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A research focused department, building capacity in excellent innovative research and development.

RIIC MISSION

To serve as a catalyst for cutting edge ethical research, through interdisciplinary collaboration and joint ventures that impact national and global needs.

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BABCOCK UNIVERSITY AND THE NIGERIAN AIR FORCE SET TO COLLABORATE



The Nigerian Air force (NAF) led by team leader, Air Vice Marshall H.P Abubakar, the Chief of Standards & Evaluation, visited Babcock Univeristy to explore possible areas of collaboration. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo welcomed the guests and expressed the institution's desire to partner with NAF as a forward looking organization for mutual benefits.

Sequel to deliberations, both parties agreed to develop an MOU to collaborate on Information Communication Technology, Health and Medical Sciences, Computing, and Engineering. This collaboration represents a shift from importing solutions to sourcing ideas locally from credible institutions to meet the challenges in their organization.

The partnership will focus on developing software, cybersecurity technologies, and advancements in medical research between academy and the industry in achieving common goals leading to innovation and development in various fields.



WORKSHOP- CONTRACT, BUDGET & AGREEMENTS

February 7-9, 2023



Photograph of participants

OVERVIEW

The RIIC Workshop on Contract, Budget & Agreements workshop took place on the 7th-8th of February 2023 with about 15 participants from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00pm daily.

The Director, RIIC, opened the workshop stating that the workshop was organized in response to the needs assessment carried out by the Research office last semester. According to Prof. Tayo, the university's mandate goes beyond teaching and involves impactful research. Therefore, the institution through the Research office is committed to building an environment that fosters impactful research.

The 15 participants comprised of faculty members, bursary staff, legal unit staff and RIIC's staff were exposed to grant management cycle, budgeting and principles, audit requirements, and considerations for contractual agreements.

Participants were encouraged to adhere to best practices while carrying out a research project without compromising on research integrity.

The need to involve the Research office in grant management from application to implementation was also emphasized.



The bridge between Research enterprise and the funders perspective is research integrity. Researchers must ensure to adhere to best practices all through the research process.

INAUGURAL LECTURES TIMETABLE (2022-2023)

The Research, Innovation and International Cooperation Office appreciates the cooperation of all the schools in the success of the inaugural lectures so far. The schedule for the 2023 BU inaugural lectures as approved by the University is listed below:

February 2-	School of Public and Allied Health
March 16-	School of Management Sciences
April 6-	Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences
May 4-	School of Education and Humanities
June 1-	School of Basic Clinical Sciences
July 6-	Nil
August 3-	Nil
September 7-	School of Science and Technology
October 5-	School of Nursing
November 2-	School of Basic Medical Sciences
December 7-	Computer and Engineering Sciences

2023 RIIC OFFICE WORKSHOPS

The following workshops organized by the RIIC Office, will be coming up as scheduled below. The trainings will be focusing on the areas identified in the needs assessment conducted among faculty members during the 1st Semester, 2022/2023 academic session.



Research Methods Workshop

JANUARY 23-26, 2023



Academic Writing

FEBRUARY, 2023



Budgeting, Contracts & Agreements for Workshop

FEBRUARY 7- 9, 2023



Sustainable Research Collaboration

MARCH, 2023



Research Fair

APRIL 4-6, 2023



Grant Writing

JULY, 2023

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

RSTMH 2023 Early Career Grants Programme

Open Date: February 1, 2023

Deadline: April 28, 2023.

Funding type: Grant

Amount: £5,000

To enable early career researchers and global health professionals in the field of tropical medicine or global health to undertake clinical or scientific research and/or fieldwork, either as stand-alone projects or distinct elements within a larger project. They are for those who have not received a research grant of £5,000 or more in their own name before.

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Predocctoral (PhD grants) Fellowships in Plant Sciences on MSCA-Cofund Project in Spain, Germany and UK

Open Date: February 13, 2023

Deadline: March 19, 2023.

Funding type: Fellowship

This programme is focused on training in advanced research topics and technologies and training in non-research oriented transferable and transversal skills. rePLANT researchers will enjoy a common training programme in which all rePLANT researchers will have the opportunity to interact with researchers of the three institutions from inside and outside rePLANT.

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Seed Grant for New African Principal Investigators (SG-NAPI)

Open Date: Open

Deadline: Undecided

Funding type: Grant

The programme is aimed at young scientists who are getting established in their country or are about to return home to an academic position. Grants are awarded to promising high-level research projects in Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Earth sciences, Engineering, Information Computer Technology, Mathematics, Medical Sciences and Physics carried out in African countries lagging in science and technology identified by TWAS.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

BBSRC Discovery Fellowships 2023

Open Date: March 2, 2023
 Deadline: May 25, 2023.
 Funding type: Fellowship

This funding opportunity is open to early career researchers wishing to carry out independent research within a host laboratory. Applicants on an upward trajectory to pursuing working independently and developing research leadership are encouraged to apply.

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Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

Open Date: March 1, 2023
 Deadline: May 9, 2023.
 Funding type: Grant
 Award: £250,000 - £750,000

Application for funding to support ambitious early-stage research collaborations on their way to becoming strategic partnerships.

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Expression of interest: protected and controlled environment (PACE) horticulture

Open Date: February 18, 2023
 Deadline: April 19, 2023.
 Funding type: Grant
 Award: £250,000 - £937,500

Apply for funding for innovation focused research about PACE horticulture.. BBSRC will fund 80% of the full economic cost (FEC) of the project. The 80% FEC award from BBSRC for your project can be from £200,000 to £750,00. Industry partners and contributions are required to match the 80% FEC investment from BBSRC through both cash and in-kind contributions.

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3 TOP TIPS TO**WIN RESEARCH GRANTS****1**

Develop a clear and compelling research proposal: Your research proposal is the key to winning a grant, and it should be well-crafted, innovative, and address a significant gap in the field. Be sure to articulate the significance and potential impact of your research, as well as your specific aims, methodology, and expected outcomes.

2

Build a strong research team: Your team should include individuals with diverse skills and expertise who can contribute to the success of the project. Be sure to identify collaborators and potential partners who can bring additional resources, knowledge, and skills to the project.

3

Follow the guidelines and instructions carefully: Every grant application has specific guidelines and instructions, and it's essential to follow them closely. Be sure to adhere to the deadlines and submission requirements, and don't forget to proofread and edit your proposal carefully before submission.

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