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## UON AND WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY WIN A \$3.4M GRANT

The University of Nairobi and Washington State University, through their existing MoU, have won a \$3.4 million per year for a five-year grant.

This was announced during a meeting between officials of the Washington State University and UoN on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

The grant has been won through a joint application where Washington State University is the leader and UoN, through its Institute of Tropical and Infectious Diseases (UNITID) is partner.

The grant is a public health grant and was highly competitive.

Senior Director for Global Health, Washington State University, Dr. Guy Palmer, said: "We largely won the grant due to our partnership with UNITID. UNITID has the best enhanced facilities from all the partnerships that the University has with other institutions."

The two institutions are also applying for another Government grant valued at \$1 million.

Through the MoU, there has been a training workshop on grant and manuscript writing from Washington State University. UNITID, on the other hand, has offered office space for the WSU Programme coordinator.

This presents a strategic deal given that the WSU will be near the Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH), Center for Disease Control (CDC) and UNITID which will help in enhancing the partnership and the benefits from the MoU.

Prof. Henry Mutoro, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi congratulated the team for winning the grant. He lauded this as a great achievement for both institutions noting that the MoU has taken a great start.

Other areas that have been identified as suitable areas for collaboration include graduate student exchange, PhD co-supervision and development of courses that can be taught at UNITID.



*University of Nairobi Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs Prof. Henry Mutoro presents a souvenir to the Senior Director for Global Health, Washington State University, Dr. Guy Palmer during a meeting to announce the winning of a jointly applied for research grant of \$3.4 million per year over a period of five years.*