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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 the acquisition of knowledge and skills in grantsmanship that will enable carrying out of cutting-edge research

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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
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- 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

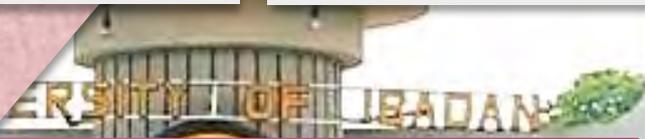
Fiscal Stewardship

- 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
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INTERVIEW

Need for Academics to Drive Research and Development (R&D) for Sustainable National Development

By
Professor Ibrahim Katampe



Professor Ibrahim Katampe is Professor of Chemistry at Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio, USA. He is also the Vice Chairman of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund's (TETFund) committee on Research and Development (R&D) in Nigeria. He has published in several academic journals and is an inventor with over six patents. His research interests are Biopolymer and composite material synthesis; biosensor development; renewable and bio energy crops.

As a founder and CEO of Iyatech Laboratories, USA, an eco-chemical technology company, Prof. Katampe is an innovator and entrepreneur with commercialized products.

In this interview, he bears his mind on why academics should embrace R&D.

Interviewer's Question: Please introduce yourself, sir,

Response: My name is Ibrahim Katampe, a Professor of Chemistry at Central State University, United States of America. I am also the Director of the Centre of Excellence in Emerging Technologies at the same University. Coincidentally, I am a Vice Chair of the adhoc committee set up in May 2019 by the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Bogoro. The mandate was to develop and recommend a framework on how to deepen R&D in our tertiary institutions.

Interviewer's Question: Thank you sir. You have been at the forefront of Research and Development agenda (R&D) in Nigeria. Please can you enlighten researchers on what R & D is all about?

Response: Well, Research and Development is the bedrock that drives development in most technologically advanced countries. It is very important to also mention that R & D is not just limited to science; it involves all disciplines. Every day of our life, we do research and development- the market woman, the tailor, etc, all try to "look for ways" to improve on what they do, to maximize their returns. That is, R & D, Advancement in Technology, is the key driver for national development, but it requires other collaborative disciplines for sustainability.

Interviewer's Question: Thank you sir. You have been talking about technology; what is the role of social sciences and humanities in this whole idea of Research and Development?

Response: Technology cannot be successful without human and social sciences. First of all, in most cases, technologies are designed for human applications with an understanding of the intended user- human and social sciences- a successful product can be designed. Therefore, some scientists, due to ignorance, work in isolation (silo??) without collaborating with other social scientists to design products. In most cases, this will lead to failure and the "invention" might end up on the shelf gathering dust. So, there cannot be successful technology development or advancement without taking humanities and social sciences into consideration. They work hand in hand. The human mind is complex and has varying needs; hence a thorough understanding and appreciation for the end-user is imperative.

Interviewer's Question: Invariably, we are talking about innovation in the humanities and social sciences in the context of process analysis from conception to commercialization.

Response: Correct, that is exactly what I am saying. Humanities and social sciences play significant roles in R & D.

Interviewer's Question: So, you are saying that somebody in literature can come up with an idea that may eventually lead to innovation for commercialization?

Response: Yes, yes, yes, yes. Development starts from the mind- an idea! Literature, as you know, expresses and connects ideas that have universal interests. Understanding the "interest" and how to "satisfy" that can lead to a technological breakthrough.

Interviewer's Question: Thank you sir. Please can you share your experiences, personal experiences, on R&D?

Response: Well, I have experiences in both the public and private sectors. In the public sector, such as academia, I am currently the Director, as said earlier, of the Centre of Excellence in Emerging Technology. It is a centre that leads the collaborative efforts of innovative research among scientists and faculty; it works with diversified groups of researchers from concept to commercialization. Before I joined the university, I worked for over fifteen years with several private sectors/firms in various capacities, such as senior scientist, R&D Management and notably as a technical vice president of Research and Product Development for a Japanese-American-based company. In that role, I moved away from just doing laboratory bench works to actually putting products to the market (commercialization). During the period, I had to learn about governmental policies, laws governing products' commercialisation in different countries. I have worked to introduce products in Asia, Europe, and North America. Therefore, my research experiences cut across different continents, and I have worked with different levels of research group.

Interviewer's Question: Are you a chemist, sir?

Response: Yes

Interviewer's Question: How did you come about what you are doing now? I mean your area of innovation in chemistry. Going by the way people view chemistry in our setting, some parents/guardians does not encourage their children to study chemistry. From your experience, what is your opinion?

Response: I think basically what you are trying to say is why should people study chemistry because it is single honour course? Similar to saying why study physics or maths or biology, etc.? It's a very "faulty" perception. With respect to your question, actually, we come in contact with and utilise chemistry-related "materials" for everyday living. For a moment, think about a material that you are using today that is not made of chemicals? Chemistry is all around us every day. So, undergraduate chemistry is the tool that you need to understand the materials that makeup life. Chemistry is life; the building blocks of life, such as carbon, oxygen and hydrogen, are all chemicals.

So, the undergraduate study gives the foundation needed. Graduate study is actually the application of this foundation. A Chemist can be a pharmacist, medical doctor, engineer, material scientist, and so on. For example, with respect to medications, Chemists are the ones that synthesize pure compounds that are used by the pharmacist to formulate medications; the doctors will prescribe, but the guy that started all this was a Chemist! Chemistry is a very important course that can be integrated into many advanced materials, and technologies for nation building.

Interviewer's Question: Thank you sir. Your work seems to have a lot of impacts and now that R&D is becoming a global issue and one can see its fingers in the fourth industrial revolution, what do you think should be the role of tertiary education institutions in the fourth industrial revolution?

Response: Data have indicated that there is no country that can advance without knowledge from tertiary education institutions. The computer accessibility tools that you use these days, such as the Google website many others, started from the university. It was a student's project. Most advancements you see in the world today are products of university research endeavours and innovations. All these great ideas are incubated in the university. So, the university plays a great role in the technological advancement of any nation, and that is encapsulated as R&D. You conduct research and out of it you bring out a product that solves society

problem. So, national development is driven through research and development principle. As I earlier mentioned, R & D is not restricted to natural sciences alone, it can be achieved in all disciplines, be it philosophy, literature, sociology and so on. Since technological innovation is for people, you need to know about their sociology, whether rural sociology, urban sociology, their philosophy, their culture, their diplomacy and so on. So, you cannot do R & D in isolation of these and other related disciplines. R&D in tertiary institutions is indispensable.

