



# UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN

## RESEARCH MANAGEMENT OFFICE

# UI-RESEARCH NEWS



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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Communication is a bridge that connects people in relationship, and a Newsletter is often the life-force of effective communication in an organisational setting. *The University of Ibadan Research News (UI-Research News)*, as a newsletter of the Research Management Office (RMO), hopes to strengthen research and scholarship among staff and students of the Premier University in line with her vision to be a world-class institution. Every enterprise aspires to improve on its output and outcomes regularly. To achieve this purpose in research as we invest like a business enterprise, there is the need to engage in aggressive marketing campaign strategies. This newsletter is a monthly e-publication of the RMO to be distributed electronically through UI the website, staff and students email addresses, and WhatsApp platforms.

In my opinion, this newsletter will strengthen the University of Ibadan brand and the RMO's bond with the university community. It hopes to update research sponsors, university management, staff, students and friends of the university with research news. It will also open avenues for promoting our research culture. The newsletter would allow staff and students to be aware of available grant opportunities, as well as strengthen the reputation of the University of Ibadan as a high-ranking institution in Africa. Also, it will sustain the interest of research sponsors in our capacity to deliver expected research deliverables which may therefore improve our grant portfolio. On this basis, I am delighted to present this maiden edition of *The UI-Research News* to the university community.



**Professor A.S. Jegede**  
Director, RMO

### **OUR MOTTO**

Advancing translational research output and uptake to meet societal needs

### **OUR VISION**

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

### **OUR MISSION**

To be the flagship of Innovative Research Administration and Management in Sub-Saharan Africa, a catalyst for doing and uptaking cutting edge research in the society

### **WHAT WE DO?**

#### ***Pre-grant application Services***

- 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)
- Engage in Proposal development
- Ensure compliance with submission guidelines
- Provide Institutional support documentation for grants application and
- 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.

#### ***Communication of Award Services***

- Identify and communicate proactively and effectively award parameters and sponsor's 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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## FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S DESK

I am pleased to announce the birth of the University of Ibadan Research Newsletter (*UI-Research News*). This is a wanted development in the history of research management in this university. The University of Ibadan is now 71 years old with a long list of veritable achievements in teaching and research. A newsletter of this type is needed to showcase her giant strides.

Research, being the cornerstone of university education, has remained a major priority in the strategic plan of the University of Ibadan. Research is one of the ways by which the university is pursuing its internationalisation agenda. Therefore, the university collaboration portfolio has increased significantly since the establishment of the Research Management Office on 10 May, 2010. This has been made possible by the university's Research Management Office which coordinates the interaction among research sponsors, the university and researchers. This, thereby, bridges the tripartite partnership communication gaps to a large extent.

I have no doubt that the *UI-Research News* will enhance the activities of research management in this university. Research management cannot be done without reaching out to the research community. The community wants to be abreast of necessary information at all times. A Newsletter as a medium of communication can serve that purpose. While the initiative will boost the research management efforts in our institution, it is hoped that interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary collaborations will receive a boost.

There is no doubt that the *UI-Research News* is a welcome development. I, therefore, recommend it to the research sponsors, researchers, staff, students, alumni and friends of the University of Ibadan as a veritable medium of engaging with research management practice in this university.

## FROM THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR'S (RISP) DESK

The significant evidence-based knowledge created through academic research is essential for development of every country. This awareness has necessitated an increased support in serious-minded universities through the creation of Research Management Office (RMO); the University of Ibadan, one of the pacesetters in the Research management initiative on the African continent, is among such universities.

However, a major challenge is the communication gap among the stakeholders in the research enterprise who find the idea of research management novel, and are therefore slow on uptake of the great support an RMO offers to scholars and faculty in ensuring smooth processes in grant application, administration, reporting and other research procedures. It is in the light of this that I consider the *University of Ibadan Research News (UI-Research News)* as coming at an appropriate time in the history of the University of Ibadan Research Management Office.

There is no doubt the newsletter will bridge the communication gap while promoting research culture and excellence. Being an e-publication, the newsletter in line with the modern trend will be sustainable, promoting environmentally friendly service delivery. I do not have any doubt that the *UI-Research News* as an information platform will project the image of the university, address gaps in research administration/communication and sustain the interest of the University of Ibadan scholarly community. On the basis of this, I welcome the birth of the *UI-Research News*.

# GOODWILL MESSAGES



We express our delight at the publication of the maiden edition of the **UI-RESEARCH NEWS** by the Research Management Office (RMO) University of Ibadan. It is indeed a matter of joy and success as the publication will lead to a timely dissemination of information on research and related events in the University as well as increase the visibility of the University.

We congratulate the University of Ibadan and the Vice-Chancellor for this momentous achievement. The College of Medicine identifies with this great achievement and will continue to support the RMO in achieving greater heights for the benefit of the University at large. We wish Professor Jegede and the RMO Team greater success now and in the years to come.

## **Professor E. Oluwabunmi Olapade-Olaopa**

**Provost**

**College of Medicine.**



It is with great pleasure that I send this goodwill message on the occasion of the inauguration of the **University of Ibadan Research News**, the official newsletter of the Research Management Office (RMO).

The RMO runs with the heartbeat mission of the University of Ibadan, which is coordinating the activities of scholars who carry out cutting - edge research and also using the outcomes of its diverse research activities to meet societal needs.

As the central coordinating organ for the management of research conducted by researchers in the University of Ibadan, the RMO has steadily grown in leaps and bounds. Its specific duties include advancing the vision and mission statements of the University as it relates to research; advising the University on research policy under the general supervision of the Research Sub-Committee of the Development Committee and mobilising external research funds.

Your role and assignment in developing and submitting proposals to funding agencies; facilitating the University's liaison with external funding agencies; protecting the interest of the University through negotiation of grants and contracts; facilitating financial accountability in the administration of grants and research-related contracts as well as facilitating the ethical conduct of research in the University are quite laudable.

