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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

'Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose'

-Zora Neale

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Research Brief

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Babcock University Research Council Inaugurated



On the 18th of February, 2021, the Babcock University Research Council (URC) was inaugurated at the VC's Board room. The council members who were chosen from each School are expected to structure the research direction for the University. While delivering his inauguration charge, the SVP Academics, Professor Philemon Amanze emphasized why the University must have a research focus and the need for collaborative interdisciplinary research.

• The Director of Research, Innovation and International Cooperation (RIIC), Professor Grace Tayo in her address stated that the Research Council shall coordinate research activities within Babcock University and URC members shall be Research Liaison officer between RIIC and their different Schools. The council is also expected to champion the course to bridge the disconnect between the town and the gown.

The newly inaugurated Babcock University Research Council consists of 16 members drawn across various disciplines. Members include; Professor Segun Ajibola (VASSS), Professor Olubunmi Idowu (EAH), Professor Joshua Jonah (CES), Professor Ayoyemi Arowolo (SLSS), Dr Ayodeji Olarinmoye (SAT), Dr Jerry Kwarbai (SMS), Dr Asekun-Olarinmoye Ife (PAH), Dr Godswill Anyasor (SBMS), Dr Abiodun Olumide (SCS), Dr Chinonso Nwozichi (SNS), Professor Grace Tayo (RIIC), Dr Kolawole Ayodele (RIIC), Mr Dada Samuel (RIIC). Other members of the council include Professor Oludele Awodele, Dr Nwobi Nnena Linda and Dr Ezekiel Chibundu.

32ND INAUGURAL LECTURE



The first virtual Inaugural Lecture will be delivered by Professor Adeniran Ezekiel on behalf of the School of Public and Allied Health. Faculty, Staff and students are encouraged to join the Lecture online via this Zoom link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82056143468?pwd=TFphcUF5dFdXTHJjWjR5U0Q5bkZpdz09</u> or join on YouTube via the Babcock University TV

BABCOCK UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GRANT 2021

The Office of Research, Innovation and International Cooperation (RIIC) is pleased to receive applications from interested faculty, staff and students for the 2021 Babcock University Research Grant. The Research Grant award which started since 2017 is coordinated and managed by the Office of RIIC with funding support from the University. For the 2021 Research Grant, funding will be available for solution-driven studies in the following areas;

-Waste Management

- -Digitalization and software development
- -E-Agriculture
- -Policy impact research in Education, Humanity, Public Health, and Social Sciences
- -Health, Wellbeing, Illness and Recovery- Experimental study (Clinical trials optional)
- -Experimental clinical and non-clinical studies

Interested applicants can submit (4) copies of their research proposal to the RIIC Office (Room C201, SAT Building) and a soft copy to <u>riic@babcock.edu.ng</u>. The Proposal should contain; cover letter, title page, introduction, background to the study to include need/problem statement, objectives (long- and short-term), target and beneficiary groups, targeted SDG, expected outcomes, work plan, budget and list of references. Kindly note that, selection would be based on; originality, research's relevance/impact, interdisciplinary nature of the research, appropriateness of the methodology and timely submission of the proposal.

Deadline for submission: 31st March, 2021.

CALL FOR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AT PEKING UNIVERSITY

Peking University, Beijing, China is pleased to announce its Boya Postdoctoral Fellowship aimed at drawing prospective young talents all over the world to conduct postdoctoral research and pursue academic excellence at Peking University. The fellowship offers young researchers the opportunity to conduct research in diverse branches of learning. In the academic year of 2021, no more than 200 postdoctoral fellowships will be awarded to highly qualified, early-career postdoctoral researchers. Each Fellowship is awarded for 24 consecutive months. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply for the fellowship opportunity.

To be eligible for the Peking University Boya Postdoctoral Fellowship:

- -Applicants must be highly qualified researchers of all nationalities not more than 35years old and have received their PhD not more than three years prior to the time of application.
- Applicants must demonstrate excellent academic and research abilities.
- Applicants must demonstrate anticipated synergy of the proposed research project and the host institution, recommendation and the commitment for the fellowship.

Eligible Areas: Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Economy and Management, Information and engineering

For details on application procedure, check: <u>https://postdocs.pku.edu.cn/tzgg/125245.htm</u> Deadline for application: March 25th 2021

IVVN Online Training Courses

International Veterinary Vaccinology Network (IVVN) were recently awarded funding from the University of Edinburgh's annual Scottish Funding Council Global Challenges Research Fund allocation to host a series of online training courses specifically for early career researchers in LMICs. The Online training courses cover a range of scientific and soft skills and will be hosted during April, May and June 2021.The available courses include;

-Making effective oral and poster presentation

-Essential Bioinformatics

-Grant writing courses

-The what, why, who, where and how of public engagement- becoming an engaged researcher

-Project management course

-Ethics, experimental design and the 3Rs in Animal infectious diseases

For details on application process, check <u>https://www.intvetvaccnet.co.uk/events/online-training-courses</u>

Deadline for application: 9am GMT on Thursday 18 March 2021

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