Interviewer's Question: So, sir, are you saying that research should be a collaborative effort?

Response: Absolutely. Researchers must collaborate to be able to solve problems.

Interviewer's Question: So, if that is the case, what do you think are the challenges of achieving the potentials of R&D in our society?

Response: First of all, some researchers do not know how to collaborate, and that is a serious challenge. Everybody wants to work in (silo??). Some skills needed in research to solve a particular problem can only be accessed through collaboration. No one has all the skills needed. You don't collaborate with people that have the same skills you have. It is of no use. You should collaborate with people that will add values to what you are doing; that is, the skill you don't have.

Secondly, most researchers cannot identify or define a problem they are trying to investigate! A problem that is well defined is half solved already. The greatest challenge is that some people cannot even agree on what the problem or project content is about. Once you can identify and quantify the extent of a challenge, using proven scientific object tools, then you are half-way through.

Interviewer's Question: Throughout this meeting, one issue has been very prominent, and it is the issue of the "valley of death". What is the issue about this valley of death? It's like the R&D is a continuum?

Response: Yes. R&D is a continuum of the content of what we use as the Valley of Death. Valley of death simply explains a situation when a product is innovated from the laboratory, but it is not able to get to the mountain top; that is, the society where it can be seen. The gouge between the invention patenting and commercialization is what is referred to as "valley of death". So basically when it is still in the laboratory or university as a prototype, it is still a valley until it gets to the market for commercialization. One can have a patent, but the product may end up not being commercialized at the end of the day. This can happen because of a lack of collaboration, and not identifying what society needs. The fact that I have created a product doesn't mean that it is what the customer wants, and that is why research should be inter-and multidisciplinary so that those who understand the society can provide you with the perception of the product you want to innovate.

Interviewer's Question: So, what is your advice for early career and senior career researchers in the context of limited resources?

Response: The first thing is that, whether junior or senior, one must have a purpose. Life is driven by purpose. If somebody does not have a purpose in life, he/she will not be successful. For the early career, they should know the purpose of coming to the university. The purpose is to do research and teach. Academic is a long-term rewarding exercise; it is not a get-rich-quick scheme. It is a process. You are there to do research to improve the body of knowledge. It takes time before it starts yielding fruits. While taking the time, you are incubating ideas. The process of ideation in researching is not a quick process. In some, there are things that are easy to apply, while some take time. So, for early careers, patience and purpose are so important. For late career, mentorship is very important because the legacy they leave behind after retirement is very important. Because you've already lived your useful years, so you have to impact knowledge. So, a mentor-mentee relationship is very important. You have to be trainable as an early career. Don't come with your own mindset; remember that some people had passed through the road before you. There are normally two types of mindset- a growth mindset and close mindset. In close mindset, you won't advance, but in a growth mindset the sky is your starting point. So, for late or matured career researchers, you know the road, so you should mentor the younger ones.

Interviewer's question: Thank you Sir. Finally, what advice do you have for Nigerian academics as stakeholders in the future of Nigeria?

Response: Nigeria has all it takes to be successful. They can contribute through their research towards a sustainable national development by being impactful, especially in the immediate community.

NEWS

UI VC Distributes Letters of Awards to TETFund Grantees

Nine members of the University of Ibadan Lecturers received letters of award for the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) National Research Fund (NRF) from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abel Idowu Olayinka, FAS, on Tuesday 21 January 2020 at the Senate Chamber of the University



The Vice Chancellor Prof Abel Idowu Olayinka flanked on the left with Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Innovation, and Strategic Partnerships, Prof. Olanike K. Adeyemo; and on the right Registrar, Mrs. Olubunmi O. Faluyi

In his brief remark, Professor Olayinka who congratulates the grantees on their success in the very keenly competitive process attributed their success to their commitment to excellence. He commended the awardees for making the University proud.



A cross-section of awardees

The Vice-Chancellor expressed his delight at a comment by the Executive Secretary of the TETFund in one of his official engagements where he listed UI as one of the institutions that performed well in the just-concluded NRF circle of award.



Director RMO, Prof A.S. Jegede with Prof. Adegbesan (one of the awardees) and Dean student affairs, Prof Abiona

The Vice-Chancellor said that he has no doubt that the research teams would engage in best research practice to deliver quality results.

The Vice-Chancellor thereafter presented the letter of award to the grantees on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the TETFund. The grantees are as follow:

1. **Principal Investigator:** Prof Aina Adeogun
Project title: Department of Zoology: Microplastics in the Aquatics Environment: Characterization of Food Safety, Biota and Human Health Implications of their Occurrence.
2. **Principal Investigator:** Prof O.A. Adegbesan
Project title: Department of Human Kinetics: An Investigation of Social – Cognitive and Biomedical Mechanisms for Prevention of Doping in Sport: A Mixed-Research Narrative in Nigeria
3. **Principal Investigator:** Prof T.A. Akanji
Project title: Institute for Peace and Strategic Studies: Developing Standards for Monitoring Assessment and Evaluation of Peace and Conflict Management Projects in Nigeria
4. **Principal Investigator:** Prof C.O. Onocha
Project title: Institute of Education: Evaluation of Instructional Dynamics in Nigeria Universities and Development of Teaching Quality Policy Report
5. **Principal Investigator:** Prof Ikeoluwapo O. Ajayi
Project title: Epidemiology and Medical Statistics: Development of a Package to Improve Hypertension Control in Nigeria
6. **Principal Investigator:** Dr. Jibril Omuya Abdulmalik
Project title: Psychiatrists: Development and Implementation of University Mental Health Services in South West Nigeria
7. **Principal Investigator:** Prof Regina E. Oladokun
Project title: Paediatrics: Molecular Epidemiology of Multidrug-Resistant Organism Invasive Disease in Children at the University College Hospital, Ibadan
8. **Principal Investigator:** Dr. Idayat Gbadamosi
Project title: Botany: Ethnobotanical Approaches to Combat Metabolic Syndrome: A Study of Two Botanicals
9. **Principal Investigator:** Prof Charles Owaba
Project title: Industrial and Production Engineering: Garment Sizing System for Nigerian Fashion, Fabrics and Size: Strategy to Mass Customization of Nigerian Adult Clothing.