Of equal interest is your duty in collaborating with relevant units to identify, develop, protect, and market the University's Intellectual Property and to promote knowledge transfer networks with the private sector.

We salute your good work of administering the Research Development Fund and facilitating its functions in conjunction with the Research Management Sub-committee of the Development Committee; providing a report of its activities annually to Council and Senate through the Research Management Sub-committee of the Development Committee and carrying out such other functions as are devolved to you by the Research Management Sub-committee of the Development Committee.

I recall that the office organised a Fulbright fellowship workshop for postgraduate students and early career researchers earlier this year, 2019. The workshop had facilitators, including a top official of the board who is a Nigerian and some members of staff of the University of Ibadan who have been beneficiaries of the Fulbright fellowship at one time or the other in attendance. They came at a time when there was a call for applications to the various categories of the Fulbright fellowship and encouraged the participants of the workshop to apply.

They also shared some practical steps to employ in the course of their application so as to provide leverage for prospective applicants from UI. This is in line with one of the RMO's functions of facilitating the University's liaison with external funding agencies.

The Postgraduate College of the University of Ibadan is happy to associate with the RMO because we share many things in common, especially since the PG College primarily provides the University with researchers who keep the research orientation of the University in focus.

On behalf of the Postgraduate College, I wish the Research Management Office more conquests. In the same vein, I assure Professor A. S. Jegede, the newly appointed indefatigable Director, of our unalloyed support, especially as we collaborate to break new frontiers in research and raise the bar in knowledge creation, knowledge sharing and application.

We will continue to work hand in hand with the RMO towards improving the communication and discussions between the office and the Postgraduate College with a view to fostering better cooperation that will ensure that we place the University of Ibadan at the forefront of cutting-edge and translational research in Africa where it belongs. Our vision remains to ensure that UI is at par with the Ivy League universities in the near future.

Thank you.

## **Professor J. O. Babalola, FRSC, FAS**

**Provost, Postgraduate College**

**University of Ibadan**



On behalf of the Management of the Distance Learning Centre, University of Ibadan, I congratulate the Director, Professor Jegede and his team on the maiden edition of UI-RESEARCH NEWS. Undoubtedly, the newsletter of the Research Management Office will help to promote the activities of the unit given the importance of research works not only in the University of Ibadan, but generally to the world of scholars.

To sustain this legacy of excellence, the RMO through this medium should endeavour to think outside the box. The initiative is therefore, lauded and the Research Management Office is heartily congratulated. May the UI-RESEARCH NEWS truly be the vanguard of research works dissemination it tends to be.

Once again, I congratulate the Director and entire Research Management Office.

**Professor Oyesoji Aremu**  
**Director,**  
**Distance Learning Centre,**  
**University of Ibadan**



On behalf of the management of the Board of the University of Ibadan Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, I rejoice with the Research Management Office of the University of Ibadan on this maiden edition of the newsletter which will serve as the awareness and sensitization tool for the office.

We on our part as the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation will continue to explore ways of strengthening the already existing cordial relationship between RMO and the Centre.

Be assured of our support to the Research Management Office in any way possible.

We wish you the best and please accept our congratulations.

**Professor Oyedunni S. Arulogun**  
**Director,**  
**Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation,**  
**University of Ibadan**



I am delighted to write a goodwill message on production of the maiden edition of the “UI-RESEARCH NEWS”, an official newsletter of the Research Management Office (RMO), University of Ibadan. As the MacArthur Grant Liaison Officer, it is rewarding to see the progress and achievement of the RMO, especially as it was originally seeded by the MacArthur Foundation. I must say here that three of the achievements of the RMO elate me, namely:

1. That the RMO was “birthed” from the MacArthur Foundation’s support through the then academic linkage and capacity building grants for Research Management to the University from 2007 to 2010 when it became a full-fledged organ of the University. The Liaison Office has continued to support the office till date.
2. That the RMO has come to stay in the University and has earned her independence.
3. That the RMO has not only attained independence but has become a major hub for research administration in the University of Ibadan and has performed optimally over the years

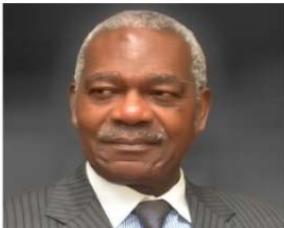
I commend the visionary leadership of the University of Ibadan led by our forward looking Vice-Chancellor and admirable team who provided support to the Directors of RMO. It is my earnest prayer that the leadership of the incumbent Director of the Research Management Office will bring to bear additional strides of developments lifting up the name of the University of Ibadan in the area of Research and Development.

I congratulate Professor A.S. Jegede on his meritorious appointment as the current Director of the Research Management Office. I have no shade of doubt about his competence to deliver on his new assignment given his proven track record of due diligence and productivity.

The Liaison Office of the MacArthur Foundation is willing and open to continue to partner with the RMO as always in pushing forward the frontiers of Research and Developments in the University and beyond.

Long live the University of Ibadan!

**Prof. R. A. Oderinde**  
MacArthur Grant Liaison Officer  
University of Ibadan, Ibadan



**The Rt. Hon. Chevalier Uduimo J. Itsuelli**,  
KSG, OON, DSc. (Ibadan) Chairman Board of UI-  
Research Foundation



**Prof. Ayoade M.J. Oduola**,  
Director, University of Ibadan  
Research Foundation

The Board, the Academic Working Group and Staff of the University of Ibadan Research Foundation (UI-Research Foundation) commend the leadership and efforts of the team at the Research Management Office (RMO), University of Ibadan on the publication of the maiden edition of the monthly UI-RESEARCH NEWS. The concept and creation of this platform for dissemination of research information represent another first by the premier university- University of Ibadan. This valuable medium provides unique opportunities for all the components of the forward looking ‘University of Ibadan Research Platform’ established over the past few decades to share complementary achievements in efforts to propel the leadership of the University of Ibadan on efforts “to make research count for national development”.

