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

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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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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR, RIIC

It's a privilege to welcome you all to the new school year, 2022/2023.

From the RIIC Office, we congratulate everyone for the success recorded in their research activities in the last school session. For us at the research office the year was remarkable, dotted with capacity building workshops by facilitators from around the globe, networking and visits to BU by university scholars, international and local grant awards. This new year promises to be more! Our drive for capacity building continues with the identification of faculty members' research needs and possible ways of providing all-round

support to researchers. As we work together to conduct novel research with a focus on the institution's research niche - Environment, Food security, and Adventist Heritage, we are open to suggestions from everyone, and our doors are always open for you at the RIIC Office (last floor, BUCODEl building), where there is a will, there is a way.




Prof. Grace O. Tayo

Together we can make BU a centre of research excellence and make impact for more visibility. Together we can, yes we can!

Wishing you a remarkable school year!





INAUGURAL
LECTURE
OCTOBER 6, 2022

CULTURE AS CREATIVITY AND LAW: INDULGING IN THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE OF COPYRIGHT INDUSTRIES IN NIGERIA.

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The 38th Inaugural lecture was held on the 6th of October, 2022 by Professor Ayoyemi Lawal-Arowolo. Find below a summary of the presentation.

Culture as a way of life and survival mechanism is crucial to the creative industry in Nigeria. It has been proven severally that creativity began in Africa regardless of the mode of transmission which is not intellectual property law compliant. Customs in various communities served as law even though often disregarded. Misconstrued is the perception that creativity in Africa is totally communal without recognizing the existence of individualism in communalism. Creativity always starts with one person but it is shared by many. The injustice of one cap fits all of the intellectual property law has become apparent over the years. It is time cultural innovations are accommodated in protection mechanisms across aspects of intellectual property law, at all levels from the bottom to the top. What is good for the goose is good for the gander.

Culture, cultural expressions, or expressions of folklore should be thoroughly explored in Nigeria for the future of copyright industries. The negative perceptions that cultural ways or expressions are inferior to western cultures or expressions should be discouraged. Traditional communities must be empowered in Nigeria, particularly in the context of creativity and access to protection mechanisms.

Creators of cultural expressions or expressions of folklore should have legitimate authority over their creations whether as a community or an individual. This authority should be extended to creations from the past as well, called artifacts or cultural properties. The fact that copyright protection is automatic presupposes creators of cultural expressions often have rights as long as it is fixed and original. Situations, where there is no fixation, cultural practices, or norms regarding protection, should be considered. Nigeria is already legally pluralistic and little or no challenge is envisaged. A bottom-up approach enables this arrangement. The major recommendation is to indulge in the past to understand the needs of the people in the creative environment while catering to the present and preparing for the future. The consequence of this action is ensuring Nigeria has a vibrant creative industry that is reflective of its rich culture and protects all concerned in different sectors of the creative industry.





COLLABORATION CALL FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW, UK.

In an attempt to explore possible ways of collaboration, representatives from the University of Glasgow visited RIIC office on the 11th of October, 2022. Given the keen interest in research partnership with Babcock university, the possible areas of collaboration discussed include teaching exchange, rebate for students, summer school research methodology training and data analysis for both students and staff. Furthermore, emphasis was laid on the necessity of proffering solutions to local problems through research especially by students, who travel abroad to study.

Prof. Hansel FLETCHER - Assistant dean, Graduate Student Affairs Loma Linda University, California USA. Research

Prof Fletcher visited Babcock University from July 27 to August 3. The purpose of his visit was to initiate collaboration in antimicrobial resistance surveillance. He visited Babcock University Teaching Hospital and inspected the laboratories for initial assessment towards making SON certification.



Prof. Kelechi KALU - Founding Vice-Provost of International Affairs University of California, Riverside

Prof Kalu visited Babcock University from May 4 to 6, 2022. The purpose of his visit was to establish collaboration between University of California, Riverside and Babcock University. He visited the school of Law and Security Services where a crime and security research centre was proposed. He also presented a guest lecture titled "Public policy and national development in Nigeria" to the Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences. After the presentation, he had a chat with the faculty members of Department of Political Science. In June, Babcock University signed an MOU with University of California, Riverside.