A cross-section of awardees



Prof. Arulogun, Prof Edith Ajaiyoba and Prof. Onocha

Present at the occasion were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Innovation, and Strategic Partnerships, Prof. Olanike K. Adeyemo; Registrar, Mrs. Olubunmi O. Faluyi; Deans of Faculties and Directors.

Nigeria Air Force visits UI to renew existing research collaboration

The Nigeria Air Force, in a bid to renew existing research collaboration with the University of Ibadan paid a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Prof Abel Idowu Olayinka, FAS on Tuesday, 21 January 2020. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships, Prof Olanike K. Adeyemo received the four-man team lead by the Director, Research & Development, Nigeria Air Force, AVM Paul Jemitola with warm reception at the Council Chamber of the University of Ibadan.



DVC Research Innovation and Strategic Partnerships, Prof Olanike K. Adeyemo Presenting a gift to the Director, Research & Development, Nigeria Air Force, AVM Paul Jemitola

In his address, the Director, AVM Paul Jemitola expressed the readiness of the Nigeria Air Force to strengthen the existing Memorandum of Understanding with the university. The Director said that the force is ready to engage in active collaboration with the university. According to him, he would see to that no stone would be left unturned to achieve the aims and objectives behind the memorandum.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Innovation, and Strategic Partnerships, Prof. Olanike Adeyemo appreciated the Nigerian Air Force initiative to the collaboration with the University of Ibadan. According to her, such a relationship is in tandem with the vision and mission of the university. She said that the University has positioned herself to use research to impact on society positively for sustainable national development an enabling environment cross-cutting research.

Members of the Nigeria Air Force team on the entourage of the Director include Wg. Cdr. Norman Osa-Uwagboe, Deputy Director, Directorate of Research and Development; Sgn. Ldr. Alhassan Dahiru, Air Force Research and Development Centre (Kaduna) and Flt. Lt. Nkem Ofodile, Assistant Director, Air Force Research and Development Centre.



DVC RISP, other UI Representatives and Members of the Nigeria Air Force team on the entourage of the Director include Wg. Cdr. Norman Osa-Uwagboe, Deputy Director, Directorate of Research and Development; Sgn. Ldr. Alhassan Dahiru, Air Force Research and Development Centre (Kaduna) and Flt. Lt. Nkem Ofodile, Assistant Director, Air Force Research and Development Centre.

The Registrar, Mrs. Olubunmi Faluyi ably represented by the Deputy Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Mr. Oluwole Dada, and the Director, Directorate of Public Communication, Mr. Olatunji Oladejo were also in attendance.

UI SITE OF C-THAN HOLDS ADVOCACY WORKSHOP FOR RESEARCHERS IN INNOVATIONS ON

POINT-OF-CARE TECHNOLOGIES FOR HIV/AIDS AND COMORBIDITIES

An advocacy workshop was held for researchers in innovations on Point-of-Care Technologies for HIV/AIDS and its comorbidities on 2nd and 3rd December, 2019 at PG College Boardroom, University of Ibadan. The workshop was organized by the University of Ibadan Site of Center for Innovation in Point-of-Care Technologies for HIV/AIDS at Northwestern University (C-THAN).



Group photograph of participants at C-THAN workshop with DVC (RISP) – Prof. Olanike Adeyemo who is flanked on both sides by the Director of the Research Management Office, Prof. A. S. Jegede and the Principal Investigator of C-THAN at UI, Prof. A. O. Coker.

The workshop was declared open by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships), Prof. Olanike Adeyemo, who commended the rationale behind the workshop, aimed at mentoring early and middle-level career researchers for capacity building on grant writing. The Director, Research Management Office (RMO), Prof. A. S. Jegede also assured the workshop participants of the readiness of RMO to provide support for proper packaging of their research proposals to ensure success.



The PI and Co-PIs of C-THAN at UI, Professors Coker, Oladokun and Olaleye at the workshop.

Earlier, the Principal Investigator of C-THAN in UI, Prof. A. O. Coker, in his welcome address, emphasised that the main goal of the workshop is to guide academic staff of UI from about ten Faculties involved in Biomedical Engineering, to apply for a January 2020 project solicitation to be funded by US based C-THAN.

The fund for the main grant and sub-grants has been provided by the National Institutes of Health. Apart from practical hands-on sessions by the over seventy participants. Presentations were also made by the UI Site Co-PIs (Professors David Olaleye and Regina Oladokun) and other facilitators – Professors Jegede and Olorunnisola, Drs Dare, Ogunbosi, Adebowale and Kuti. the Research Administrator of the C-THAN grant in UI, Mr Moses Desmennu and the Programme Officer, Mr Tunji Lana were assisted by some staff of RMO to organise the workshop.



Some participants at C-THAN workshop during the hands-on session.

The Provost of the Postgraduate College, Prof. J. O. Babalola is hereby gratefully acknowledged for his tremendous support towards the success of the workshop.

Institutional Society of Neurochemistry (ISN) Local Ambassador's Program: The Report

International Society of Neurochemistry (ISN) organised a symposium titled "Standing on the Shoulders of the Giants" It was held on Wednesday, 18 December, 2019 at the Otunba Subomi Balogun Conference Center, University of Ibadan. The programme was facilitated by Dr. Ifeoluwapo O. Adegbindin of the Department of Biochemistry, University of Ibadan. The essence of the symposium was to connect neuroscientists across specialties around the globe and coordinate programmes targeting young scientists through the Young Scientist Steering Committee (YSSC).

The programme had in attendance the immediate past Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Professor J.O. Olopade as well the Head of Department of Biochemistry Professor E.O. Farombi who both admonished the young researchers to be focused, avoid time wasting and have a mentor with a super vision who believes in the capability of the mentee. Dr. Ifeoluwa Awogbindin advised the participants to make use of research opportunities offered by ISN in their career development. Participants were drawn from different universities across the nation.



A cross-section of participants at the International Society of Neurochemistry (ISN) symposium

HONOUR AND DISTINCTION

Prof Chinedum Peace Babalola, FAS, FAAS, former Dean of Pharmacy at the University of Ibadan and currently the Vice-Chancellor Chrisland University, Abeokuta, has won the African Union Kwame Nkrumah Award for Scientific Excellence- Regional Award 2019 Edition.