The achievement of this new landmark in the 70 years history of the immense contributions of the University of Ibadan to national development is commendable. It provides further validation of the commitment and dedication of the University of Ibadan to lead pioneering efforts in facilitating ‘Knowledge Economy’ for Nigeria through research, high academic standards and generation of innovations.

It is clear that this new UI-RESEARCH NEWS will enhance collaborations between RMO and the UI-Research Foundation on the concept of **‘Partnerships to Make Research Count for National Development (RK4ND initiative)’** through information dissemination and access to advances in research at the University of Ibadan. The UI-RESEARCH NEWS will become an indispensable vehicle to convey the pragmatic vision/efforts on making knowledge the cornerstone of sustainable development in Nigeria.

It will provide a valuable platform for communication and further documentation on research efforts and practices at the University, an important necessity in this era of globalisation.

The production of this newsletter will foster the advocacy platforms of RMO and one of its cardinal functions as the central coordination and management of research conducted by researchers at the premier institution.

The UI-Research Foundation enthusiastically look forward to continuing the partnerships with RMO on the laudable ambition and efforts to continue to pioneer the position of the University of Ibadan as the premier institution of higher learning, and to promote information dissemination necessary for the contributions of University of Ibadan Research Platform to:

- generate new knowledge fit to tackle the socio-economic challenges of Nigeria.
- strengthen dedication of UI research leaders to valuable research priorities with focus on meeting societal needs.
- facilitate access of Early Career Researchers and Postgraduate Students of the University of Ibadan to information on expertise and new competencies to generate research results and innovations for economic development.
- foster efforts of future research and national leaders to effectively use research outputs to address challenges and opportunities of knowledge economy of our national development

There is great confidence that the UI-RESEARCH NEWS will grow to become a veritable vehicle- powered by renewable energy for sustainable promotion of contributions to national development by research leaders at the University of Ibadan.

**Professor Ayoade M.J. Oduola**  
**Director,**  
**Research Foundation (UI-Research Foundation)**  
**University of Ibadan.**

## PATENTS IN UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN

Patent is an important research output that protects ownership of innovation and UI staff and students are keying into this. This is evidenced in the recent number of patents presented by the centre for entrepreneurship and innovation in the underlisted.

PATENTS WITH CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION		
S/N	NAME	TITLE OF PATENT
1.	GRACE ADEMIDUN OLUWATOYE AND LIFEBUILDERS  (6 Ajayi Osungbekun Avenue, Agodi GRA Ibadan)	PROCESS AND METHOD OF PRODUCING BIO-GEL FROM MORINGA AS A RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE (A WASTE TO ENERGY INITIATIVE)
2.	G.L. ARUEYA & O.O. ONIBABA  (Department of Food Technology, University of Ibadan)	A TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PROCESSING OF HOG PLUM (SPONDIA MOMBIN LINN) SEED KERNEL INTO BIOAVAILABLE CALCIUM-RICH RICE PUFFS
3.	PROFESSOR M.K.C. SRIDHAR, DR. T.B. HAMMED AND MR. O.B. FAWOLE  (Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Faculty Of Public Health, College Of Medicine, University of Ibadan)	DEVELOPMENT OF LOW COST UMBRELLA RAINWATER HARVESTER FOR IMPROVED WATER SUPPLY AND SANITARY PRACTICES FOR ROAD SIDE TRADERS
4.	PROFESSOR ABDULGANIY OLAYINKA RAJI AND KAZEEM OLANIYI ORIOLA  (Department of Agricultural And Environmental Engineering, Faculty of Technology, University of Ibadan & Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Ogbomoso)	PROCESS OF FABRICATION OF YAM POUNDING MACHINE USING A T-SHAPED HAMMER

5.	DR ADEOLA ADENILE OLUSANYA AND DR. BOLUTIFE AYOKUNNU OLUSANYA (College of Medicine, University of Ibadan)	ADAPTABLE SKULL STAND
6.	OMOWAMIWA TAIWO OLANREWAJU AND OLUWASEYITANF UNMI OSUNADE  (Department of Computer Science, University of Ibadan)	ACCENTED CHARACTER-BASED CAPTCHA CODE GENERATION
7.	EGANOOSI ESME ATOJUNERE (Department of Agriculture and Environmental Engineering), PROFESOR KOLAWOLE OGEDENGBE (Faculty of Technology) AND PROFESOR EMMANUEL BABAJIDE LUCAS (Department of Wood Products Engineering, University of Ibadan)	DEVELOPMENT OF FILTRATION AND BIOREMEDIAL TECHNIQUES FOR THE DECONTAMINATION OF BITUMEN-POLLUTED WATER

## PATENTS WITH ACCEPTANCE LETTERS

S/N	NAME	TITLE OF PATENT
1.	DR OLUFUNKE OLUSEYI EZEKIEL	PRODUCTION OF FROZEN JUTE MALLOW (CORCHORUS OLIRORIUS)
2.	ENGR. DR. FESTUS ADEYEMI OLUTOGE AND DR OLUFUNMIOLA ADETAYO OBAKIN(Departmen t Of Civil And Environmental Engineering, University Of West Indies, Trinidad And Tobago; Department Of Architecture, University Of Ibadan)	DEVELOPMENT OF CEMENT BONDED ROOF TILES DERIVED FROM CORN COB ASH AND KENAF FIBRE

**Dr Taiwo Babatunde Hammed** of the Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Faculty of Public Health, College of Medicine won a second round of the Climate Impact Research Capacity and Leadership Enhancement programme (CIRCLE) Research Uptake Fund. The fund provides grants to alumni of the CIRCLE Visiting Fellowship programme to conduct activities aimed at ensuring the uptake of their CIRCLE research findings by end users. The main project on ground to be supported by the current uptake is the establishment of waste buy-back centre at Kube Atenda, Ibadan, Nigeria, and the study area for my CIRCLE project. The research and the first uptake grant were of great benefit to the community as community is currently managing their wastes through reduction, reuse and resource recovery. Though, community people have stopped disposing of their wastes on illegal dumps, in open spaces, in water bodies or burn them openly, the major challenge is found in the transportation of plastic waste from the buy-back centre to the companies that buy it. Presently, there is no machine to pulverize or reduce the volume of plastic waste to reduce fees spent on its transportation. The community is facing a big challenge in this regard. Against this backdrop, a new innovation that uses smokeless pyrolytic chamber to convert various solid wastes to renewable energy and useful by-products to address the current challenges being faced at the centre was invented.

