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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 the university
- Interpret sponsor guidelines & regulations
- Register & assist with agency submission websites

Proposal Writing

- Review Request for Applications (RFAs) and Request for Proposals (RFPs)
- Proposal development
- Ensure compliance with submission guidelines
- Institutional support documentation for grants application
- Edit and format grants applications for readability
- Review and sign research proposals on behalf of the University or as a delegate of the University

Budgeting

- Budget templates
- Cost Sharing
- Routing and Approval

Training

- Provide training opportunities relating to grantsmanship for early career researchers.

Award Services Communication

- Identify and communicate proactively and effectively award parameters and Sponsor terms and conditions to Researchers and other administrative staff.
- Network with researchers to share and obtain information for effective scientific communication.

Project management

- Provide assistance to Researchers and staff on post-award administrative processes
- Liaise with Sponsors to ensure compliance with guidelines and to resolve conflicts and concerns (where applicable)
- Initiate and manage partnership agreements, sub-awards and sub-contracts with external collaborators

Fiscal Stewardship

- Provide support to Researchers to facilitate the management of research funds and ensure financial management and control on behalf of external Sponsors.
- Ensure 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.

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NEWS

A chat with the Chairman of Animal Care and Use Research Ethics Committee on Ethics and Integrity



The University of Ibadan Research Management Office (RMO) is structured into five main units, which are Research and Policy Development, Research Ethics and Integrity, Research Links, Finance, and Joint Legal Unit. Each unit reports to the Director. In this edition, focus is on Research Ethics and Integrity Unit.

Considering the significance of ethics and integrity in research, it is imperative that all researchers (students and staff) should have understanding of what research ethics and integrity entails and what they and the university will gain from strictly maintaining integrity and complying with ethics of research and research writing. Research Ethics and Integrity Unit performs some principal functions to ensure reliable research activities and foster best ethical practices. Researchers should familiarize themselves with these functions, which are

1. coordinating and monitoring procedures on research using human subjects and animals;
2. monitoring policies relating to research conduct and integrity;
3. supervising compliance with ethical regulations guiding research; assisting researchers in research and instruction related compliance concerns;
4. ensuring that animal care facilities are maintained in compliance with policy regulations;
5. monitoring and consulting with the university organ in charge of environmental health regulations relating to potential biological, chemical, radiation and recombinant DNA hazards;
6. providing administrative support for the relevant ethical review boards;
7. ensuring that monitoring and evaluation is provided for each research project;
8. preparing and submitting annual report to the director.

Focus

The editorial team of UI-Research News visited the office of the Chairman, Animal Care and Use Research Ethics Committee (ACUREC), Prof. S. I. B. Cadmus for an interview. The ACUREC Chairman's responses, as reported below, gave some insights into the activities of the committee towards the achievement of the University's overall research goal.

Can you say there is adequate awareness of this committee?

There is no doubt that ACUREC has already become part of what researchers, especially the animal-based researchers, would think of whenever they think of conducting a research involving the use of animals. This, without mincing words, is the result of sensitization exercise carried out by the secretariat under my chairmanship at the early period of 2018. Today, the committee is serving animal-based researchers which cut across 34 departments in the University of Ibadan including some departments in the College of Medicine. Moreso, the University's policy has mandated all undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as staff who intend to use animals in research to seek ethical approval from the committee.

In what ways has the committee ensured compliance and research growth in the University?

As I have said earlier, students and staff are subjected to mandatory application for ethical clearance. This is currently happening for the faculty of Veterinary medicine and sister departments and faculties that make use of animals in research. The Postgraduate College has also made it mandatory that every postgraduate student must show evidence of ethical clearance. Members of staff too have to get ethical approval from the committee, because showing evidence of ethical clearance is a prerequisite for publishing research reports in most journals.

At what stage of research does ethical approval come in?

Seeking ethical approval should come before the commencement of research work. This involves applying for ethical approval, protocol review by the external reviewers within the University, and the committee. If there is any correction to effect, as might be recommended by the reviewers, the applicant will be asked to do so. After effecting the corrections satisfactorily, the proposal will be approved and certificate of ethical approval will be issued. Nevertheless, the process is suffering some bottlenecks due to the bureaucracy involved. But, hands are already on deck to strategically solve this problem.

You have talked about compliance in terms of seeking ethical approval and effecting corrections on paper, based on the recommendations of the reviewers, what about compliance with recommendations in research field, which mainly involves monitoring?

The major problem is that ACUREC still does not have enough manpower, the committee and secretariat staff to carry out this important aspect of its functions. Thus, for now, the committee gives the honour to researchers as well as student researchers and their supervisors, to show a considerable level of maturity, sincerity and integrity and ensure that the committee's recommendations are complied with, to the latter, without being policed.

