

# RESEARCH BRIEF

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## RIIC VISION

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.

## EDITORIAL

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## I WILL GO: CREATING LINKAGES WITHOUT COMPROMISE

The 2023 BU annual colloquium held between Jan 9 and 10, 2023 featured the Director and Deputy Director of the RIIC office in a presentation titled Creating Linkages with Compromise. The Director, of RIIC, Prof Grace Tayo while making her presentation encouraged faculty members to follow the example of the Godhead by collaborating with colleagues across departments and sister institutions for impactful research. The gains from such collaborations include better opportunities for funding, timely and efficient handling of tasks, efficient use of resources, and development of innovative solutions.

Prof Tayo. however cautioned that to avoid compromise, such collaborations should be with colleagues and institutions that share the core values and the philosophy of education of Babcock University.

Similarly, the Deputy Director, Dr Chinedu Anokwuru emphasized the need for faculty members to collaborate and conduct impactful research in the University's identified research niche (Environment, Food Safety & Security and Adventist Heritage) in alignment with BU adopted SDG goals. According to him, research produces data and "Data is King". He encouraged BU to adopt data-dependent decision-making approach.



Prof. Grace O. Tayo, Director, RIIC presenting at the colloquium.

Furthermore, Dr. Anokwuru shared information on the open applications for the 2023 Vice-Chancellor's Faculty Research Award and Provost, CPGS Doctoral Thesis Grant for research that is multidisciplinary and embodies the University's research priorities.



# WORKSHOP RESEARCH METHODS

January 23-26, 2023



Photograph of participants

## Presentation Highlights

Every research must have an underlying research philosophy.

*The value and benefits of research are vitally dependent on the integrity of research.*

*There is no such thing as "total sampling".*

**Openness to try out new methods will help departments break through repeating patterns of study.**

The gains of impactful research can be amplified through collaboration across departments and institutions.



## OVERVIEW

The Research Methods Workshop which took place on the 23rd-26th of January 2023 had about 50 participants in attendance.

Participants include the Provost, College of Post-graduate Studies, Prof. Aina Ayandiji, the Deputy Provost, College of Post-graduate Studies, Dr. Sokunbi Olutayo, two (2) representatives from each department, and all the research Office staff members.

The Director, RIIC, gave the opening remarks and emphasized the need for the workshop. A total of twenty-six (26) lectures were delivered by 8 facilitators:- Professor Adesola Olumide and Dr. Obioma Uchendu from the University of Ibadan, Dr. Akin Adebisi, Dr. Olumide Abiodun, Dr. Lawal, Dr. Isaiah Abolarin, Dr. Sola Maitanmi, and Dr. Sodeinde from Babcock University. The highly interactive sessions covered sampling and analysis for qualitative and quantitative research. To identify methods, challenges, and prospects of various research methods in specialized areas, three (3) break-out sessions were held. A concluding general discussion was held to harmonize cross-cutting issues.

At the end of the sessions, participants saw the need to adopt appropriate research philosophies to maintain a high level of research integrity while planning and conducting research. The workshop was an eye-opener for participants to move away from research method stereotypes and to be more intentional about multi-disciplinary collaboration.

Concluding the workshop, Prof. Ayandiji who was present throughout the course of the workshop, charged attendees to dutifully implement what has been learned for the communal benefit of the University and society at large.





## 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:

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

## UPCOMING 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



### Grant Writing

JULY, 2023

# RIIC, RESEARCH AWARD

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**Babcock University**  
**Office of Research Innovation and International Cooperation**  
**2023 Vice-Chancellor's Faculty Research Award**

The Vice-Chancellor's Faculty Research Award recognizes Babcock University (BU) faculty that embodies research excellence through their talent, knowledge, and expertise in their field. The award will be biased towards researchers whose projects are multidisciplinary and embody the University's research priorities.

Deadline: March 31, 2023.

Award: ₦50,000

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**Babcock University**  
**Office of Research Innovation and International Cooperation**  
**2023 Provost, CPGS Doctoral Thesis Grant**

The Office of Research Innovation and International Cooperation (RIIC) hereby announces the 2023 Provost College of Postgraduate School's grant award. Five awards will provide a maximum of One million (₦1,000,000) Naira each for outstanding Ph.D. students to complete their Thesis. To be successful, the application should be original research that will culminate in a Ph.D. Thesis within one calendar year.

Deadline: March 31, 2023.

Award: ₦1,000,000

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# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**ESA/African Union Commission (AUC). African Research Fellowship (ARF) Program 2023**

Deadline: March 31, 2023.

EO AFRICA stands for African Framework for Research, Innovation, Communities and Applications Building an African-European R&D partnership. It aims to build an African-European R&D partnership to facilitate the adoption of Earth Observation and related space technology in Africa, in full coordination with the operational GMES & Africa initiative led by the AUC.

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**Fulbright African Research Scholar Program (ARSP) for the 2024/2025 academic year.**

Open Date: February 1, 2023  
Deadline: June 1, 2023.

The program offers senior faculty from select Nigerian universities the opportunity to conduct research or carry out curriculum development activities at U.S. academic or research institutions. ARSP also known as the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program is sponsored by the U.S. government. The selection process and final award of grants are extremely competitive

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**Clinical research training fellowship**

Open Date: February 10, 2023.  
Deadline: April 5, 2023.  
Funding type: Fellowship

Apply for funding to undertake a PhD or to reacquire research skills. Your research can focus on any area of MRC's remit to improve human health. You must be a registered healthcare professional, either:

- planning to undertake a PhD or similar
- a PhD graduate working outside of research, usually 5 or more years ago

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# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**Social Drivers of Mental Illnesses in Low- & Middle-Income Countries: Mechanisms and Pathways of Interventions for Youth**

Deadline: Feb. 18, 2023.  
Award: \$500,000

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to solicit research that will help to identify and explain the mechanisms by which (i) interventions targeting social drivers of mental illnesses affect mental health and functioning and (ii) interventions preventing, detecting and treating mental illnesses affect the functioning (expressed as social outcomes) of children and/or adolescents (ages 5-24 years) living in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

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**Implementation Research on Noncommunicable Disease Risk Factors among Low- and Middle-Income Country ...**

Open Date: Feb. 9, 2023  
Deadline: March 10, 2023.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) participating Institutes and Centers (ICs), in collaboration with the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases (GACD), invite applications for implementation research focused on addressing risk factors for common noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) in World Bank-defined low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) and American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations in the United States (US).

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**Funding Opportunity Announcement for Suicide Prevention Across the Life Span in Low- and Middle-Income Countries**

Deadline: June 16, 2023.  
Budget: \$450,000  
Length: 4 years




The National Institute of Mental Health intends to encourage formative research and pilot testing of culturally appropriate innovative preventive, therapeutic, and service interventions to reduce the risk of suicide and suicide ideation and behavior (SIB), and/or non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI) and promote resilience for people across the life span in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs).

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GOOGLE SCHOLAR

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**Quote of the Month**

*Roger von Oech*

“It's easy to come up with new ideas; the hard part is letting go of what worked for you two years ago, but will soon be out of date.”

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