The current uptake is therefore going to be focused on a way of scaling up the buy-back centre to a full-fledged solid waste recycling facility as a role model in the country. It set out to provide long lasting solution to solid waste management problems in the area so that people will not revert to their old waste management processes that were not environmentally friendly such as stream dumping and open burning and also prevent plastic waste getting into water bodies, leading to marine plastic pollution. The new innovative Pyrolytic Chamber being proposed to operate at the centre will generate syngas from all type of combustible solid wastes and use the gas to run generators for electricity. The transformation in the community would surely arouse the interest of policy makers to turn evidence into policy action. The uniqueness of the chamber is that:

- i) The entire unit is completely covered to reduce gaseous emission into the atmosphere.
- ii) No heat loss; heat generated during the burning of waste is reused through production of syngas and injecting it into the furnace
- iii) Smoke is recycled into black oil or diesel after treatment.
- iv) Since there is no gaseous emission, it can be operated safely at any convenient place.
- v) All materials used are locally available.
- vi) The unit powers itself and can be used to treat hazardous wastes, hospital waste and agricultural wastes without polluting the environment.

Specifically, the fund will be used to:

- Monitor and evaluate previous uptake activities through a descriptive cross sectional survey
- Scale up of previous uptake through fabrication, installation and test-running of newly invented Pyrolytic Chamber for converting accumulated waste to energy and useful by-products
- Produce simplified and harmonized manual of operating the buy-back centre
- Organize one-day hands-on training workshop on operation of the Pyrolytic Chamber and for disseminating the simplified manual of the newly invented plant.

The centre has become a study area for researchers and postgraduate students in the University of Ibadan. The research uptake will meet the community people needs in the area of community development, clean environment, people's capacity building in waste to wealth concept for wealth creation and poverty reduction, improved health and improved self-esteem. In addition, the uptake activities will facilitate and contribute to the use of research evidence by policy makers, practitioners and other development actors in the state in general.

## **Professor Oyedunni S. Arulogun**

*Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation*

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### **University of Ibadan hosts a Pan African Health Professions Education and Research Conference**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual AFREhealth Symposium was successfully hosted by the MEPIN project, University of Ibadan at the Lagos Continental Hotel from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. The symposium was preceded by 2 days of D43 mentored-research networking meeting (August 3 & 4) and 6 pre-conference workshops on mentoring the mentor, global health diplomacy, strengthening interprofessional education for HIV (STRIP-HIV), researching and writing for impact, implementation science and interprofessional education & collaborative practice (August 5 & 6). The conference which was co-chaired by the University of Ibadan Vice Chancellor, Professor Abel Idowu Olayinka and the Vice Chancellor of University of Lagos, Professor O. T. Ogundipe was declared open by the Governor of Lagos State, His Excellency, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu. Three hundred and fifty (350) delegates from over 50 institutions in 32 countries of Africa, Europe and North America attended the main symposium. During the symposium 108 oral and 110 poster were presented by delegates.

The theme of the symposium was “Strengthening health research, education and service delivery for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Africa” with the following sub themes:

- Governance, Leadership and Global Health
- Health Research and the SDGs
- Health Professions Education and the SDGs
- Health Service Delivery and Quality of Care
- HIV and NCDs
- Genomics and Human Health in Africa

Ambassador Eric Goosby from the Global Health Sciences, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and Professor A. O. Olaniyan, Director Center for Sustainable Development, University of Ibadan gave the keynote address during the conference. `

Highlight from discussions at the symposium can be summarized as follows:

**Strengthening Health Research:** The need to build capacity, improve funding, ensure cost effective utilization of resources and create collaboration was brought to the fore

1. Strengthening Education: importance of inter-professional collaborations, improve training curricula and mentorship emphasised
2. Improvement of Service Delivery: engagement of policy makers, campaign for multidisciplinary disease control approach, access to affordable care which must be sustainable as well as implementation of evidence-based interventions.



The chairman of the LOC, Professor David Olaleye welcoming the Delegates



A cross section of participants at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual AFREhealth symposium



His Excellency, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu, the Executive Governor of Lagos State declaring the conference open



Some members of the LOC brainstorming during the opening session



Professor Abel I. Olayinka, the Vice Chancellor making his opening remarks



Some University of the Ibadan delegates at the Symposium

## IRESEARCH 2019

iResearch is an annual research fair held by the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, which provides an opportunity for researchers in the College of Medicine and University College Hospital to showcase their research findings. In addition, the fair fosters the relationship between the institution, researchers, industry and other users of research findings thereby increasing the visibility of the University College Hospital and the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. iResearch 2019, which held from 10th through 12th September 2019, was themed ‘Innovation for Development (i-4-D)’. This year’s event commenced with a day dedicated to early career researchers (undergraduates, post graduates and resident doctors) in the College of Medicine and the University College Hospital. The second day was for interactive discussion on innovation and networking while the last day was the grand finale, featuring a guest lecture, exhibitions and innovative pitches.



The early career researchers’ day was chaired by the Deputy Provost of the College, Professor Obafunke Denloye who encouraged early career researchers to be creative and involved in innovative research which makes impact on the society at large. Orienting the conference participants on the need for innovative approaches in research, Professor Denloye said “we cannot go on with our old ways. Innovation is crucial to the continued success of any organization and that includes the College of Medicine. Innovation means new ideas, creative thoughts, new imaginations in form of devices or methods. Innovation is also viewed as the application of better solutions that meets new requirements or existing market needs, in this case our patient needs”. Furthermore, the Director Public Health, Dr. Lawal, representing the Permanent Secretary of the Oyo State Ministry of Health, expressed the interest of the Ministry of Health to collaborate with the University of Ibadan on research.