In your view, have the applicants, which include staff and students, been benefiting from the ethical review process?

Students and staff have been benefitting from the committee. The committee tries to look out for reviewers who are competent to ensure positive impact on the quality of science of research. To be candid, our reviewers give their time and energy in reviewing proposals, and we always appreciate them for their selfless service to the University. Their efforts add value to the proposals given to them for review. This way, the applicants benefit immensely, because it gives their work greater credibility. Consequently, benefit of research credibility is accrued to the University. For this reason, the committee is exerting considerable effort to keep the standard and maintain global best practices for the University.

NEWS

RMO In-House Training

The RMO had an in-house training for its members of staff on Budgeting in Research, on Tuesday, 8 October, 2019. The training was facilitated by Mr. Apuwabi Odunayo, from Treasury Unit, Bursary Department, University of Ibadan. Budgeting is a very important part of the RMO activities.

Proper budgeting is crucial to winning grants and carrying out successful research. It is also an integral aspect of the finance unit of the RMO. It is for this reason that the Director saw the need for continuous training of members to be better equipped in this very important arm of finance.

Faculty of Pharmacy Capacity Development Workshop

The Faculty of Pharmacy organized 2019 *Capacity Development Workshop*, with the themes, *Achieving Academic Excellence, Improving Administrative Competence and Modern Instrumentation and Application Techniques*.

The workshop which was organized for academic, administrative and technical staff had resource persons drawn from both academic and non academic staff of the University. The Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof Oluwatoyin Odeku, welcomed the participants, appreciated the support of the resource persons and identified the motivation for the workshop as capacity development for efficient service delivery. The programme started on 14 October, 2019 and ended on 23 October, 2019.

Department of History Wins the 2019 Erasmus+ Grant for 2019

Anne Vorpapel of Leipzig University announced the Department of History, University of Ibadan (with the Institut für Afrikastudien, University of Leipzig, Germany) as the winner of the 2019 Erasmus+ Grant application. Two Ph.D. and two M.A. students of the Department of History will benefit each year from the fully-funded programme that began in 1 August 2019 and ends in 31 July 2022. The programme supports the mobility of the beneficiaries between Leipzig University and the University of Ibadan.

Department of History Participates in a 5-year project funded by the Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient of Berlin (ZMO), Germany

The Department of History in 2019 entered into partnership with Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient of Berlin (ZMO) and the Institute for French Research in Africa (IFRA), Ibadan to participate in the Religion, Morality and Boko (REMOBOKO) in West Africa: Students Training for a Good Life) research project. REMOBOKO is a study of religiosity and how it affects secular education (*boko*, in Hausa) on two West African universities campuses (Université Abdou Moumouni, Niamey, Niger, and University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria).

The project, which runs from June 2018 until May 2023 has provided three doctoral research grants funded by resources of the [Leibniz Competition](#). The project is headed by Dr Abdoulaye Sounaye of ZMO, Germany. One of the slots for the three research grants places was won by Miss [Adejoke Rafiat Adetoro](#). The grant makes her eligible to engage in a fully funded doctoral research programme in the Department of History, University of Ibadan. Her status includes thesis supervision in the Department and yearly 3-month academic stay in Berlin.

Methodology Workshop Programme

The Department of History, University of Ibadan and Institut für Afrikastudien, Universität Leipzig held a Predoctoral METHODOLOGY WORKSHOP PROGRAMME, which took place at the Subomi Balogun Conference Centre from 26TH to 27TH AUGUST 2019. The theme of the Workshop was: RESEARCHING TOGETHER.

UI-LISA

The University of Ibadan Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis (UI-LISA), headed by Prof. O. E. Olubusoye has an on-going grant project titled Enhancing Election Participation in Nigeria, between July 2019 to April 2020 and funded by USAID (Nigeria).

SIREN/SIBS-GENOMICS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AT DUGBE COMMUNITY, TOWARDS THE WORLD STROKE DAY

1. Stroke Education

The Stroke Investigative Research and Education Network (SIREN) is the largest study of stroke in Africa with the aim of determining the environmental and genetic risk factors for stroke among black populations. A major component of the SIREN study is the community engagement core, whose primary objective is to provide stroke education and promote stroke awareness to patients and their families, health care professionals, disease support groups, religious and civic organizations. So far, over 10,000 Africans have been educated and screened for stroke risk factors.

The SIREN team visited the Dugbe community located within Dugbe district commercial centre, Ibadan under the Ibadan North-west Local Government Area of Oyo State. An extensive interactive presentation on risk factors for stroke was made by the Team in Yoruba and English languages to over 100 participants mostly market women. Feedback and questions received from those in attendance were addressed. It was indeed a great opportunity for members of the community to receive vital information about their health status.

