STAFF TRAINING/RESEARCH CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Background
The University of Ibadan has received a third cycle, three-year grant of US$4 million from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for the period of January 2008 to December 2010, a significant component of which is to build the University’s human capacity in teaching and research. The general objective of the Staff Training and Research Capacity Building component is to promote excellence in research, teaching and general service delivery in the University of Ibadan in consonance with the mission of the University to be a world-class University where conditions for learning are excellent, research and services are outstanding. In furtherance of this goal, the MacArthur Grant Implementation Committee (MFGIC) wishes to announce the 2008 edition of Staff Training and Research Capacity Building Programme grants. The MFGIC hereby seeks proposals from members of staff of the University of Ibadan for the following three segments of awards:

(a) Overseas Training Grant Programme
(b) Start-up Research Grant Programme
(c) Doctoral Research Grant Programme

Objectives and Eligibility

(a) The objective of the overseas training grant sub-component is to expose staff to institutions outside Nigeria for training in identified areas of skill gaps with a view to promoting teaching, research and service delivery. Staff may apply for either the short term (up to 3 months) or long term (3-6 months) duration grant. Levels of support are $6,000 for the short term and $10,500 for the long term award. Applicants for the overseas training programme must be academic or non-teaching members of staff of the University who are not older than 40 years OR not above Senior Lecturer or equivalent rank at the close of applications. Previous recipients of the grant in 2002 and 2005 are not eligible to apply.

(b) The start-up research grant sub-component seeks to promote gender equity by building capacity and promoting interest of new and young female faculty in research through the provision of small start-up research grants of $3,000 each on a competitive basis, meant to facilitate on-going research by female faculty. Applicants must be female academic staff of the University who possess PhD degrees and are of the rank of Lecturer.

(c) The doctoral research grant sub-component seeks to increase the proportion of faculty with PhD by providing facilitative funding support of $2,500 each on a competitive basis to faculty working on PhD. Applicants must be academic staff of the University who are currently pursuing PhD degrees. Preference will be given to persons who are likely to complete their programmes within six months from the time of applying.

Methods and Conditions
Applicants may not apply for more than one category of support. An application for any of the categories of support should consist of four hard copies and an electronic copy in Microsoft Word, and must include the following:

(i) A covering application letter
(ii) A short proposal (maximum of 10 pages) in 12-point Microsoft Word on A4 paper. The proposal should include a short statement of problem, plan of study/training, methodology, expected outcomes, category of support sought, a line-item budget, proposed location of study/training, and how the study/training will be of benefit to the candidate and to the University of Ibadan upon conclusion.
(iii) Applicant’s curriculum vitae in University format (including e-mail and mobile telephone number).
Female staff are encouraged to apply although the Staff Training and Research Capacity Building Programme is an equal opportunity and competitive grant.

All applications should be accompanied by letters of support from the applicant’s Head of Department and submitted not later than 2:00pm on Friday 12 September, 2008 to:

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Staff Training and Research Capacity Building Sub-committee,
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