



## 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.*

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*'Science is the knowledge of consequences, and dependence of one fact upon another'*

—Thomas Hobbes

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of RIIC Office, I welcome everyone to the new school year. Our profound appreciation goes to you all for your cooperation during the last school year. While the COVID-19 pandemic posed a challenge to some research activities, it is my pleasure to note that we are all adjusting to the new normal. The last two inaugural lectures have been by dual modes; virtual and physical and this will continue for now as we integrate other programmes the same way.



**Prof. Oluwatoyin Tayo**

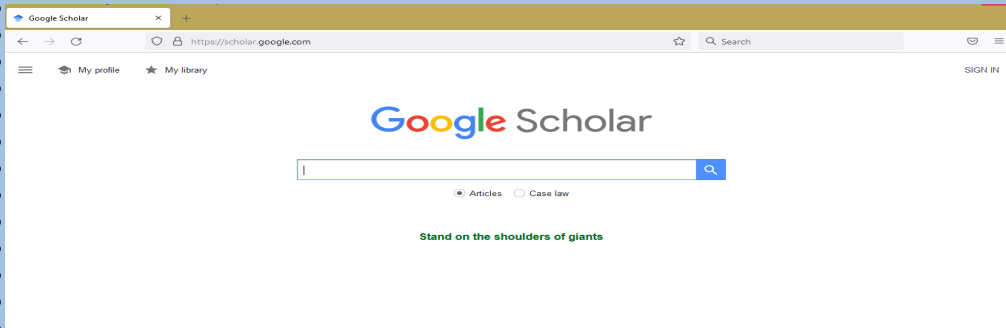
This year, the Office of Research is poised to serve you better. The recently inaugurated BU Research Council chaired by Prof. Chibundu Ezekiel and Co-chaired by Dr Olumide Abiodun is ready with activities that will boost our research output. Capacity building in research tops the list of proposed activities as indicated by the research needs assessment carried out by the Council. We welcome the new Chair of Babcock University Health Research and Ethics Committee (BUHREC), Prof. Olusola Ogunwenmo and wish him a successful tenure. Congratulation and appreciation goes to the former chair, BUHREC, Prof. S. Fapohunda. It is our desire that in the spirit of system thinking, we will all work together to improve BU's visibility and to place BU on the global map among the community of high ranking World Universities.

This current issue of our Newsletter includes among other information the steps involved in creating Google scholar profile. We implore all faculty members to therefore seize this opportunity to create or update their profiles as appropriate. Our ORCID is also very important. We are open to your ideas and suggestions on how to take BU to the next level in Research and Development. Wishing you a fruitful and rewarding school year.

# How to create your Google Scholar profile – 7 steps with Screenshots

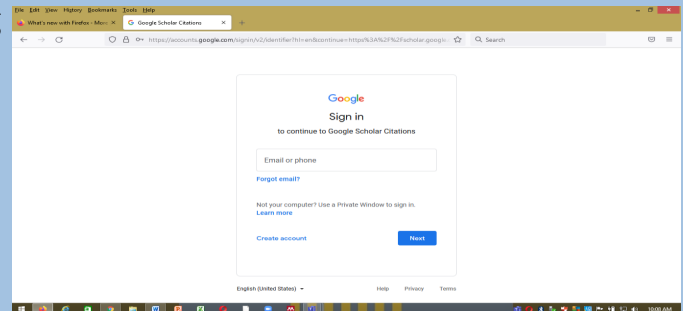
As an Academic, a Google Scholar profile is a very simple way of collating your publications (and citations) so that others can find your work and access a copy that they can read. It also increase your individual visibility as well as the University's Research profile. Once you have set up your profile, you can choose automatic updates to update your publications list. If you create a Google Scholar profile, your profile will come high up the page rankings if people are searching for your work. Creating a Google Scholar account can showcase your papers and the citations that they have received. It can also make your work more available as your profile will turn up in Google searches.