2. Stroke Risk Factor Screening Exercise

Hereafter, a consent form was administered to members of the community in attendance. All consenting individuals participated in the free medical screening for stroke risk factors viz body mass index, blood pressure monitoring, blood sugar and lipid profile assessment.



Blood pressure monitoring



Physical Measurement



Doctors taking blood for lipid profile

3. Assessment Referral and Follow up

Attendees and participants whose risk factor values require urgent attention were identified by senior doctors and referred to the nearest medical centre or given appointment to the University College Hospital for further assessment by the SIREN/SIBS-GENOMICS team.

All participants screened will be re-examined and followed-up for a period of one year to assess these risk factors.



CARTA Awards

*F*our doctoral researchers from the University of Ibadan have been selected as members of Cohort 10 of the CARTA Fellowship. CARTA, which stands for the Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa, is an initiative of nine African universities, four African research institutes, and select northern partners. The program offers an innovative model for doctoral training in sub-Saharan Africa to strengthen the capacity of participating institutions to conduct and lead internationally-competitive research.

*U*niversity of Ibadan has been actively involved since the inception of the Consortium. Over the medium-term, CARTA aims to produce a critical mass of high-quality graduates trained to address the complex issues surrounding health and development in Africa, retain them in the region, and provide them with a vibrant intellectual environment, as well as viable and challenging research and growth opportunities.

*E*very year, CARTA awards doctoral and research fellowship estimated at \$100,000.00 each to Junior faculty in population and health in the partners' institutions. This fellowship award covers sponsorship to four Joint Advanced Seminar Series in different African countries, conference participation, short term training and capacity building, internship, Ph.D research fieldwork and monthly stipends.

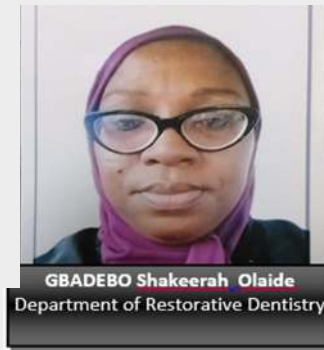
*A*s had been the case in each of the past years, the University of Ibadan was able to obtain the maximum four fellowships allowed for each partner university in the Consortium in a merit-driven process. The four candidates selected from among the eight UI nominees for the CARTA 2019 Fellowships (Cohort 10) and their departments of employment in the University are:



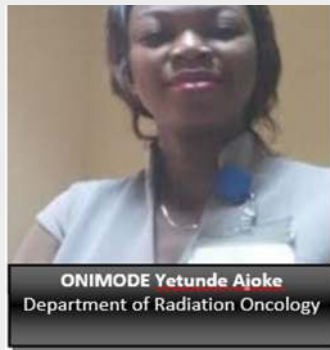
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Fellowships / Scholarships

Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships 2020/2021 for Sub-Saharan African Countries

Social Science Research Council is funding three types of fellowships to support the completion of doctoral degrees and to promote next generation social science research in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. The fellowships support dissertation research on peace, security, and development topics.

Application Deadline: 10th January 2020

Offered annually? Yes

Eligible Countries: Citizens of and reside in a sub-Saharan African country while holding a current faculty position at an accredited college or university in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Field of Study: The fellowships support dissertations and research on peace, security and development topics.

About the Fellowships: The programme, launched in June 2011, responds to a shortage of experienced faculty in African higher education. The Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa program provides fellowships to nurture the intellectual development and increase retention of early-career faculties in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda.

The fellowships are:

- Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship
- Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Fellowship
- Doctoral Dissertation Completion Fellowship

The doctoral dissertation research fellowship supports 6-12 months of dissertation research costs of up to US\$15,000 on a topic related to peace, security, and development.

Proposal development fellowships are intended to support doctoral students working on developing a doctoral dissertation research proposal as well as students who recently completed a master's degree and seek to enroll in a PhD program.

The doctoral dissertation completion fellowship supports a one-year leave from teaching responsibilities and a stipend up to US\$15,000 to permit the completion of a dissertation that advances research on peace, security, and development topics.

The programme assists fellows to develop research opportunities and skills, obtain doctoral degrees, and participate in robust research communities. Toward this end, the project features a thematic focus in order to renew basic research agendas addressing peace, security, and development topics as well as strengthen interdisciplinary social science research capacity on these issues.