He also visited the School of Science and Technology where he had a robust meeting with the Dean and some Faculty. He inspected the central analytical laboratory and promised to initiate a process for delivery of some equipment to boost the research capacity of the school. When he visited the Law School at Iperu campus, he suggested that the Babcock University should initiate the connection of all Adventist Lawyers worldwide.

PICTURE STORY



INAUGURAL LECTURES TIMETABLE (2022-2023)

The Research, Innovation and International Cooperation Office appreciates the cooperation and the role played by different Schools in making the Inaugural Lecture Series so far at Babcock University successful. The success recorded could not have been possible without your cooperation, selfless service and support. As approved by the BU administration, 2023 BU Inaugural Lectures will take place as follows:

January 5-	School of Public and Allied Health
February 2-	School of Public and Allied Health
March 2-	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

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH (NIHR) GRANT APPLICATION

An inter-faculty investigator group has been formed to kickstart the application process for NIHR grant as an institution. The group of versatile members comprises of representatives from the school of nursing, computer science, medicine and public health. The principal investigator, Prof. Atulomah will be assisted by Dr. Lawal and Dr Fasesan.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Research and Innovation for Global Health Transformation

Deadline: Dec 14, 2022.
 Budget: £1-5 million
 Length: 3-5 years

NIHR is seeking applications for RIGHT Call 6 that focus on the development and evaluation of interventions and strategies for improved prevention, treatment and management of multiple long-term conditions

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Investigation of Co-occurring conditions across the Lifespan to Understand Down syndrome

Open Date: May 27, 2023.
 Budget: \$400, 000
 Length: 2 years

The NIH Investigation of Co-occurring conditions across the Lifespan to Understand Down syndrome (INCLUDE) Project seeks to improve health and quality-of-life for individuals with Down syndrome (DS). As part of the INCLUDE Project, NIH is interested in expanding and diversifying the skilled DS clinical research workforce.

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Therapeutics for Eliminating Hepatitis B Virus cccDNA

Deadline: Feb 15, 2023.
 Budget: \$275, 000
 Length: 2 years

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits applications to identify drugs that can eliminate HBV cccDNA in cells chronically infected with HBV utilizing novel cell-based assays, and to further develop them for therapeutic use, either alone or in combination with other approaches, to effect a functional cure of chronic HBV.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Research for Social Care - Competition 6

Deadline: Jan 8, 2023
Budget: N/A
Length: N/A

The Research for Social Care (RfSC) call is inviting research proposals that will generate evidence to improve, expand and strengthen the way social care is delivered for people who draw on social care support and services, carers, and the public. RfSC research is expected to have a high degree of involvement from relevant users of social care and social care practitioners throughout the research.

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The UKRI African Research Leaders Grant 2023

Open Date: Dec 1, 2022.
Budget: £750, 000
Length: 4-5 years

The UK Research and Innovation invite African researchers to apply for the Research Leaders Grant funding to support excellent global health research and strengthen research leadership across sub-Saharan Africa (SSA).

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UPCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING

Here is a list of upcoming events. You may register via the link, download PDF for more details and click add to calendar for prompt reminders.



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INTERNATIONAL ONLINE SHORT COURSE (IOSC)

The International Online Short Course (IOSC) FEB UB. The IOSC 2022 will be held for a week, November 7-11, 2022, exploring the theme "Digital Marketing and E-Commerce." The course aims at introducing digital marketing and electronic commerce applied to the unicorn and start-up industries in Indonesia as well as ASEAN Region.



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[Registration link](#)

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Spotlight on Research Tools.

FREE WORD CLOUD

3 ways to use free word cloud generators for faster data insights.

- 1 Get insights about your research areas over a period
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- 3 Save time collecting information from open ended questionnaires.

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Quote of the Month

Bill Gates

“I believe in innovation and that the way you get innovation is you fund research and you learn the basic facts.”

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