



## 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 re-search, through interdisciplinary collaboration and joint ventures that impact national and global needs.*

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*'Science brings society to the next level; ethics keep us there'*

-Hal Simeroth

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## BABCOCK UNIVERSITY HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE TRAINING 2021



The Babcock University Health Research Ethics Committee (BUHREC) had its 2021 mandatory training on research ethics with the theme; 'how to review protocols and provide constructive feedback'. The training which was held between Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 at the Babcock University Guest House had all the members of BUHREC in attendance.

The training discussed issues on research protocol review process, research in vulnerable population, fate of valuable data obtained through unethical means, operations of National Health Research Ethics Committee (NHREC) in Nigeria, ethical issues in social science research, operationalizing protocol review in animal ethics, providing constructive feedback as well as ethics in publication of scientific research amongst others.

The facilitators stressed the need for all research in Babcock University to meet the ethical principles of respect for person, beneficence, non- maleficence and justice. It is expected that all research engagement in the sciences, medicals, social sciences, art and humanities follow ethical principles.

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## PHOTOS FROM THE WORKSHOP



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As an institution poised for excellence in teaching, research and community developments, the ethical principles are in line with our core values and it is imperative for all members of the University Community to uphold these principles in all research activities.

The facilitators at the training include Professor Kolawole Oyedeji (National Coordinator/Secretary of the Bioethics Society of Nigeria), Professor Ademola Ajuwon (College of Medicine, UI), Mr Ado Danladi (National Health Research Ethics Committee, Abuja), Professor Grace Tayo (Director, BU-RIIC) and Professor Dora Akinboye (Dean, School of Public and Allied Health, BU).

## TWAS-CUI POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

The TWAS-CUI Fellowship Programme for Postdoctoral Research offers fellowships to young scientists from developing countries who wish to pursue postdoctoral research in natural or social sciences.

Field area: Structural, Cell and Molecular Biology, Biological Systems and Organisms, Chemical Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Astronomy, Space and Earth Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physics, Social and Economic Sciences

**Duration:** Minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 12 months

**Eligible Nationalities:** Developing countries in the South

**Opening date of this fellowship:** 1 June 2021

**Closing date of this fellowship:** 31 August 2021

Applicants are encouraged to apply for the preliminary acceptance letter as early as possible, even before the opening date of the call. Keeping in mind that only Acceptance letters dated the same year as the year of application are eligible

Check for details: <https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-cui-postdoctoral-fellowship-programme>

## WHO SHOWCASE BU FACULTY DURING 2021 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Dr Atinuke Olaleye, a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Director of Babcock University's Centre for Advanced Medical Research and Biotechnology (CAMRAB), was one of the women celebrated by the World Health Organization (WHO) during this year International women's day. Her global recognition which has now put Babcock University on such a global research space was a result of her hard work in research and community service. Dr Olaleye was the winner of the European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) Grant and the Principal investigator of the EDCTP-funded project on parasite resistance to malaria chemoprevention in pregnancy. She is also an EDCTP-TDR Fellows network in Nigeria. Dr Atinuke Olaleye grant awards has provided her the opportunity to coordinate several training workshops for early-career researchers on grant writing and clinical research.

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NEWS ABOUT US RESEARCH FOR IMPLEMENTATION STRENGTHENING RESEARCH CAPACITY GRANTS PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

**TDR Global profile: Dr Atinuke Olaleye**  
*From obstetrician to research centre director improving women's lives: TDR Clinical Research and Development Fellowship alumnus profile*

**Capacity strengthening**  
The Access and Delivery Partnership  
Training and fellowships  
Implementation research training materials  
**Clinical research and development fellowships**  
Postgraduate training scheme  
Regional Training Centres  
SORT IT operational research and training  
TDR global profiles  
Research gap analysis

Mentoring organization:  
• GlaxoSmithKline (Belgium)

Post-fellowship highlights:  
• Appointed director of Centre for Advanced Medical Research and Biotechnology (CAMRAB) at Babcock University in Nigeria  
• Currently leading project on parasite resistance to malaria chemoprevention in pregnancy as principal investigator  
• Organized clinical research capacity building workshop at Babcock University