The early career researcher’s day which was organized by the students in the College of Medicine was also an opportunity to showcase the research capacities of early career researchers in the College. Selected upwardly mobile early career researchers spoke about the overview of research, their journey as early career researchers and pathways to conducting innovative researches. Emphasis was laid on the importance of having mentors and the need for willpower and determination in pursuit of careers as researchers. Researchers with the best abstracts in each of the following categories: - undergraduates, postgraduates and professionals, delivered oral presentations on their abstracts and a total of seventy-one (71) accepted abstracts were presented at the poster stands.

The second day of the event was tagged “Innovation and Social Event Day”. There was a fire-side chat with two (2) interactive sessions chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnership, University of Ibadan, Professor Olanike Adeyemo, who was represented by the Director Research Management Office, Professor A.S. Jegede. The first fireside chat which focused on “Bridging the Innovation Divide” was anchored by Professor Oye Gureje. The first discussant, Mrs. Alero Ayida-Otobo, joined via the zoom meeting platform and enjoined the participants on the need for private and public sectors to work together in implementing health initiatives and policies for optimal service delivery

Speaking on the interest of her organization, Incubator Africa, in the health sector, the education specialist emphasized the need for patient centered healthcare research saying “it is important that the medical space listens to those who receive their service, who receive their medical attention”. To achieve optimal healthcare delivery, Mrs. Ayida-Otobo emphasized the need for transformation strategies and building a strong collaborative force of institutional stakeholders to address the problem in the health sector. Her views were reinforced by the second panelist, Mr. Williams Uzoma, a programme coordinator at Incubator Africa. He emphasized the importance of innovations that bring innovators from other sectors together.

The second fireside chat anchored by Dr. Opeyemi Sigbeku amplified “Intellectual Property Rights”. The panelists which included Professor Ayotola Aremu and Professor Oyedunni Arulogun (immediate past and current head of Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, University of Ibadan respectively) highlighted the link between innovation and intellectual property explaining that if there is no innovation, there cannot be intellectual property. In addition, the myth about innovation was debunked by one of the speakers, Professor Adetimirin who explained that innovation is not about thinking in terms of totally new creation however, innovation can result from “new applications or new processes to things that have already been in process before”.

On funding and patenting innovative researches, researchers were admonished to engage with “the town” to understand what problem is worth solving in order to commercialize their research outcomes. The Provost, Professor E. Oluwabunmi Olapade-Olaopa had this to say: “The problem with patent is that we do not commercialize them and industry does not fund what it cannot make money from...Universities must provide researchers with an enabling environment that allows them develop patents that industries want to fund.” Bringing home the subject matter, Prof. Adetimirin shared his experience on trying to commercialize his super sweet corn and encouraged researchers to be diligent and resolute on patenting their researches.



The event was wrapped up on Thursday 12th September, 2019 with the grand finale, guest lecture and exhibition. The chairman of the day, Professor Abel Idowu Olayinka, Vice Chancellor, University of Ibadan was represented by Professor E. Oluwabunmi Olapade-Olaopa, the Provost of the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan. The day had amongst other events a keynote presentation by Professor Martins Emeje, Head Technology Innovation and Support Centre, NIPRD, Abuja. The keynote speaker stated emphatically that “The future of the nation lies in the hands of the academia and our research”. He therefore enjoined researchers to conduct researches that will be of benefit to the nation and with commercialization of research outcome in view.

In addition, there were several goodwill messages from friends of the University and innovation pitches on “brain bio-banking” by Dr. Rufus Akinyemi, “innovation on neonatal hypothermia” by Dr. Taiwo Lawal and “the biorepository initiative” by 54gene consortium. The Secretary to the College of Medicine, Dr. Ikeoluwa Moody, also introduced three disruptive ideas that will change administration in the College of Medicine:- “automation, recruitment and non-academics in research”. She emphasized the need for personnel recruitment based on skills, and not just academic qualifications, and the training of non-academics on research.



The day, which also commemorates five years of active service of the College Research and Innovation Management to the University of Ibadan, ended with the presentation of awards to best abstracts in each category of the early researchers (undergraduate students, postgraduate students and resident doctors), poster presentations of all accepted abstracts and exhibition by researchers and industry.

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## REPORT OF THE IBADAN HUMBOLDT KOLLEG IN LINGUISTICS AND HUMANISTIC MEDICINE (IB-HUMANMED 2019)

The Ibadan Humboldt Kolleg in Linguistics and Humanistic Medicine (IB-HUMANMED 2019), a three-day conference themed “Healing Tongues: Therapeutic Potential of Negotiative Communication in Patient-centred Consultative Encounters”, was held at the University of Ibadan, from 23-26 September, 2019. Prof. Akin Odebunmi of the Department of English convened the conference and it was sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany. On the first day of the conference (23 September, 2019), conferees were introduced to research opportunities in Germany, a dramatised clinical consultative encounter was staged and interpreted by a team of discussants led by Professor Sigurd D'hondt of Jyvaskyla University, Finland, and an evening of cultural entertainment was held.



The opening ceremony of the Conference took place on 24 September, 2019. The high points of the programme were the keynote addresses. In the first keynote address, Prof. A.O. Malomo underscored the communicative barriers that impinge negatively on the holistic care of spine patients. In the second keynote speech, Prof. Dr. Kurt Fritzsche, represented by Dr Victor Makajuola, addressed the extent and manifestations of patient-centred clinical encounters in German psychosomatic clinics. During the parallel sessions, papers from variegated subfields of humanistic studies, especially linguistics and medicine analysed doctor-patient interactions in the contexts of orthodox and traditional medical practices.