The award, which comes with a prize of Twenty Thousand US Dollars (\$20,000) will be made in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, during the Summit of Heads of State and Government from the 9th to 10th February 2020.

We congratulate Prof Babalola for this latest addition to her numerous awards, recognitions and preferment.

Best compliments of the season and a happy New year.

Idowu Olayinka
Vice-Chancellor
University of Ibadan
Ibadan
1st January 2020

CALLS

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TETFUND ACADEMIC STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (AST&D)

This is to inform all members of staff of the University that there is fund available for sponsorship of postgraduate programmes for Academic Staff of the University only under the provision of Tertiary Education Trust Fund Academic Staff Training and Development (TETFund AST&D)

The Postgraduate programmes for the intervention include:

- Ph.D programmes
- Master's degree programmes,
- Bench work in International Institutions and Laboratories
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship

In view of the above, applications are expected from eligible scholars (members of academic staff).

NOTE: Applicants wishing to be considered for training scholarship are advised not to choose universities that are ranked below the best-ranked university in Nigeria.

For Post-Doctoral Intervention:

- Priority will be given to those who studied and obtained their Ph.Ds within Nigeria
- The applicant should have completed his Ph.D within a period not more than 5 years; and
- The Post-Doctoral Fellowship award should not be more than one (1) year

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Interested scholar should write an application letter to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic). Your admission letter or letter of invitation for bench work should be attached to your application letter which must be submitted on or before April 30, 2020 for September 2020 admission and September 31, 2020 for January 2021 admission.

Thank you

Olubunmi O. Faluyi MCIPM, MAUA
Registrar



Theme: Transforming The Continuum of Medical Education To Secure Africa's Health

Date: **March 15 - 18, 2020**

Venue: **International Conference Centre (ICC),
University of Ibadan, Ibadan.**

REGISTRATION DETAILS

DESCRIPTION	EARLY BIRD (USD)	LATE BIRD (USD)	ONSITE (USD)
Health Professionals	CLOSED	150	250
Non - Health Professionals		100	150
Students		50	50
Students (Presenting Abstract)		25% Discount	25% Discount
Group Registration for Students (Above 5)		20% Discount	20% Discount
Group Registration (Above 10) Health/Non-Health Professionals		10% Discount	10% Discount

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 14TH OF FEBRUARY, 2020



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2020 Humanities Institute: New Frontiers in Teaching and Research in the Humanities in Africa's Universities

Call for Director, Resource Persons and Laureates

Application Deadlines:

Director: 15th February 2020

Resource Persons: 15th February 2020

Laureates: 1st March 2020

Date for the institute: 13th-24th April; 2020

Venue: Gaborone, Botswana

The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, CODESRIA invites proposal submissions from African academics and researchers in the humanities to participate in the 2020 session of its Humanities Institute. The theme selected for the Institute is "New Frontiers in Teaching and Research in the Humanities in Africa's Universities". This institute will jointly be convened by CODESRIA and the Academy for the Humanities in Africa, in Gaborone, Botswana.

Over the last two decades, teaching and research in the humanities in African universities has been on the decline, occasioned partly by external and national level policies advocating for more investments in STEM subjects. STEM subjects are presented as offering better choices for Africa's development. While there seems to be emerging agreement across the world that the humanities are and should constitute an important component of a higher education sector in developing societies, universities in Africa continue to underfund the humanities. Consequently, the quality of teaching and research in the humanities has been undermined partly because the infrastructure for knowledge

production in most institutions, including doctoral and post-doctoral programmes, is near collapse. In addition, little has been done to revise content in the traditional humanities to accommodate emerging areas of study and/or disciplines. The overall impact has been the devaluation of the critical role of the humanities as an interrogative force for human values, principles, and history throughout most universities in the continent. There is therefore need for interventions to explore new theories and methods on which to ground relevant knowledge production in the humanities on the continent, and possibly suggest ways of broadening the scope of the humanities in the continent's universities, beyond the traditional academic disciplines.

Two narratives frame the status of the humanities in African universities. The first is that African universities over-enroll students in the humanities and social sciences, and this accounts for the increasing levels of graduate unemployment and skill mismatch. The second is that humanities and social sciences curricular in African universities could only be relevant to the extent that the intellectual perspectives from the humanities and social sciences enrich study and knowledge production in the STEM and other professional fields that are perceived as more relevant to Africa's development needs. Missing in these narratives are any attempts to explore how the humanities and social sciences would be enriched on their own. The emergence of new ways of studying and producing knowledge in the humanities, including new fields such as the digital humanities, environmental humanities, energy humanities, medical humanities and public humanities presents an opportunity for African academics to examine ways in which these new fields would be constituted to reinforce and enhance the relevance of the humanities as taught and researched in Africa.

The proposed Institute targets early career academics in the humanities from universities in the continent as an important intervention in this quest for renewal. Early Career Academics (ECA) are those academics teaching in African universities and who completed their PhD in the last five years.

Ordinarily, applicants are individuals looking for possibilities of career and professional development as teachers, researchers and academics through support for research training and undertaking independent research and publication in quality journals. In conceptualizing proposals for consideration for the institute, candidates are encouraged to focus on exploring ways in which the new fields in would add new intellectual perspectives to the study of the humanities in African universities and the kind of institutional academic infrastructures required to support learning, teaching and research in the new fields. Through the humanities institute, CODESRIA seeks to induct the ECA to charting new research terrains and building a strong community of researchers in the humanities in Africa who are well-versed in addressing complex questions connected to that terrain. The CODESRIA institutes are a forum through which early and mid-career academics in African universities are convened to reflect on a common theme as a way of building the research skills of the academics. The overall objective for this Institute will be to have the ECA work together alongside more experienced colleagues in the field to develop their ideas on new frontiers for teaching, researching and writing in the arts and humanities in Africa.

Candidates submitting proposals for consideration as resource persons and laureates are thus encouraged to interrogate the emerging trends in teaching and researching the humanities in the continent, new areas of study and the required theories and frameworks that would be deployed to better engage with work in the humanities in the context of the new trends in knowledge.