## Step 1 – Go to [scholar.google.com](https://scholar.google.com) website



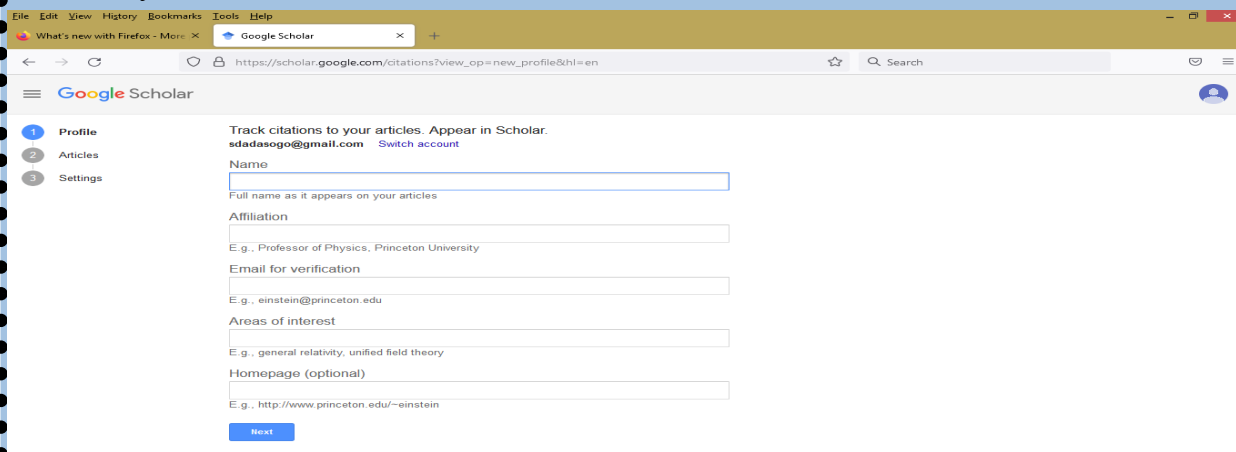
## Step 2 – Log in using your Google account

You can sign in at the right side of the page using your Google account



## Step 3- Click on my Profile

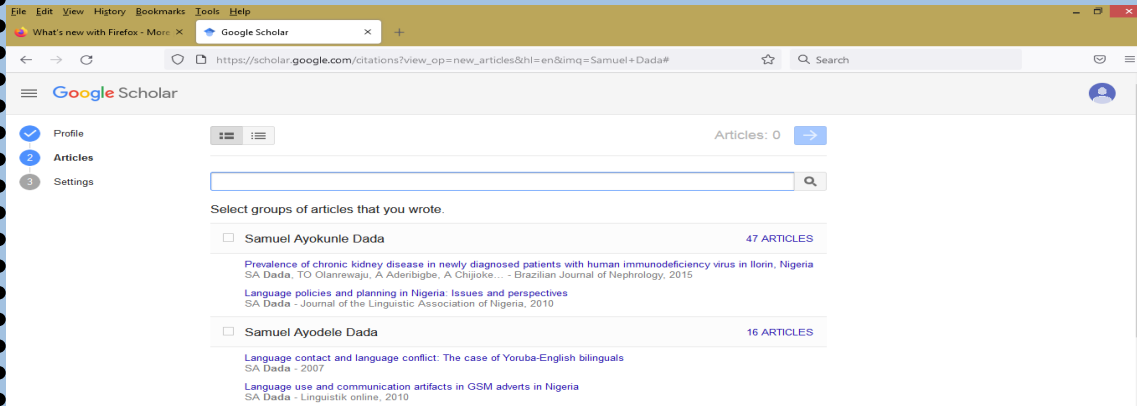
after you have sign in using your Google account. You can then complete the required fields and Provide University Email



Your University (or Institution) 'email for verification' is required to appear in the search results!

## Step 4 – Select your articles

You can select your articles, either by groups or individually. By typing your full name or the title of your article



## Step 5 – Click to Add or Remove Articles (Optional)

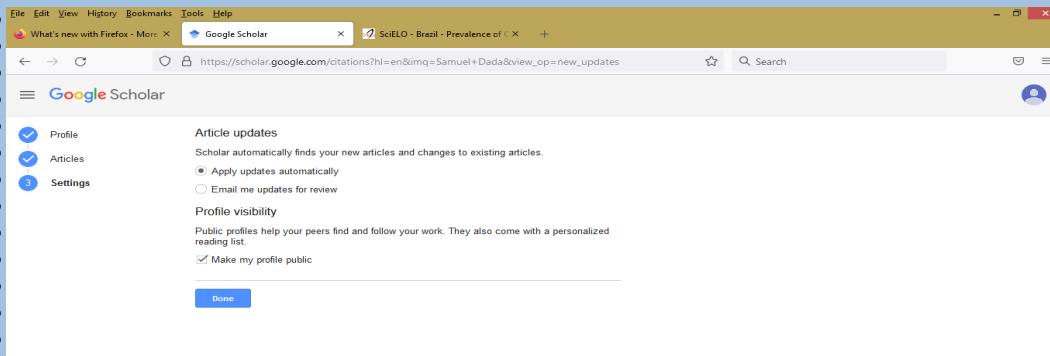
After you have selected the articles that are yours (using the box) as in the screenshot above, click



