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University of Nairobi International Extramural Associate Research Development (UoN-IEARD) Program

This is a College of Health Science initiated and implemented programme. It is a five year program (2010 to 2015) funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA. The overall goal of the Program is to support the University of Nairobi in strengthening research management, grants administration and infrastructural set up to create a vibrant research and grants portfolio that is based on internationally acceptable best practices. And further more is supporting the University to fully automate Research and grants management.

All the program activities are fully funded and some of the recent notable ones are

1. Development of the Research and Grants Management Information System Implementation Strategy:

A special committee appointed by the Vice Chancellor and chaired by Prof. James M. M'Imunya, PI, UoN-IEARD Program is developing this. The strategy, which is set to be completed and launched by mid-June, 2013, defines the research and grants automation specifications as well as procedures and methods for implementing the same. In developing the strategy, needs and focus of the six University colleges have been given due consideration.

2. Development UoN-IEARD Program Website:

This has been ongoing and is set to be completed and launched in May, 2013. The website aims to support the University faculty, students and other staff through;

- Identification of calls for grants applications from various local and international funding agencies and linking them to the faculty, students and other staff based on their research interests
- Provision of an updated list of local and international funding agencies highlighting their funding areas as well as their funding policies and guidelines
- Listserve that groups faculty according to their research interests for purposes of linking them to relevant grants information and other opportunities.
- Resource for information relevant to capacity building in research administration and grants management.

3. Trainings activities in grant writing and research administration:

Over the past two years, the UoN-IEARD Program has been carrying out grants writing and research administration training activities using standardized international training packages developed by IEARD Award Principal Investigators (PIs) from Africa with technical support from NIH. So far, in collaboration with IEARD Award PIs from Uganda and Tanzania we have conducted two International Research Administration and Grants Management Training workshops in which 79 participants drawn from seven Eastern Africa countries have been trained. Out of these, fifteen (15) participants were from the University of Nairobi drawn from the six university colleges.

Further, in collaboration with other African IEARD Award PIs, UoN-IEARD Program is currently



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planning for a third training targeting the African French speaking countries. These countries were not covered in the above mentioned two training workshops. The training is scheduled for 26th - 31st May, 2013, in Dakar, Senegal.

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