Organisation

The activities of all CODESRIA Institutes centre on presentations by African researchers, Resource Persons from the continent and the Diaspora, and participants whose applications for participation as Laureates have been successful. The sessions are led by a Scientific Director who, with the support of Resource Persons, ensures that the Laureates are exposed to a wide range of conceptual, theoretical and research issues. Each Laureate is required to prepare a research paper to be presented during the Institute. The revised version of the paper will undergo a peer review for publication by CODESRIA. The CODESRIA Documentation and Information Centre (CODICE) will provide participants with a comprehensive bibliography on the theme of the Institute. The Institute will be held in both English and French through simultaneous interpretation.

Eligibility and Selection:

Director

The Director for the Institute should be a senior academic who is expected to provide intellectual leadership of the Institute. The Director should also have proven expertise and intellectual depth and originality of thinking on the theme of the Institute as evidenced from the record of research and publications. As part of the process, those wishing to be considered as Director should provide a 15-page proposal broadly reflecting on the theme of the institute and a course outline covering ten days and indicating the main topics to be covered with laureates during the institute.

institute. **Applicants for the position of Director should submit:**

an application letter;

a proposal, not more than 15 pages in length, indicating the course outline and showing in what ways the course would be original and responsive to the needs of prospective laureates, specifically focusing on the issues to be covered from the point of view of concepts and methodology, a critical review of the literature, and the range of issues arising from the theme of the Institute;

a detailed and up-to-date curriculum vitae; and

three writing samples relevant to the theme.

the Director will (co) edit the revised versions of the papers presented by the Resource Persons and the Laureates with a view to submitting them to CODESRIA for publication.

Resource Persons

Lectures to be delivered at the Institute are intended to offer laureates an opportunity to advance their reflections on the theme of the institute and on their own research topics. Resource Persons are, therefore, senior scholars or scholars in their mid-career who have published extensively on the theme, and who have a significant contribution to make to the debates on it. They will be expected to produce lecture materials which serve as think pieces that stimulate laureates to engage in discussion and debate around the lectures and the general body of literature available on the theme.

One selected, resource persons must:

submit a copy of their lectures for reproduction and distribution to participants not later than one week before the date of the lecture;

deliver their lectures, participate in debates and comment on the research proposals of the laureates;

review and submit the revised version of their research papers for consideration for publication by CODESRIA not later than two months following their presentation.

Applications for the position of resource person should include:

an application letter;

two writing samples relevant to the theme of the session;

a curriculum vitae; and a proposal, not more than five (5) pages in length, outlining the issues to be covered in their proposed lecture.

Laureates

Applicants should be African academics in the Humanities who have attained their doctoral degrees within the last five years and, with a proven capacity to carry out research on the theme of the Institute. Intellectuals active in Arts and Humanities work outside universities are also encouraged to apply. The number of places offered by CODESRIA for this session of the institute is limited to fifteen (15) fellowships.

Applications for Laureates should include:

an application letter;

a letter indicating institutional or organizational affiliation;

a curriculum vitae;

a research proposal, including a descriptive analysis of the work the applicant intends to undertake, an outline of the theoretical interest of the topic chosen by the applicant, and the relationship of the topic to the problematic and concerns of the theme of the 2020 Gender Institute; and two reference letters from scholars and/or researchers known for their competence and expertise in the candidate's research area (geographic and disciplinary), including their names, addresses and telephone, e-mail, fax numbers.

An independent committee composed of outstanding scholars in gender will select the candidates to be admitted to the institute.

All applications (for Director, Resource persons and laureates) should be submitted electronically via the link <https://codesria.org/submission/>

Vacancy Announcement: Director of Publications and Dissemination

Application Deadline: 30th March, 2020

The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) invites applications from suitably qualified African scholars to fill the vacant position of Director of Publications and Dissemination in its pan-African Secretariat located in Dakar, Senegal. The position is a senior one and the successful candidate will work as a member of the Secretariat management team under the overall supervision of the Executive Secretary of the Council. The ideal candidate should be an African scholar that combines a robust experience in Academic publishing with a solid intellectual background in the social sciences and/or humanities. Candidates with these required qualifications and versed with the latest developments in scholarly publishing and dissemination, including the technological and organizational context for academic publishing in Africa such as Journal accreditation and metrics, open-access publishing and web-based publishing and dissemination are encouraged to apply for consideration.

The CODESRIA Publications and Dissemination Programme has, over the last four decades, undergone considerable expansion, earning its place as a leading Africa-based multilingual scholarly publisher with over 500 books and monographs, 12 peer-reviewed scholarly journals and periodicals, and several award-winning titles in its lists. The position of Director of Publications and Dissemination has been created with the aim of consolidating the successes that have been registered within the Programme to date and taking it to new heights. More information about CODESRIA and its Publications and Dissemination Programme can be obtained from the Council's website: www.codesria.org

Candidates wishing to apply for the position should note that this is a Programme Head position and the successful candidate will work under the supervision of the Executive Secretary. The Director of Publications and Dissemination has as the primary responsibility the day to day management of CODESRIA publications and dissemination including the processing of raw manuscripts for publication and the management of partnerships with individuals and institutions the Council collaborates with in publishing and disseminating research outputs. Also, the Director of Publications and Dissemination is charged with ensuring effective control of the quality of publications and safeguarding and projecting the pan-African mandate of CODESRIA in terms of balancing publication portfolios and content coverage of the publications. In addition to his/her specific responsibilities, the successful candidate will be called upon to perform the following functions: initiate, develop and, where appropriate, manage new projects and programmes; lend support for the realization of the other scientific activities of the Council; organize academic and policy meetings; promote contacts with a network of researchers, professional associations and regional organizations; prepare research and funding proposals on themes connected to their areas of expertise as may be requested by the Executive Secretary.