*The TDR Clinical Research and Development Fellowship (CRDF) allows early- to mid-career researchers in low- and middle-income countries to learn how to conduct clinical trials. Successful applicants are placed for 12 months in host training organizations (pharmaceutical companies, including members of the International*

## SEED GRANT FOR NEW AFRICAN PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS (SG-NAPI)

The Seed Grant for New African Principal Investigators (SG-NAPI) aims to support early-career scientists in Sub-Saharan Africa with the support of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The programme is aimed at young scientists who are getting established in their country or about to return home for an academic position. Under this scheme, 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.

- Research Grants to research units amount to a maximum of USD 67,700.
- The grants, which are normally provided for a period of 24 months, may be used to purchase scientific equipment, consumables, which can include fieldwork and maintenance of equipment and specialized literature (textbooks and proceedings only). The grant does not cover salaries of the Principal Investigator or travel expenses unless they are clearly related to one of the conference and/or mobility components mentioned below. In addition, the purchase of laptops, tablets, drones and laboratory animals is not supported.
- Awarded PIs may also support MSc student as part of the project, request funding for international conference grant, industrial link grant, mobility grant and open access publication grant. **Full details of each component are laid out in the guidelines.**

**Check for details:** <https://twas.org/opportunity/seed-grant-new-african-principal-investigators-sg-napi> and apply via <https://onlineforms.twas.org/apply/160>

**The deadline for submission is 27/07/2021.**

## THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE (AAAS) COURSE ON SCIENCE DIPLOMACY

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Washington DC, USA, and The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), Trieste, Italy, are seeking candidates to participate in the seventh annual summer course on science diplomacy to be held from 30 August to 3 September 2021. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this is the second year the workshop will be held virtually.

The workshop will take place as follows:

27 August (Friday): Social 'Meet & greet' session (optional)

30-31 August (Monday-Tuesday) and 2-3 September (Thursday – Friday): workshop sessions

1 September (Wednesday): offline breakout sessions

The AAAS-TWAS Science Diplomacy training programme was established in 2014 to expose scientists, policymakers, diplomats and other interested stakeholders and institutions to science diplomacy concepts, explore key contemporary international policy issues relating to science, technology, environment and health, and build a skillset to allow for careers at the intersection of science and diplomacy. Over the past years, we have trained over two hundred emerging leaders from more than 50 countries to address science diplomacy from global and regional perspectives.

**Participants:** Young Scientist (40 years or below) whose research and wider engagement has international policymaking implications or applications.

Check for details: <https://twas.org/opportunity/2021-aaas-twas-course-science-diplomacy> and Apply via <https://forms.office.com/r/dbNWqg6dfZ>

**The deadline for submission is 31/05/2021.**

## TWAS-CSIR POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) of India and TWAS have established a number of fellowships for foreign scholars from developing countries who wish to pursue research toward a PhD in emerging areas of science and technology for which facilities are available in the laboratories and institutes of the CSIR.

Field area: Agricultural Sciences, Structural, Cell and Molecular Biology, Biological Systems and Organisms, Medical and Health Sciences incl. Neurosciences, Chemical Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Astronomy, Space and Earth Sciences, Mathematical Sciences and Physics

**Eligible Nationalities:** Developing countries in the South

**Age limit:** 35 years

**Duration:** Up to 4 years

**Check for details:** <https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-csir-postgraduate-fellowship-programme>

and apply via <https://onlineforms.twas.org/apply/156>

**The deadline for submission is 31/07/2021.**



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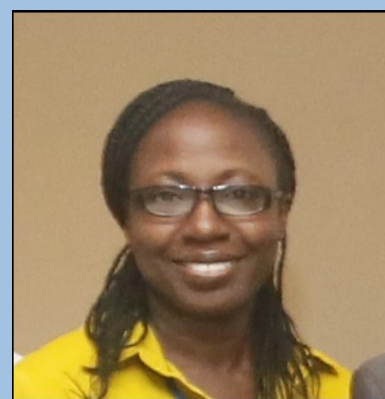
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