**Prof. K.O. Adebawale, Deputy Vice-Chancellor,  
Administration in a chat with the organizers.**

The third day of the conference concentrated on lead paper presentations and roundtable discussions. Five lead papers were presented by Prof. Akin Odebunmi, Prof. Ayodele Jegede, Dr E.A. Amao, Prof. Karin Birkner and Prof. Adebola Ekanola. They addressed, respectively, “Strategic communication in therapy delivery”, “Sociological implications of consultative approaches”, “Consultative approaches in family medicine”, “Consultative styles in HIV/AIDS clinics in Germany” and “Ethical questions in human-centred medicine”.



**Prof. A.B. Ekanola, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Academic) U.I  
addressing participants**

From the roundtable discussions, the following recommendations were made:

- ✓ The bio-social approach to medical consultations should be adopted.
- ✓ Doctors should encourage patients' participation in consultative encounters by allowing them the freedom to speak extensively and emphasise issues.
- ✓ Aspects of the Nigerian medical schools' curricula should be dedicated to negotiative communication in medical consultations.
- ✓ In addition to the inclusion of the subject in the medical schools' curricula, regular trainings on the subject should be organised for doctors.
- ✓ As evidence of a more rewarding collaboration between linguistics experts and medical scientists, more academic papers on the subject should be published and widely distributed among medical practitioners.
- ✓ Medical practitioners should use less medical meta-terminologies in communicating with their patients.
- ✓ Though the deployment of the patient-centred approach should be encouraged, the doctor-centred approach may be still be found useful in the context of paediatric consultative encounters.
- ✓ To avoid dire legal implications, doctors should avoid coercion in their communicative encounters with patients. Rather, they should adopt a communicative approach to persuade their patients where the need arises.
- ✓ Cultural and intercultural pragmatics should constitute the core of trainings on medical communication curricula as cultural considerations circumspect all communicative encounters especially in a multi-ethnic space like Nigeria.
- ✓ With the placement of notices in hospital settings and public announcements on relevant media, patients should be made aware of their rights and obligations in communicative encounters with medical personnel.
- ✓ To encourage doctors to use the patient-centred approach, relevant authorities should improve the conditions of service of medical personnel; their humongous workloads must be reduced through the employment and retaining of as many doctors as possible.

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## FACULTY OF EDUCATION GEARS UP EFFORTS ON QUALITY RESEARCH



The Dean of the Faculty of Education is taking a remarkable step to ensure that the faculty, as a corporate body, records quality research breakthroughs during his tenure and beyond. This is a step in the right direction towards subserving the vision of the Premier University. A team was recently inaugurated which comprised faculty members from different departments in the faculty and

the Faculty's Research Administrator from the Research Management Office. The team was set up to reposition the faculty for research and to oversee conduct of viable research for and on behalf of the faculty.

Collaboration is the order of the day in research world. It is apparent the Faculty of Education is keying itself into this order, as any department that gets a call in its discipline will enjoy the support of the faculty through the team. This is to promote research efforts as a corporate body in the Faculty of Education.

In a short time of its inauguration, the Research Team, in a bid to compete well with other local and international bidders, is working assiduously towards getting quality research proposals ready in anticipation of funding opportunities with the Research Management Office playing professional roles.

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## THE SOCIAL SCIENCES RMO HANDSHAKE

The Faculty of the Social Sciences, University of Ibadan in its quest to extend the frontier of knowledge through research has deepened her engagement with the Research Management Office of the University. The Faculty has in this direction provided a new desktop computer to the RMO Office in the faculty and the Office has been relocated to a more spacious and easily accessible space by the Dean's Office.

The RMO Officer in the Faculty, Miss Blessing E. Ehieze has proved to be effective and diligent in pursuing the mandate of RMO and assist the Faculty and staff in research related matters. Interestingly, she doubles as the Secretary to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Ethics Committee (SSHREC).

The Faculty is excited by the commitment of the RMO Director, Prof. Ayodele Jegede through his office to provide administrative support for researchers in the faculty in addition to providing information on funding opportunities and coordinating pre-award and post-award processes. The Social Sciences wish the Director and the Research Management Office well in their tasks while we look forward to a robust engagement.

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## Announcements

### Call for application: IFRA 2019 Conference funding

Dear fellows,

The French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA-Nigeria) is offering grants to support valuable graduate students presenting papers at regional and international conferences in any field of the Social Sciences and the Humanities.

This grant will cover conferences that are being held between December 2019 and June 2020.

Requests for funding MUST respect the following guidelines or will not be considered:

**Eligibility:** Master and PhD students in Nigerian universities whose abstract papers have already been accepted at a regional (West Africa) or international conferences (rest of the world).

**Conditions:** IFRA grants will cover ONLY transport fees. Therefore, interested applicants must have arranged accommodations in the site of the conference.

**Application format:** Applications will take place electronically.

Applicants should send their

CV;

Letters of motivation;

Successful conference abstract and;

:Letter of acceptance from the conference organiser

Application should be sent to [info@ifra-nigeria.org](mailto:info@ifra-nigeria.org) INCOMPLETE

**APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Deadline: Applications must be submitted not later than 1st of November 2019.

All information are available on our website: <https://www.ifra-nigeria.org/blog/call-for-application/328-call-for-application-ifra-2019-conference-funding>

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APTI fellows will be expected to lead important research programs in their home countries and institutions. After successful completion of the two-year postdoctoral fellowship, trainees will be provided with 50% salary support for an additional two years to assist their transition into independent researchers.

The main objective of APTI is to train a cadre of African scientists so they return to their home institutions and become scientific leaders in their community, help solve Africa's challenges in global health and development, and in turn become trainers of the next generation. A key ingredient is a focus on the home institutions. As such, APTI expects commitment from home institutions to provide a conducive research environment and dedicated research time for the fellows upon their return home. APTI fellows are expected to be a part of an African regional and global web of collaborations connecting to their home institutions. APTI fellows will be linked to an existing African and global scientific networks and are expected to nurture these scientific collaborations and relationships.

#### **Candidate requirements:**

Must be citizens of and currently employed in an academic, research, or government position in an African country.

Must have a relevant doctoral degree (e.g., PhD, MD, MBBS) awarded no more than 15 years earlier.