Among other responsibilities, the successful candidate for the position of Director of Publications and Dissemination will be called upon to:-

- Play a critical role in defining and implementing the objectives and targets of the CODESRIA Publications and Dissemination Programme according to the demands of changing contexts and requirements;
- Provide direct and hands-on leadership in the scientific life of the Programme and in all aspects of the Programme's publishing operations, including commissioning, editorial, production, distribution, marketing, customer service, and list management functions;

- Develop proposals for new publications and titles, doing so in direct and interactive collaboration with the other CODESRIA scientific programmes;

- Strengthen the CODESRIA book, monograph and journal publishing brands;

- Expand the on-line presence of CODESRIA journals, monographs, occasional papers, and research and policy briefs;

- Promote innovative and cost-effective approaches to both traditional print and electronic publishing;

- Manage a team of the in-house editorial staff that includes managing editors, editors, a production manager and editorial assistants;

- Supervise and liaise with a team of freelance editorial service providers that range from printing presses, translators, proof-readers, and copy-editors to typesetters, indexers, web administrators, and distributors;

- Liaise and work with authors, peer-reviewers, editors-in-chief of various journals, professional associations, researchers, publishing houses;

- Coordinate translation, co-edition, co-publication and reprint rights and permissions;

- Seek and share information and opinions about the CODESRIA Book Series, CODESRIA Monographs, CODESRIA journals, CODESRIA Working Papers, and CODESRIA Research and Policy Briefs;

- Keep the African and broader international social research communities informed about new CODESRIA publications;

- Initiate collaboration with other publishers and organisations, and assess the scientific and financial viability of such collaborations, giving priority to African networks;

- Develop links with Africa-based university presses and other publishing houses;

- Prepare for and attend relevant publication events, such as book fairs, scholarly association meetings and forums; and

- Play an active part in the realisation of all the other aspects of the scientific mandate of the Council.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants for this position must:

1. Be scholars in their own rights possessing a PhD level university education, preferably in the Social Sciences or Humanities and academic publishing;
2. Have professional training and background in academic publishing and marketing;
3. Be conversant with evolving roles/applications of information technology in academic publishing;
4. Be abreast of the developments in open access publishing/scholarship;
5. Have adequate knowledge of publishing as a scholarly field instead of just being an expert in the organisation of texts;
6. Have good knowledge of CODESRIA and possess a demonstrable ability to promote the work of African researchers;
7. Be familiar with the African and international scientific community;
8. Have first-hand knowledge of the African scholarly publishing environment;
9. Have proven experience of management in an academic environment;
10. Be experienced in resource management and the preparation of reports;
11. Have a record of intellectual engagement with the challenges and opportunities in African and international scholarly publishing; and

12. Be fluent in English or French and have a good working knowledge of at least one of the other languages.

It is CODESRIA policy to reflect the disciplinary, gender, generational and linguistic diversity of the African social science community in its structures. In this connection, female candidates and younger professionals meeting the qualifications set out are especially encouraged to send in their dossiers for consideration for this position.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The salary level that will be offered will depend on the successful applicant's experience and qualifications and will be broadly comparable to those of similar posts in other international organisations.

How to Apply

All applicants wishing to be considered for the position are required to supply the following documents:

1. A written application;
2. A detailed CV describing the candidate's professional experience and listing their publications;
3. Three reference letters, two of which must come from people living in countries other than the applicant's country of residence;
4. Four of the candidate's recent publications, three of which must be single-authored;
5. Copies of relevant academic certificates.

The application letters and other supporting documents should be uploaded via this link: <https://codesria.org/submission/job/vacancy-announcement-director-of-publications-and-dissemination/>.

Only applications received via this link will be considered.

An automatic confirmation will be generated upon successful uploading of the application. Where the applicant has any additional questions, these should be sent to:

The Executive Secretary

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P.O. Box 3304 CP 18524
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Email: executive.secretary@codesria.org

Closing Date: All applications must be received by 30th March 2020. Any application received after this date will not be considered.

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Also those who have permanent residency in Japan are not eligible.

Terms of the Award

1. A round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS regulations)
2. A monthly maintenance allowance of JPY362,000
3. A settling-in allowance of JPY200,000 (based on JSPS regulations)
4. Overseas travel, accident, and sickness insurance coverage, etc.

Notes:

- *The amounts of the awards indicated above are subject to change by JSPS.*
- *In the case that a Fellow is already residing in Japan before his/her fellowship starts or obtains resident status before his/her fellowship is designated to begin, the above-mentioned air ticket to Japan and settling-in allowance will not be provided.*
- *A research grant, "Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research", is available to cover cooperative research-related expenses. Application for these grants is made by the host researcher through his/her institution.*

JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme 2020

Under this programme fellows conduct research relevant to one or more of the main thematic focus areas of UNU-IAS: sustainable societies, natural capital & biodiversity, and global change & resilience.

Research proposals for JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellowships should relate clearly to one of the specific research areas of UNU-IAS listed below. The proposed research must be policy-relevant and incorporate gender issues within the research agenda:

- [Governance for Sustainable Development](#)
- [Water for Sustainable Development](#)
- [Education for Sustainable Development](#)
- [International Satoyama Initiative](#)

Governance for Sustainable Development

The selected fellow will work at the forefront of applied research relevant to Governance for Sustainable Development. One focus of the project is governance related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This includes implementation mechanisms and governance of the SDGs at global, regional, national and local levels, comparison of implementation among different countries and various actors, science-policy interface, interlinkages between the SDGs and other international agreements as well as synergies and trade-offs between targets.

Required qualifications:

- A PhD degree (no ABDs) in a related field, including but not limited to political science, sociology, economics, legal and other social sciences, civil engineering (including socio-economic modelling), and science, technology and innovation (STI)
- Demonstrated research skills in similar areas
- Ability to design and implement research involving fieldwork
- Fluency in English is essential, and a working knowledge of other languages is desirable

Water for Sustainable Development

Water for Sustainable Development (WSD) is a research and capacity development project that aims to (1) establish a comprehensive framework to evaluate the role and value of water in selected locations in Asia, (2) identify current and future inter-sectoral water demand, and (3) develop analytical tools and policy options to improve water efficiency and environment in the region—thereby contributing to the attainment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal(SDGs) 6.3 (water quality) and 6.4 (water efficiency) in particular.

JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme 2020

Jointly organized by the United Nations University and the [Japan Society for the Promotion of Science \(JSPS\)](#), the JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme is designed to provide promising, highly qualified, young researchers with the opportunity to conduct advanced research in sustainability in co-operation with host researchers at Japanese universities and research institutions.

The UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS, Tokyo) acts as the nominating authority for the JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme. This fellowship is aimed at candidates who have completed their doctorates in the past six years and also have professional and/or research experience. UNU-IAS will assist in securing acceptance from host researchers for shortlisted candidates.

Fellowships are awarded for a period of 24 months. Applicants must hold a doctoral degree (received on or after 2 April 2014) when the fellowship begins, or be scheduled to receive a doctoral degree before the fellowship begins. Japanese nationals are not eligible, nor are those of dual nationality if one is Japanese.