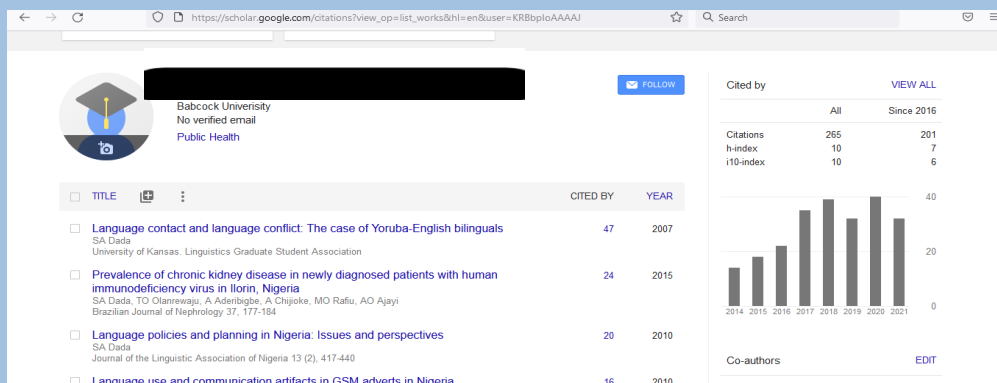
To add your articles to your profile

## Step 6 – Select Automatically Update

After you have added your articles, you can then proceed to settings and select ‘apply updates automatically’ and click on ‘make my profile Public’.



## Step 7 – Watch your completed Scholar Profile (Click Done!)



# OPPORTUNITY CALLS

## 1. HIV-associated Non-Communicable Diseases Research at Low- and Middle-Income Country Institutions (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is issued by the Fogarty International Center (FIC). It seeks to stimulate innovative ideas and impactful research to better understand the complexities around developing, testing and implementing appropriate approaches for effective diagnosis, prevention, therapeutic interventions and integrated clinical care for HIV-associated non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs).

The objective of this FOA is to enhance understanding of the complex mechanisms leading to an increased susceptibility to NCDs, drug-induced metabolic disorders leading to a higher risk for developing NCDs, and an accelerated aging process in PLWH that may lead to better design of future interventions aimed at decreasing the effects of such co-morbidities. *In vitro* studies and use of applicable animal models are allowed; however, the relevance of these studies to human disease should be clear. The areas of focus under each topic area may include but are not limited to Basic sciences, aging process in PLWH, diagnostic, therapeutic intervention, behavioral and clinical studies.

The combined budget for direct costs for the two-year project period may not exceed \$275,000. No more than \$150,000 may be requested in any single year. The budget request must reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. Please for details of this very important call, check <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-21-246.html>

**Letter of intent due date:** November, 8, 2021.

## 2. Wellcome Early-Career Awards

This scheme provides funding for early-career researchers from any discipline who are ready to develop their research identity. Through innovative projects, they will deliver shifts in understanding that could improve human life, health and wellbeing. By the end of the award, they will be ready to lead their own independent research programme. To apply, your research can be in any discipline – including science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), experimental medicine, humanities and social science, clinical/allied health sciences, and public health – as long as it has the potential to improve human life, health and wellbeing,

**Level of funding:** Salary and up to £400,000 for research expenses

**Duration of funding:** Usually 5 years, but may be less for some disciplines, and longer if held on a part-time basis

Check <https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes/early-career-awards#key-dates-d66b> for details and how to apply.

**Deadline:** 26 October 2021, 17:00 BST

## 3. Association of Commonwealth Universities Webinar on the path to research leadership in Africa and India

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) will be hosting a webinar titled 'The path to research leadership in Africa and India'.

In this webinar, we will be learning about the findings of two research projects commissioned by the Wellcome Trust, learning more about the qualities that make a good research leader in diverse contexts.

This webinar will be particularly important for colleagues interested in developing future leaders or becoming research leaders themselves.

To find out more about the event and register, <https://www.acu.ac.uk/acu-events/path-to-research-leadership-africa-india/>

**Registration deadline:** 21 September 2021 at 17:00 UTC.

## 4. PhD Training Fellowships for Clinicians

This scheme offers clinicians the opportunity to undertake a PhD within a structured and mentored training environment. You can apply for a PhD Training Fellowship for Clinicians if you've demonstrated the potential to pursue a career as an academic clinician. The programmes are based in centres of excellence throughout the UK. These programmes provide research opportunities for clinicians from a range of specialties. Each programme is structured to reflect the expertise of the organisation in which it's based.