Must have less than 5 years of relevant research experience following the award of their doctoral degree by their start date at the NIH. The maximum five years of research experience are only after the doctoral degree has been earned. Research conducted before the award of the doctoral degree does not count against this time.

#### **Selection criteria:**

Professional merit, scientific ability, and potential future career impact (based on CV, letter of interest, and two reference letters).

Assurance and availability of resources from the home institution for a designated, funded research position for the postdoc upon completion of their fellowship (expressed in letter from director/head of research of home institution).

Commitment to return to their home country following completion of training (expressed in a letter of interest).

A selection committee will ensure the best match of outstanding candidates and NIH laboratory positions. Additional selection factors may include diversity in scientific research areas, geographic origin, and gender.

#### **Deadline:**

Sunday, December 1, 2019

## **Postdoctoral Training Opportunity in Medical & Health Sciences**

The African Academy of Sciences (AAS), the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are partnering under the auspices of the Coalition of African Research & Innovation (CARI) to establish a postdoctoral training fellowship program, the African Postdoctoral Training Initiative (APTI). Training will be at a world class institute, the intramural laboratories of NIH.

APTI fellows will train in a global health research area of priority for their home institutions and countries, and AAS, BMGF and NIH, while building bridges and lasting connections between the partner organizations and African scientists and institutions. While at the NIH, the fellows must be on leave or sabbatical from their home institution under the NIH Intramural Visiting Fellow Program (<https://policymanual.nih.gov/2300-320-3>). The research priority areas are in infectious diseases, nutrition, and reproductive, maternal, and child health and developing skills for clinical and translational research. Research on other significant burdens of disease in Africa will also be considered. More information available

AAS - <http://www.aasciences.ac.ke/about/about-us/about-the-aas/>

BMGF - <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do>

NIH - <https://irp.nih.gov/our-research/scientific-focus-areas>

# **University of Ibadan Medical Education Partnership Initiative Junior Faculty Research Training Program (UI-MEPI-J)**

## **CALL FOR YEAR 05 APPLICATION**

The aim of this research training program is to support **development of early career faculty** at the College of Medicine and related disciplines of the University of Ibadan to acquire knowledge and skill sufficiently to conduct high quality country relevant biomedical, clinical, epidemiological and behavioral research for improvement of health of the people of Nigeria and global health in general. The training will provide knowledge and skills, and personalized mentoring for the trainees and create a community of scholars with the inclusion of women. Trainees will be expected to complete a scheduled research training program and develop sufficiently to become independent investigators. The University of Ibadan has experienced investigators who will serve as research training mentors and resource persons for the various training courses. The two US partnering institutions, Northwestern University (NU) and Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH), and University of Sciences, Techniques and Technologies of Bamako (USTTB), Mali (TB genomics) will provide additional support for effective implementation of the program.

At the end of the two-year mentored research training, beneficiaries will be expected to have

- completed the core curriculum for research training, conducted a well-designed project
- submitted original manuscript for peer reviewed publication
- made scientific presentations at local and international conferences
- submitted proposals for competitive grants
- become an active member of scholars in his/her field of study and assuming leadership role in his/her academic unit with active fostering of the next generation of investigators in his/her academic unit/group

The program will be accomplished through the following strategies:

- I. Provision of financial support and training for a two-year mentored research and career development for junior faculty (including 2-3 months study visit abroad) who are interested in any of the following thematic areas of the project.
  - HIV/AIDS (with special interest on outcomes of long term ART, implementation science and intervention studies)
  - Genomics of infectious diseases
  - Neurological research, including neuroimaging.
- II. Implementation of curricula that will include structured and tailored training in research methods and scientific investigation, responsible conduct of research and research ethics, communication of scientific findings, personal interaction, career development, scientific responsibility, research integrity, health disparity and gender issues in research.
- III. Support for attendance of conference for the mentor and mentee.
- IV. Establishment of community of scholars and role models in high output research at the University of Ibadan and networking with related local and international organizations.
- V. Support trainees to compete for relevant institutional, national and international funding opportunities.
- VI. Mentees will be matched with mentors from the University of Ibadan and our US partnering institutions in NU, HSPH and USTTB (for genomics of TB).

**This program does not include projects involving clinical trials of any form or use of laboratory animals.**

**TERM: TWO YEARS**

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible candidates will be academic staff of the University of Ibadan and University College Hospital, Ibadan with a full-time appointment as the Assistant Lecturer, Lecturer II, Lecturer I grade or Senior Lecturer (not due for Readership yet). They must possess first degree in health-related disciplines or behavioral sciences and relevant postgraduate qualifications (M.Sc., Ph.D., MD, Pharm.D., Fellowship of the West Africa Postgraduate College or National Postgraduate College or equivalent foreign qualifications). In addition, applicant must have completed the MEPIN online CITI Course.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria
2. Applications must be completed, signed and include the following documents:
  - a. Application letter to the Program Officer, UI-MEPI-J
  - b. Outline of mentoring plan
  - c. Letter of support by the Head of Department (or direct supervisor) with assurance of at least 20% protected time for the work.
  - d. Research project title page
  - e. Abstract describing the research (500 words or less)
  - f. Biosketch in new NIH format of the Investigator and Mentor(s)  
(See [www.grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketchsample.doc](http://www.grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketchsample.doc) for more details)
  - g. Research Plan
    - i. Specific aims (1 page)
    - ii. Background and Significance (not more than 5 pages)
    - iii. Preliminary Data (if available)
    - iv. Experimental Design and Methodology (maximum of 5 pages): Describe the design, data collection methods, analytical plan, and data management plan, as relevant.
    - v. Dissemination plan
    - vi. References: List all references cited in the research plan
    - vi. Plan for Protection of Human Subjects: Describe the risks/benefits to the study participants, your method of collecting informed consent (as relevant), and your plans to safeguard the patient's information.
    - vii. Timeline
  - h. Budget: The budget should cover the activities for the 2-years period [EXCLUDING salary support, international travel up to 3 months abroad, bench/field assistant, workshop/conference attendance fees, laptop/desktop, or indirect costs (facilities and administrative costs)].