The selected Fellow will work at the forefront of this applied policy research, and contribute to solving water-related challenges faced by the international community. The Fellow will work independently but closely with other Research Fellows on the topics such as, but limited to, the economic and environmental value of water, inter-sectoral water demand, water policy analysis, and water and regional development, among others.

Required qualifications:

1. A PhD degree (no ABDs) in a related field, including, but not limited to environmental/resource economics, economic policy, quantitative economics, or related field;
2. Ability to design, implement, and summarise desk work and field research;
3. Excellent command of English, both oral and written
4. Strong organisational skills and a team-player ethos

Education for Sustainable Development

The Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Programme at UNU-IAS is focused on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) using ESD as a mechanism for the enactment of the goals. The selected fellow will work with an interdisciplinary team on research related to the assessment and implementation of ESD curriculum and practices at local, sub-national, national, and global levels. The selected fellow is encouraged to work with the two flagship initiatives, Regional Centres of Expertise (RCE) on Education for Sustainable Development, <https://www.rcenetwork.org/portal/> which are networks of ESD organizations which operate at sub-national and local levels, as well as ProSPER.Net – the Promotion of Sustainability in Postgraduate Education and Research Network, <https://prospernet.ias.unu.edu/> which is a network of leading universities in the Asia-Pacific region that are committed to integrating sustainable development principles into postgraduate curriculum and research.

Required qualifications:

- PhD degree (no ABDs) from a range of disciplines including but not limited to education and/or environmental policy, as well as experience in working with the social sciences and environmental sciences
- Demonstrated research and communication skills in similar areas
- Preferred research focus on biodiversity, climate change, and/or sustainable consumption and production in education and/or institutional and organisational challenges to incorporate ESD into higher education activities
- Ability to design, implement, and summarise research involving both desk work and fieldwork
- Fluency in English writing and speaking is essential; working knowledge of other languages is desirable with a preference for French, Japanese, and/or Spanish.

International Satoyama Initiative

The selected Fellow will conduct research on social-ecological systems to contribute to policy relevant discussions on biodiversity conservation and landscape management. The research should be linked to the concept of the [Satoyama Initiative](https://satoyama-initiative.org/) <https://satoyama-initiative.org/> which aims to realize societies in harmony with nature by promoting sustainable production activities and natural resource management. The focus includes multiple benefits of production landscapes and seascapes and their linkages with human well-being, and solutions to various challenges they are facing from social, economic and environmental perspectives. The research is also expected to contribute to the Satoyama Initiative's efforts in supporting global initiatives such as the Convention on Biological Diversity as well as enhancing local and regional management practices for sustainability.

Required qualifications:

- PhD degree (no ABDs) in a field related to applied social or environmental sciences, including but not limited to environmental

policy, development studies, ecosystem management, and landscape planning;

- Demonstrated research skills and a sound record of publication in similar areas;
- Ability to design and implement research involving fieldwork;
- Fluency in English is essential, and a working knowledge of other languages is desirable

Applicants must be citizens of countries that have diplomatic relations with Japan. Japanese nationals are not eligible, nor are those of dual nationality if one is Japanese. Also, those who have permanent residency in Japan are not eligible. Applicants must hold a doctorate received on or after 2 April 2014 (i.e., the degree must have been received within six years prior to 1 April 2020), when the fellowship begins or be scheduled to receive doctorate before the fellowship begins.

Applicants with at least 10 months' research and/or professional experience are especially encouraged to apply. Those who have previously been awarded a Standard or Pathway Fellowship under the "JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan" are not eligible.

Duration of the fellowship

Fellowships are awarded for a period of 24 months.

Nomination of candidates

UNU will act as the nominating authority of the programme, and applications should be submitted to UNU-IAS. UNU-IAS nominates candidates to JSPS based on the following criteria:

- the research objectives of the applicant and the quality of his/her research proposal,
- the relevance of the research proposal to the ongoing or planned research activities of the applicant's indicated research programme at UNU-IAS, and
- the applicant's academic merit and his/her potential for successful research while in Japan.

UNU intends to inform successful candidates of the results of the nomination in May 2020. JSPS takes up to 3 months after receiving the nominations to process its award decisions.

Starting date and the deadline for applications

The JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme begins on 1 September and the selected Fellows are required to be in Japan by this date. The deadline for applications for the 2019 Fellowships is **21 February 2020**.

Applications

Interested and eligible candidates are invited to submit a completed [Application Form](#) and supporting documents to fellowships@unu.edu. If an applicant does not have access to the Internet, he or she should contact UNU-IAS. The form and the required documents indicated in the form must be in English. If supporting documents are not in English, English translations must be attached.

Review of applications by the Fellowship Committee will begin immediately after the application deadline. Short-listed candidates will be contacted for a telephone interview and to provide reference letters.

Lionel Cliffe Memorial Research Scholarship

Call for Applications

The Review of African Political Economy (ROAPE) announces a small research grants competition for African scholars and/or activists based in Africa. The competition is based on the premise that a shortage of funding for critical research is one of the problems faced by Africa-based scholars and activists wishing to carry forward a political economy agenda. In response to this, ROAPE is offering up to two small research grants (value £3000). The process of selection of proposals, as well as their expected format, is outlined below.

ROAPE is a refereed journal committed to encouraging high quality research and fostering excellence in the understanding of African political economy. A political economy approach entails a critical understanding of the social relationships, particularly the power relationships, that mutually constitute the production, distribution and consumption of resources. It requires us to ask who produces what and for whom and hence an investigation into social relations that are generated by struggles over livelihoods and exploitation of the many by the few. Radical political economy represents a form of engagement with those struggles.

ROAPE is listed in the Thomson Reuters Social Sciences Citation Index and published quarterly by Taylor & Francis. Since 1974 it has provided a radical analysis of trends, issues and social processes in Africa, adopting a broad materialist interpretation of change. It has paid particular attention to the political economy of inequality, exploitation and oppression and struggles against them, whether driven by global forces or local ones such as class, race, community and gender.

It sustains a critical analysis of the nature of power and the state in Africa in the context of capitalist globalisation.

For more details about the journal and examples of published articles please click [here](#). For other journal activities, see www.roape.net

Eligibility

Applicants should be nationals of an African country and residents in an African country. Applicants who are based in or studying outside Africa will not be considered. Priority will be given to younger scholars and activists who are not yet established and who do not have alternative source of funding for primary research. Joint applications (by two candidates or more) meeting these criteria will also be considered.