Offered since June 2011

Type: Research, Fellowship

Selection Criteria: Strong proposals will offer clear and concise descriptions of the project and its significance. Proposals should display a thorough knowledge of the relevant social science literature that applicants will engage and the methodologies relevant to the project. In addition, applicants must demonstrate that all proposed activities are feasible and can be completed in a timely manner. All proposals will be evaluated for these criteria by an independent, international committee of leading scholars from a range of social science disciplines.

Fellows must be willing to attend two workshops sponsored by the SSRC each year that are intended to help early-career faculty produce scholarly publications. We anticipate awarding as many as 45 fellowships in total across all categories each year.

Eligibility: All candidates must:

- be citizens of and reside in a sub-Saharan African country
- hold a master's degree
- be enrolled in a PhD program at an accredited university in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, or Uganda
- have an approved dissertation research proposal

The program seeks to promote diversity and encourages women to apply.

Number of Fellowships: 45 fellowships are awarded each year.

Value of Fellowships:

The doctoral dissertation research fellowship supports research costs of up to US\$15,000 on a topic related to peace, security, and development.

The doctoral dissertation proposal fellowship supports short-term research costs of up to US\$3,000 to develop a doctoral dissertation proposal.

The doctoral dissertation completion fellowship supports a one-year leave from teaching responsibilities and a stipend up to US\$15,000 to permit the completion of a dissertation that advances research on peace, security, and development topics.

Duration of Fellowship: Fellowships are offered each year. The doctoral dissertation research fellowship is about 6-12 months.

How to Apply:

- Apply for Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship
- Apply for Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Fellowship
- Apply for Doctoral Dissertation Completion Fellowship

[Visit Fellowship Webpage for more details](#)

Wellcome Trust International Training Fellowships in Public Health and Tropical Medicine 2020 for Developing Countries

Wellcome Trust is offering fellowships in Public Health and Tropical Medicine to mid-career researchers from low- and middle-income countries. Wellcome Trust also offers fellowships for Masters, Intermediate and Senior Researchers.

Application Deadline: The preliminary application deadline is 21st November 2019 and full application deadline is 4th February 2020.

Eligible Countries: Low- and middle-income countries

To be taken at (country): Fellowships can be taken in low- and middle-income countries (See list of countries below)

Eligible Field of Study: Fellowships are awarded in the field of Public Health

About the Award: This scheme offers research experience and training to early-stage researchers from low- and middle-income countries. The scheme aims to support research that will improve public health and tropical medicine at a local, national and global level.

Type: Postdoctoral, Research

Eligibility: A researcher can apply for a Training Fellowship in Public Health and Tropical Medicine if:

- They're a researcher based in a low- or middle-income country.
- They must want to undertake a guided period of research so that you can consolidate your existing experience and explore new areas of research.
- They must be a national of a low- or middle-income country and have:
 - a PhD and be an early-career researcher **or**
 - a degree in a subject relevant to public health or tropical medicine and some initial research experience **or**
 - a degree in medicine and be qualified to enter higher specialist training and some initial research experience.
- If you don't have a PhD, we'd expect you to register for one if you're awarded this fellowship.
- You must have an eligible sponsoring organisation in a low- or middle-income country that will administer the fellowship for the full duration of the award.

- If you've been away from research (eg for a career break, maternity leave, or long-term sick leave), we'll allow for this when we consider your application.

Selection Criteria:

- your research experience
- the quality and importance of your research question(s)
- your knowledge of the scientific area
- the feasibility of your proposal
- the suitability of your choice of research sponsors and environments
- your vision of how this fellowship will contribute

We encourage fellows to collaborate with researchers in other low- and middle-income countries.

At the end of this fellowship, you should be able to show:

- you have the potential to be an independent leader in your area of research
- you have the skills and experience to apply for more advanced (intermediate level) funding schemes.

Number of Awardees: Not specified

Value of Fellowship: Support includes:

- A basic salary (determined by your host organisation)
- Personal removal expenses
- Research expenses, directly related to your proposal
- Course fees – in most cases, you must register for your higher degree at a local academic organisation.

Duration of Fellowship: 3 years. A Training Fellowship in Public Health and Tropical Medicine is normally for three years, and can be held on a part-time basis. The fellowship can be for up to four years if you want to do Master's training or a diploma course relevant to the research proposal.

List of Countries: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, American Samoa, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Dem. Rep., Congo, Rep., Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Arab Rep., El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Islamic Rep., Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Korea, Dem Rep., Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Macedonia, FYR, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mexico, Micronesia, Fed. Sts., Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, RB, Vietnam, West Bank and Gaza, Yemen Rep. Zambia and Zimbabwe.

How to Apply: Applicants must submit their application through the Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker (WTGT).

[Visit Fellowship Webpage for details](#)

Award Provider: Wellcome Trust

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