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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

Visit by Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention Africa (CDC) to The Molecular Laboratory, Department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology, Faculty of Pharmacy

Faculty of the Social Sciences and Postgraduate College on Research Methodology Workshop for collaboration between Doctoral Students.

NEWS

Assessment visit by Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to The Molecular Laboratory, Department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology, Faculty of Pharmacy

A team of experts from the Africa CDC visited the molecular laboratory in the Faculty of Pharmacy on Tuesday 19 November 2019. The aim of the visit was to assess the capabilities for cutting-edge laboratory technologies; in particular Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) for Whole Genome Sequencing- (WGS) based disease surveillance towards a comprehensive response to infectious diseases that affect public health in Africa. The visit followed the identification of Global Health Research Unit for Genomic Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance (GHRU-GSAR) in the Department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology, Faculty of Pharmacy. University of Ibadan is a potential regional hub for genomic surveillance in Africa because of her capacity for Next-Generation Sequencing and pathogen bioinformatics.



DVC (RISP), Prof. Olanike Adeyemo, Director, OIP, Africa CDC team, Prof. Iruka Okeke and laboratory staff

The team leader, Dr Philip Onyebujoh kicked off the meeting by describing the mission and responsibilities of Africa CDC. He stated the purpose of the visit thus:

- to identify sites in the African continent with next-generation sequencing and bioinformatics capacity, that can serve as regional hubs for genomic surveillance.
- to determine the gaps and potentials in each potential regional hub, and to provide support and capacity building where necessary.



Africa CDC team at Molecular Microbiology Laboratory, Faculty of Pharmacy

The team also went on tour of the Molecular Microbiology Laboratory and workstation/server section for bioinformatics. The tour was guided by Professor Iruka Okeke. This was followed by a courtesy visit to the Director of Research Management Office, Prof. A.S. Jegede who gave a brief breakdown of the duties of the unit. Professor Olanike Adeyemo (Deputy Vice Chancellor) (RISP) who represented the Vice-chancellor of the University appreciated the team for choosing to assess the University of Ibadan Molecular Microbiology Laboratory.



DVC (RISP), Prof. Olanike Adeyemo and OIP Director with the visiting Africa CDC team, Prof. Iruka Okeke and laboratory staff



Director, RMO, Prof. A.S. Jegede, and staff with the visiting Africa CDC team, Prof. Iruka Okeke and laboratory staff

Faculty of the Social Sciences in Collaboration with the Postgraduate College Organized a 2-Day Research Methodology Workshop for Doctoral Students.



Prof. P. Olapegba
Dean, Faculty of The Social Sciences

As part of the efforts to build the next generation of professional Social Scientists who would be skilled in world class research methodology capabilities, the Faculty of the Social Sciences, University of Ibadan, in collaboration with the Postgraduate College, University of Ibadan organized a two-day Research Methodology Workshop between 27 and 28 November 2019 for Doctoral students.

Eighty participants drawn from the Faculty's four departments – Political Science, Geography, Psychology and Sociology were put through fourteen presentations by resource persons from within and outside the Faculty.

The workshop transcended the usual methodology classes in quantitative and qualitative research methods as it included not only theoretical and philosophical issues in the Social Sciences methodology but also important practical, professional and practice elements. The Provost of the Postgraduate College, Prof J. O. Babalola, was on hand to discuss issues and processes relating to writing doctoral thesis in the University, while Prof Remi Raji-Oyelade was also on ground to discuss the nitty-gritty of mentoring and mentorship with the participants.



Prof. J.O. Babalola
Provost, PG College



Prof. S.S. Babalola
Univ. of Venda, South Africa

One of the highlights of the workshop was the Guest Lecture by Professor Sunday Samson Babalola who came all the way from the University of Venda, South Africa to enlighten the participants on new trends in Social Science Research. He discussed different methods of carrying out cutting edge research in line with international best practices.

Other facilitators also exposed the participants to techniques of searching databases, ethics of research, new methods of research, data analysis and research reporting, conducting literature review, writing abstracts, using the UI Manual of Style, as well as maintaining academic integrity.



A Cross-section of participants at the 2-day workshop

Welcoming the participants to the workshop, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Professor Peter Olapegba, reiterated the importance of putting the participants through the rudiment of research at this time, noting that the Faculty will do all it can to ensure that students are exposed as much as possible to the world of conducting proper research. He noted that the Faculty intends to build needed capacities that will encourage and enable interdepartmental, faculty wide and global exchange of research ideas and methods that will ultimately develop and promote sustainable research collaborations among future Social Sciences professionals, scholars and academics.