How to apply

Applications should be sent by email to the following address: lcMrs@roape.net

Please make sure that you include these words in the title of your email: 'Lionel Cliffe Memorial Research Scholarship'.

Your application should contain:

1. A brief outline of your research proposal, consisting of:
 - a title
 - an abstract of no more than 100 words, clarifying the political economy framing of the research
 - an outline of no more than 200 words, including a section on the methodology to be adopted in the proposed study
2. your CV with:
 - relevant biographical info (name; age; sex; contact details; nationality – please specify if you have more than one nationality; current residence – please specify if you have double residence)
 - educational qualifications
 - activist experience
 - research experience
 - your current employment circumstances, including any study or internship programme you are enrolled in, with specification of your remuneration if applicable.

3. a motivation letter explaining how you meet the criteria and why you think you are a good candidate for the LCMRS

4. two full references, inclusive of position/institutional affiliation; email addresses, phone numbers and (if possible) skype contacts. If you are shortlisted, your referees will be asked to produce a reference letter on a short notice.

The deadline for applications is 15 March, 2020

What happens after you apply

A selection panel will be drawn from ROAPE's Editorial Working Group. Selection will proceed in two stages. A short list will be drawn up. If you are short-listed, your referees will be asked to produce reference letters. You will also be asked to submit a more extended account of your research proposal (no more than 1000 words), under the same headings as above, but expanding on the research problem and the key research questions.

It should also include a timeline showing your research plan and a budget of how the grant would be used. This may include costs incurred for travel, accommodation, subsistence, equipment (for example a voice recorder), research permits, research assistance, and/or photocopying and printing.

Assessment

The two successful candidates will be offered some limited mentoring to support their efforts. Mentorship will be provided by a member of the Editorial Working Group, via email and skype meetings. At the end of a one-year research period, the candidate must submit a one-page report with a summary account of what has been achieved.

The final requirement is to submit for consideration to ROAPE an article (of no more than 8000 words) based on the research funded by the grant. No guarantee of publication can be given, as the article will be peer-reviewed according to the standard procedure followed by the journal.

Payment of the grant

The grant is £3,000 and will be paid in three tranches. Upon acceptance of a research proposal, ROAPE will disburse 1/3 of the grant (£1,000) to successful candidates to contribute towards direct research expenses. The second tranche (£1,000) will be paid after submission of the first-year report. Part of the second tranche can be claimed in advance if the first tranche has been used up, upon provision of all receipts of expenses incurred upon. The third tranche (£1,000) will be paid following the formal submission of an article to ROAPE.

Deadlines

1. Deadline for applications: 15 March, 2020.
2. Selection of short list: 20 April 2020, with notification to short-listed candidates.
3. Submission of extended proposals from short-listed candidates: 1 June 2020
4. Final selection and notification to successful candidates: 1 July 2020 – payment of the first tranche of grant (1/3 of the total, £1,000)
5. Start of research period and mentorship programme: 1 July 2020
6. First-year summary report: 1 July 2021 (payment of the second tranche)
7. Formal submission of article to ROAPE: no later than 1 July 2022 (payment of the third tranche)
8. At the end of a one-year research period, the researcher must submit a report with a summary account of what has been achieved. The final requirement is to submit for consideration to ROAPE an article (of no more than 8000 words) based on the research funded by the grant. The disbursement of the third tranche of the grant is conditional upon submission of the manuscript.

No guarantee of publication can be given, as the article will be peer-reviewed according to the standard procedure followed by the journal. If you are in doubt about your eligibility or require further information just get in touch at: lcMrs@roape.net

Guidance for ICMR/AU-STRC Health Practitioners/Researchers Capacity Building Scheme

(Training Courses in India 2020)

Introduction

The ICMR/AU-STRC Health Sciences Cooperation is developed in response to the outcome of the landmark India Africa Forum Summit (IAFS) III, October 2015 that was hosted by the Honourable Prime Minister of India.

This Cooperation is set up to leverage resources through innovative interdisciplinary, multisectoral partnerships to capitalize on regional diversity and complementary strengths to enable and nurture an ecosystem that has a strong impact on transforming the health standards of the population.

To guide and institutionalize this cooperation, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the African Union Scientific, Technical and Research Commission (AU-STRC) on the 27th March, 2019. To this effect, ICMR/AU-STRC Health Practitioners and Researchers Capacity Building Scheme are designed to build the capacity of approx. 400 African health practitioners and researchers over a period of 3years.

To achieve this scheme's objectives, ICMR in collaboration with AU-STRC has embarked on training of the African researchers at some of the ICMR institutes in India.

Guidelines Governing the Training

- The individual availing this training would be addressed as an ICMR /AU-STRC International Fellow.
- The training will be conducted in English;
- The Fellow will be entitled to a stipend of Rs.2, 500/- per day.
- Subsidized institutional guest-house accommodation will be provided to the trainee during his/her sanctioned period of training.
- The Fellow will be entitled to air travel (both ways) in economy class excursion air fare by the shortest route.
- The Fellow should have valid visa and overseas health insurance cover (both are to be obtained by him/her) before coming to India. The cost of visas and overseas health insurance cover are not refundable.
- The Fellow should submit a final work report (within 4 weeks after completion of training) on the training undertaken in the Indian laboratory/institute. (as per Format),
- A final report evaluating the performance of the Fellow by the Head of the Indian institute should also be submitted. (as per Format)

Generic Selection Criteria

- The Applicants must be a national of one of the African Union Member States and resides in Africa at the time of application and commencement of the training;
- The Applicant should be working in Health Research centres or Health Facilities within Africa;
- Knowledge of Spoken/Written English is essential;
- The Applicants should not be more than 55 years old as on last day of submission of application;
- The Applicants must satisfy the course eligibility criteria they apply for;
- Must have a valid international travel document and vaccination card;
- Must never being convicted of any crime.

The softcopy of the application forms and any other supporting documents should be submitted to AU-STRC via email: austre@africa-union.org and copied to africanunionstrc@gmail.com

The email should have the subject: **Application for 2020 Capacity building Scheme.**

For details log on to ICMR website: <http://www.icmr.nic.in> and website of AU-STRC: www.austre.org

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