase of the Developing Excellence in Leadership, Training and Science in Africa (DELTAS Africa) programme, a flagship programme of the AAS. The first phase of the programme was implemented with the support of Wellcome and the Department for International Development (DFID). AAS is announcing a second call with support from Wellcome with additional funding to be announced in the future. This second phase will run from 2021 to 2025.

DELTAS Africa funds collaborative networks/consortia led by Africa-based scientists to support the Africa-led development of world-class research and scientific leaders on the continent, while helping to strengthen African institutions. At the AAS, DELTAS Africa is implemented through the Academy's funding, agenda setting and programme implementation platform, the Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa (AESA platform), created in partnership with the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD).

“Phase one has been a tremendous success as represented by the close to 1,500 scientists trained and the research generated. In phase two we want to amplify the impactful research and the critical mass of scientists to accelerate progress and create healthier nations,” said Dr Alphonsus Neba, the AAS’ Deputy Director Programmes, Science Support and Systems and DELTAS Africa Programme Manager.

The World Economic Forum forecasts that Africa will be home to the world’s largest working age population of 1.1 billion by 2034. The second phase of DELTAS Africa will continue efforts to reap the population dividend by fostering intra-Africa collaboration, improving research environments and training researchers to conduct relevant, locally contextualized studies that advance our knowledge on key research and development priority gaps including: discovery, translational, implementation and operational sciences for:

- Infectious diseases, such as malaria, HIV and tuberculosis
- Neglected tropical diseases and ONE Health
- Non-communicable diseases
- Mental health and neurosciences
- Multidisciplinary nexus of health and climate
- Social sciences and humanities

The inclusion of social sciences and humanities is in response to the ‘state of crises in African social science institutions, reflected in diminishing resources, declining academic standards, falling outputs and limited engagement in domestic policy formulation’ as observed by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, UNECA. The consequent dearth of a critical mass of social science research leaders on the continent and contextually relevant social science and humanities research outputs required for effective and efficient policy formulation and implementation on the continent has led to African governments’ dependence on renown international Think Tanks for policy information needs. The AAS is keen on supporting social science research leadership and capacity on the continent to generate home-grown, quality, policy-relevant data for Africa’s policy decision-making and to address some of Africa’s most intractable developmental challenges.

“The great progress by the AESA platform has enabled Wellcome to renew our funding to the AAS for a further five years, to support both the funding platform and the DELTAS Africa programme. AESA will set the agenda and we will support, secure in the knowledge that funding decisions are being made closer to where the work is done and where the demand for that research can ensure it is matched to the health needs of those across Africa.” said Dr Simon Kay, Head International Operations, Wellcome.

The second phase of DELTAS Africa is an open and equal opportunity call to existing and new DELTAS Africa networks. It also seeks to balance research excellence and equity by encouraging collaborative networks with regions and countries that are traditionally considered less research intensive. Further, all applicants are encouraged to leverage co-funding, complementary or in-kind support from their institution, host country or global partners for their proposed DELTAS Africa networks.

Further information about the call:

The underpinning aim of DELTAS Africa II is strong research outputs that address local challenges and contexts of global relevance, strengthening research capacity and translating research outputs to impacts over the medium to long-term, as espoused in the DELTAS Africa Theory of Change (ToC)

DELTAS Africa networks must consist of a minimum of three African budget receiving partners and a recommended maximum of eight partner institutions with unlimited numbers of collaborating institutions. Partner institutions will receive a budget and carry out well-defined activities and are expected to be Good Financial Grant Practice (GFGP) compliant. Read more on GFGP here (<https://www.globalgrantcommunity.org/>). Collaborating institutions supporting delivery of research objectives but not receiving budgets do not need to be GFGP compliant.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to develop consortia that cover African regions, countries and institutions that require investment to build scientific capacity for excellent research and also indicate how they will mainstream gender, equality, diversity and inclusion.

More emphasis will also be placed on community and public engagement, policy engagement and science communication to ensure that society can participate in the research process and to raise the profile and create greater awareness of the science taking place on the continent so there can be better research uptake by the public, policymakers and industry.

Read our blog on AAS Open Research to learn more about why the DELTAS Africa programme was established, how it works, and the new research areas that the second phase of the programme will cover: DELTAS Africa – entering a new phase of research funding. <https://blog.aasopenresearch.org/2019/12/16/deltas-africa-entering-a-new-phase-of-health-research-funding/>

Read the full details of the call here (<https://www.aasciences.africa/calls/deltas-africa-phase-ii-call-proposals>) and access the DELTAS Africa II application form via the AAS Ishango Grant System (<https://aasishango.ccgranttracker.com/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>).

The deadline for preliminary applications is 28 February 2020 at 17:00 EAT

Please contact deltas@aasciences.africa for any enquiries regarding the call.

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ADVANCED HUMANITIES FELLOWSHIPS: CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Submission Deadline: 28th February 2020 ***Call for Application*** - Questions and Inquiries: tgf@codesria.org

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: SUPPORT TO DOCTORAL SCHOOLS, RE-BUILDING SCHOLARLY INFRASTRUCTURES AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES IN THE HUMANITIES IN AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES

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Thème: *Gouvernance de la société civile africaine dans un
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Date for the Institute: July 13-24, 2020
Venue: Dar es Salam, Tanzania

Application deadline: 15th May 2020

2020 DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE INSTITUTE: CALL FOR DIRECTOR

Thème: *Gouvernance de la société civile africaine dans un
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Application deadline: 30th April 2020

2020 DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE INSTITUTE: CALL FOR RESOURCE PERSONS

Thème: *Gouvernance de la société civile africaine dans un
contexte de rétrécissement des espaces civiques*

Application deadline: 30th April 2020 [Call for Application](#) -
Questions and Inquiries: tgf@codesria.org

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Violence against Women and Girls in Africa's Civic Spaces

Date for the Institute: June 15-26, 2020, Venue: Monrovia,
Liberia Application deadline: 31st March 2020

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Violence against Women and Girls in Africa's Civic Spaces
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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO PRODUCE STATE-OF-THE-ART REVIEWS

Project on Women, Girls, and Civic Engagement in Africa
Application deadline: December 20, 2019

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FEEDBACK

Dear Director,
Research Management Office (RMO),
University of Ibadan

I am pleased to inform you our research Team recently got
a grant from the Association of Commonwealth Universities
(ACU) under the 2019 Gender Program Scheme. The title of
the grant application is Action Plan to Mainstream Gender
Issues into Academic Activities at the Faculty of Public
Health, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

I am very happy to confirm that our Team got information
about this grant from the office of the RMO. The
encouragement we received from the RMO staff motivated
our Team to develop the grant application.

I encourage the RMO to continue to provide information
about sources of information about funding of research and
projects.

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