Fellowships

African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) One Planet Fellowship 2020 for African Researchers

Application Deadline: March 31, 2020.

The One Planet Fellowship seeks to build a vibrant, highly connected and inter-generational network of African and European scientists equipped to lead research on the multi-dimensional impacts of climate change on Africa's agriculture and food systems while also identifying and developing innovative solutions to effectively respond to the challenges, needs and priorities of diverse population groups across the continent.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible for the One Planet Fellowship, applicants must meet the eligibility criteria outlined below:

- be a citizen of the following countries: Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, Togo, and Zambia
- be 40 years of age or younger by March 31, 2020
- have at least a master's degree or equivalent in any discipline relevant to climate change adaptation with focus on agriculture and food systems
- have research experience in any of the five thematic areas as outlined in the One Planet Scientific Fellowship Framework
- reside in Africa and be actively engaged in research, policy and/or practice relevant to climate change and Africa's smallholder agriculture

- not a previous beneficiary of the AWARD Fellowship initiative

Pre-conditions for Participation in the One Planet Fellowship

Notification on the Fellowship offer to the successful applicant does not guarantee participation in the One Planet Fellowship. Participation will be guaranteed upon the applicant's:

- provision of details of the institution's head or responsible supervisor that shall endorse their participation in the One Planet Fellowship activities
- submission of the required documentation (copies of passport and academic certificates) to support information provided in the application form
- acceptance of the AWARD's code of conduct
- timely, official communication to AWARD on their participation in any other capacity building programs

Application Procedure:

The call for the next round of the One Planet Fellowship opens on November 29, 2019 and closes on March 31, 2020.

Late and/or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

For More Information:

Visit the Official Webpage of the One Planet Fellowship 2020

<https://www.opportunitiesforafricans.com>

Email for further enquiries

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AfOx Fellowships

AfOx is currently accepting applications for two Fellowship schemes:

The AfOx Visiting Fellows Programme

The AfOx Visiting Fellows Programme is designed to enhance academic mobility and network building. The program supports mid-career African researchers to undertake a Fellowship of 2 months at the University of Oxford. [Click for more information](#)

Senior AfOx Visiting Fellows Programme

Senior AfOx Visiting Fellows Programme supports established African researchers who demonstrate the ability for novel thinking and strong research leadership to undertake a Fellowship of 6-9 months at the University of Oxford. [Click for more information](#)

Calls

BIGSAS-PhD-Scholarships for Women from the African Continent DAAD Graduate School Scholarship Programme 2020

Call for Applications

The Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies, BIGSAS, invites outstanding female scholars from the African continent to join an international community of scholars working in the field of African Studies. The scholarship periods begin in October 2020 (including an intensive German language course starting in April or June 2020).

BIGSAS provides a centre for creative and innovative PhD training based on the inter- and multi-disciplinary research environment of the Institute of African Studies, IAS, at the University of Bayreuth, and the Cluster of Excellence 'Africa Multiple: Reconfiguring African Studies'.

The Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies is awarding two scholarships within the Graduate School Scholarship Programme (GSSP) provided by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). For these BIGSAS will nominate candidates with excellent track records, who have successfully passed the application procedure of the graduate school.

Applicants must have a very good Master's Degree in one of the disciplines represented at the graduate school. The Master's Degree must have been obtained within the last six years.

Applicants should not have been in Germany for more than twelve months. Applications may be submitted in German, English or French, the working language of BIGSAS is English.

The final selection will be made by the DAAD.

For more information on your application please refer to:

www.bigsas.uni-bayreuth.de/en/phd_programme/application/index.html
and
www.daad.de/go/en/stipa57034100

Deadline: 09 February 2020

Secondment opportunity for SWIFT African members

Under the African SWIFT Project and in order to pursue its major aims, some opportunities for secondment programme are hereby advertised for African members. This opportunity will enable the secondee to support SWIFT goals (either generally or specifically) and for his/her personal career development. Please, note that the deadline to submit applications is 18:00 GMT of 27th January, 2020

Structure of the secondment

The secondee can:

- (1) travel and spend 2 to 3 months in an African institution (or centre) within or outside his/her country where facilities for achieving these two goals mentioned are readily available; and
- (2) stay in same city and spend 1 or 2 days a week to pursue above stated goals in another organisation for efficiency.