- i. Budget justification: The justification must include a detailed explanation for the expenses requested in the budget. Describe the role of each person listed under personnel.
- j. Description of participation in previous MEPIN/UI-MEPI-J training programs/mentored research training or any other previous research training activities.
- k. Future Research plan: A brief explanation of how the award of this funds will enhance opportunities for conducting future research or acquiring other funding.
- l. Letters of support from mentor indicating the mentor's commitment to serve in this role for the proposed research.
- m. Evidence of completing a MEPIN CITI Course (Certificate). Follow the direction below to register and take the MEPI CITI course. This is a mandatory requirement for this program.

*Google CITI home page (<https://www.citiprogram.org/>) → click register now → select MEPIN as participating institution → proceed to create your password and complete registration → take course/exam and print certificate*

- n. Personal Information page:
  - i. Mentor: Name, departmental contact address, email(s), phone number(s), MEPIN CITI number
  - ii. Mentee: Name, departmental contact address, email(s), phone number(s), MEPIN CITI number
  - iii. UI-MEPI-J Thematic area of interested.

**Submission of application: Applications should be submitted in a single pdf document to [mepinapplication@gmail.com](mailto:mepinapplication@gmail.com)**

**Application open date: Monday September 09, 2019**

**Application deadline: Midnight Sunday October 20, 2019**

**For details of the announcement, please visit <https://uiimepij.mepinigeria.org.ng/>**

**For any enquiry, contact: [mepin2010@gmail.com](mailto:mepin2010@gmail.com) or call 022912177/08181276671**

# Fellowship

## NYU-UG RESEARCH INTEGRITY TRAINING PROGRAM FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER – NIH CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

We are pleased to announce that the **New York University–University of Ghana Research Integrity Training Program** (1-R25-TW-010886) is now accepting applications for open positions in the second cohort of its Fellowship Program in Research Integrity. The Fellowship will begin in Spring 2020.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The **NYU-UG Research Integrity Training Program** is a collaborative endeavor between NYU and UG, and is funded by the Fogarty International Center, U.S. National Institutes of Health. The Principal Investigator is Arthur L. Caplan, PhD (Division of Medical Ethics, NYU School of Medicine). The Co-Principal Investigators are Olugbenga Ogedegbe, MD (Department of Population Health, NYU School of Medicine; NYU College of Global Public Health), and Amos Laar, PhD, MPH, MA (UG School of Public Health). The program is designed to develop expertise related to research ethics, research integrity, and research governance in Ghana. It consists of the development and implementation of a Fellowship Program in Research Integrity that will be offered to thirty researchers in cohorts of ten over the course of three years, and which will provide the foundation for establishing a sustainable Master's Program in Bioethics at the UG School of Public Health.

The **Fellowship Program in Research Integrity** will build research ethics and integrity capacity among a select group of Ghanaian researchers who have successfully completed doctoral-level training in medicine, professional degrees in law, master's or doctoral degrees in public health, nursing, the social sciences, or philosophy, or who are currently enrolled in doctoral programs in these areas.

The training will build on Fellows' previous training in research methods and experience conducting research so that they may expand their understanding of the importance and relevance of research integrity in relation to their work. Skills developed during the fellowship will enable graduates to play leadership roles in multi-national research teams and research governance. The Fellowship's curriculum, developed collaboratively by experts in research ethics at NYU and UG, comprises the following year-long sequence of courses:

- CITI Program Training in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR);
- Intensive Course #1: History and Philosophical Foundations of Research Ethics;
- Intensive Course #2: Research Integrity; and
- Intensive Course #3: Developing a Research Paper.

All fellows who successfully complete the fellowship will receive a certificate. Exceptional scholars who complete the fellowship will have the opportunity to pursue a Master's Degree in Bioethics from the NYU Center for Bioethics, under the direction of S. Matthew Liao, PhD. This opportunity will be available to six of the thirty Fellows.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Applicants who meet the criteria below are strongly encouraged to apply.

3. **Prerequisite Education.** Applicants must, by fellowship start date, be one of the following:

- a. graduates of the Cardiovascular Research Training (CaRT) Institute;
- b. graduates of master's or doctoral programs in public health, nursing, the social sciences, or philosophy, or students currently enrolled in such doctoral programs;
- c. Physicians in Residency training/clinicians engaged in health sciences research;
- d. graduates of law schools.

1. **Research Experience.** Applicants must demonstrate a track record of excellence and potential to exhibit leadership in research ethics.
2. **Attendance at Selection Interview.** In late February 2020, the Selection Committee will invite selected applicants for selection interviews at the UG School of Public Health.

### TO APPLY:

The submission **deadline** for application is **January 15th, 2020**. Applications should be submitted online at <https://goo.gl/NcbSte>. Complete applications must include the following:

1. **Application Form.** Available at <https://goo.gl/NcbSte>.
2. **Curriculum Vitae.** An up-to-date CV.
3. **Letters of Recommendation.** Two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty who have first-hand knowledge of the applicant's potential for conducting independent research.
4. **Personal Statement.** A Personal Statement indicating the applicant's interests in research ethics and research integrity.
5. **Commitment Statement.** A signed statement indicating that the applicant will attend all required mentorship and program evaluation activities, including the Ghana Research Ethics Network (GREN) conference in Academic Year 2022–23.
6. **Letter of Institutional Support:** A letter from the department chair, or equivalent should accompany each application. The letter must state the following: (a) that the trainee will have access to necessary resources in their institution that will enable them to conduct their research projects; (b) that the trainee will commit at least 30% effort to attend the Intensive Research Courses and all mentoring activities; (c) that the trainee will be granted time off to attend all three Intensive Courses.
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### For questions about the application process, please contact the Program Coordinator:

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### For more information about the Program, please contact the Co-Principal Investigator:

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