Find out more about eligibility for these programmes by visiting the university websites.

**Career stage:** Postgraduate training

**Type of researcher:** Clinical, Public health

**Where your host organization is based:** UK, Republic of Ireland

**Level of funding:** Salary and research expenses covered

**Duration of funding:** Usually 3 years

Deadline for application: Different programmes has different deadline, check this link for details

<https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes/clinical-phd-programmes>

## 5. INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR GENETIC ENGINEERING AND BIOTECHNOLOGY (ICGEB) FELLOWSHIP

The United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) under its Youth4South initiative and **ICGEB** offer early-career women scientists from the Global South, aged 45 or under, exchange visits of 6 months at the ICGEB laboratories in New Delhi (India) and Cape Town (South Africa) or at other institutes based in eligible ICGEB Member States to perform research work on biotechnology and related fields including Health (Infectious and Non-Communicable Diseases), Sustainable and Effective Agriculture, Industrial Biotechnology and Renewable Energy.

Fellowships include:

- Stipend, health insurance and travel
- Applying the latest techniques and technologies
- Opportunities for mentoring, peer-peer learning

Duration of fellowship: 6 months

Monthly stipend: US\$ 1,800 or equivalent

Details of this call and application guideline can be found on <https://www.icgeb.org/activities/fellowship/empower/>. **Application deadline: 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

## 6. TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training

TWAS offers fellowships to young scientists in developing countries to enable them to spend three to 12 months at a research institution in a developing country other than their own. The purpose of these fellowships is to enhance the research capacity of promising scientists, especially those at the beginning of their research career, helping them to foster links for further collaboration. The fellowships are for research and advanced training. They are offered to young scientists holding at least an MSc or equivalent degree. Eligible applicants for the fellowships are young scientists working in any area of natural sciences who are citizens of a developing country and are employed by a research institution in a developing country. The fellowships are offered for a minimum of three months and a maximum of twelve months. TWAS covers international low-cost airfare plus a contribution towards subsistence amounting to a maximum of USD 300 per month. No other costs will be provided by TWAS. The host institution is expected to provide accommodation and food as well as research facilities. Fellowships are awarded by the TWAS Fellowships Committee on the basis of scientific merit.

To apply, check <https://onlineforms.twas.org/apply/169>

**Deadline: October 1, 2021.**



## 7. Adventist Human-Subject Researchers Association-Africa (AHSRA-Africa Chapter)

There is a call for membership into the Adventist Human-Subject Researchers Association-Africa (AHSRA-Africa Chapter). It is an association sponsored by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. For more information, feel free to contact Dr. Gabriel Masfa. Email: [masfag@babcock.edu.ng](mailto:masfag@babcock.edu.ng)

## 8. IUSSP's International Population Conference (IPC)

The IUSSP organizes the International Population Conference once every four years in a different country, in collaboration with a host country institution. This major international event draws some 2,000 population scholars, policy makers, and government officials from around the world to discuss the latest population research and debate pressing global and regional population issues. Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, IPC 2021 will be an entirely virtual conference. IPC 2021 will keep its initial dates, 5-10 December 2021.

The Conference is open to all members of the population community and draws upon experts from many disciplines working in research, teaching, governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as the private sector. Institutions working in the population field are encouraged to organize exhibits, side meetings, training workshops or sponsored research sessions. The Conference will include oral presentations and posters selected round-tables, debates and panel discussions from research submitted to the call for papers. There will also be keynotes, round-tables, debates and panel discussions featuring leading experts in the field.

IPC 2021 will include a particular focus on COVID-19 and its impacts and provides an exceptional venue for population scientists to assess the pandemic's impacts across population, health and socio-economic dimensions cutting across the 25 conference themes.

Other cross-cutting topics include:

- Environmental Degradation and Climate Change
- Regional Population Growth and Decline
- Population Ageing and the first and second demographic dividends
- Inequalities and Systemic Disadvantages related to socioeconomic status, gender, religion and culture
- Urban Demography
- Innovations in Data and Methods, including Big Data (social media, digital trace, remote sensing).

**Registration closes on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, 2021.**

Check <https://ipc2021hyderabad.iussp.org/about-the-conference> for details



