

**UNIVERSITY OF YAOUNDE I**

**ORGANIZE**

**Grant Writing for Emerging Career Researchers**

July 15-17, 2015

**University of Yaoundé I, Cameroon**

## Inculcating the spirit of grant writing in Emerging Career Researchers in Institutions of Higher Learning and Research in Cameroon

**Objectives and aim:**

The demand for new staff members to close the gap in manpower in Institutions of Higher Learning in Cameroon is quite high. In 2011, about 1000 new and young lecturers were enrolled in State universities in Cameroon. The newly recruited staff members are eligible to apply for small grants from institutions like the EU, WHO/TDR, WELLCOME TRUST, TWAS, DFG, IFS and the Grand Challenges that provide such grants. However, due to the competitive nature of international funding, and the lack of experience in research methodologies and proposal writing the success rate of these ECR is very low and accounts for the gap in terms of research output in Cameroon and the Central African Sub-region in general. While it is hoped that institutions like ISHReCA will continue to advocate for specific grant schemes to target countries in this region like the WHO/TDR small country grants, it is imperative to empower young researchers in this region with “grantmanship” skills to be able to compete internationally.

The Department of Biochemistry, University of Yaoundé 1 and IFS alunmi (ACBIFS) through funding from AuthorAid (INASP) in connection with the Initiative to Strengthen Health Research Capacity in Africa (ISHReCA) will like to implant the spirit of grant writing in these emerging careers researchers, by organizing a workshop on how to write scientific proposals and apply for research grants. This workshop will regroup at least 30 participants.

**Participants:**

The potential Participants will be scientists in Life Sciences, Medical Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Social Science background and should be either:

* Newly recruited lecturers in public and private universities of Cameroon since 2011
* Newly enrolled researchers in research institutions in Cameroon since 2011.

**Working language:**

English and French without simultaneous translation

**Venue and date:**

University of Yaoundé 1 on the July 15-17, 2015.

**Applications**

* Applicants should belong to public or private research or Higher education Institutions. The potential participants should express interest by sending a brief CV (1 page maximum) and the summary of their Research work (1 page maximum) to the secretariat of the Organizing Committee
* Please note that the closing date for applications is June 25, 2015.
* If you do not hear from us until the **29th June 2015**, it means your application has not been successful.

**Facilitators:**

* Prof NYASSE BARTHELEMY, Vice Rector in Charge of Research, University of Bamenda. (President Cameroon IFS
* Dr Godwin NCHINDA, Deputy Director of the Chantal Biya International Reference Centre (CIRCB)
* Dr Judith Ndongo Torimiro, ISHReCA Steering Committee Member
* Dr Palmer Netongo, Executive Secretary of the ISHReCA Executive Committee

**Workshop Coordination**

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**All inquiries and applications should be sent:**

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Preliminary program

**Wednesday 15th July 2015**

1. Arrival of participants
2. Official Opening Ceremony
3. Pre-workshop evaluation - expectation of the participants
4. Defined purpose and scope
   * Establishing project statement
   * Developing goals, objectives, and indicators
   * Outlining main steps
5. 13:30-14:30 Launch break
6. The International Grant funding Landscape (Who funds what for whom?)
   * Flagship programs - H2020 MSCA
7. Evaluation of day 1

**Thursday 16th July 2015.**

1. Planning; The "how".
   * Developing the work breakdown structure
   * Sequencing the activities and setting the timeline
   * Activities (work on individual project ideas of participants)

13:30-14:30 Launch break

1. - Allocating resources and learning the Tricks of the Trade - Pulling it All Together Implementing/Evaluating
2. Discussions
3. Evaluation of Day 2

**Friday 17th July 2015.**

1. Project Implementation plan and project implementation
   * Monitoring and Evaluation
2. Reporting and Report writing
3. Post-workshop evaluation and end of course