We are committed to supporting flexible working where this commits those with family or other responsibilities, and we will consider other work patterns on a case by case basis.

We encourage secondments between universities and operational centres.

Eligibility

The applicant must be a member of one of the African partner organisations of SWIFT and must be contributing to one or more of SWIFT's tasks or deliverables.

For more information on how to apply and on selection criteria you can download the Secondment-Proposal.

GCRF African SWIFT Fellowships: Call for Applications

Fostering women's leadership in African weather forecasting and its societal impacts

African weather/climate researchers and applied scientists, especially women, are invited to apply for Fellowships sponsored by the Global Challenges Research Fund African Science for Weather Information and Forecasting Techniques (GCRF African SWIFT) project, led by the National Centre for Atmospheric Science (NCAS).

The SWIFT Fellowships are an exciting opportunity for early-career researchers & professionals to expand their experience and independence in African meteorological research and gain leadership experience. Successful applicants will become valued contributors of the African-SWIFT project, which aims to develop sustainable research capability in tropical weather forecasting to enhance the livelihoods of African populations, and improve the economies of African countries.

Eligibility Criteria

The fellowships are open to early career researchers & professionals working in weather and climate research and applied social and natural sciences in the field of African weather prediction.

Fellowship applications must be aligned with the SWIFT research themes (See further details in the Fellowships Final Call document, below).

Applicants must be of Sub-Saharan African nationality, but may be based anywhere at the time of application.

Conditions of Appointment and Benefits

Fellowships must be between 12 and 18 months in duration.

The start and end timing of the fellowships is flexible within the following constraints: fellowships should begin between 1st March and 30th June 2020 and must end no later than 30th September, 2021; fellowships may be carried out as a split appointment, but must be carried out within the specified timeframe.

Fellows may apply to work with a SWIFT partner organisation in Senegal, Nigeria, Ghana, Niger or Kenya. SWIFT fellows will be paid at a very competitive salary commensurate with that of an early career lecturer salary in the host country of the fellowship. In addition, fellows may also apply for additional funds to cover travel and related costs, Host Institute costs and research costs, within reasonable limits.

Application Deadline

The deadline for applications is Friday 6th December 2019

Applications will be assessed by a panel comprising representatives of the SWIFT Programme. We anticipate that successful candidates will be notified by the end of January, 2020.

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SWIFT_Fellowships_Host_Institute_Endorsement_Form

SWIFT_Home_Institute_Endorsement_Form

SWIFT_Professional_Reference_Form

SWIFT_Fellowships_Proposal_Form

Digital Innovation for Development in Africa (DIDA)

Closing date: 12 November 2019 16:00 GMT

Funding Available: At stage one of the call UKRI expects to make 15-20 awards of between £100,000 - £150,000 over 12 months to seed fund Networks. At stage two, Networks awarded in stage one will be invited to bid into a second call in 2020 with up to

£19M available across six to eight projects over 3 years.

Assessment Process: Seed fund Network proposals will be considered by an expert panel against the assessment criteria outlined in the call document.

Key Dates:

Activity	Date
Deadline for seed funded Network proposals	12 November 2019
Expert Panel	Mid-January 2020
Funding decision	January 2020
Seed fund Network award start date	March 2020
Workshops (Africa)	March/April 2020
Deadline for full proposals	September/October 2020
Full award start date	Early January 2021

Additional information: Please note that representatives from successful seed fund Network proposals will be required to attend one of two workshops in Africa in February 2020.

In order to use the Je-S system, principal investigators, co-investigators and their organisations need to register on the system a minimum of two weeks before the call closing date.

Please note that applicants must carefully read the full call document for guidance before submitting a proposal.

Contact: Ruth.McQuitty@ukri.org or GCRF@ukri.org

ERASMUS+ is the European Union's flagship programme for higher education. It offers opportunities to students and staff of Higher Education Institutions to attend or work with European Higher Education Institutions.

Participants are selected through an annual Call for Proposals. The 2020 Call for Proposals is now open for applications. This will be the final call in the current programme.

You can check the Erasmus+ Programme Guide for how to apply:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/erasmus-programme-guide-2020_en

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