

## BUK Holds Emergency Congregation Meeting, As ASUU Grants Waiver to Elect New VC



By Adamu Garba

**B**ayero University is set to complete the processes that will lead to the appointment of a new Vice Chancellor under a waiver granted by the ASUU National Strike Coordinating Committee (NSCC).

The process resumed with an Emergency Meeting of the Congregation which took place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 at the Convocation Arena, New Campus, for the purpose of electing two representatives of Congregation to the Search Team, in conformity with section 3(2) and (3) of Act No.11 of 1993.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the Congregation, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello informed the meeting that his tenure as the Vice Chancellor would come to an end on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

He said the meeting was conducted following a waiver granted by Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) National Strike Coordinating Committee (NSCC) and in compliance with the NCDC protocols on public health.

Professor Bello further disclosed that the Council had in February this year commenced the process of appointing new Vice Chancellor but was suspended due to the ongoing national strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Vice Chancellor presented the Council's approval of a time table for the processes that will lead to the appointment of new Vice Chancellor.

Under the new arrangement, the Vice Chancellor disclosed that on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, 2020 Congregation would elect two members to represent it in the Search Team and the Search Team would commence its assignment from 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

Equally, the Selection Board would meet to shortlist the candidates from amongst the aspirants, while members of the University community will hold a Congregational Parley for an interaction with all the candidates on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

Earlier, in his opening remarks, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Congregation, Professor Muhammad Babangida Muhammad described the meeting as special and emergency for two reasons – ASUU strike and Covid-19.

Meanwhile, the Congregation as part of its resolutions had observed and accepted the proposed calendar for the conclusion of the selection of the Vice Chancellor as presented.

During the congregation, the duo of Professor

Garba Sa'ad and Malam Aminu Wada Kurawa were elected as the two representatives of Congregation to the Search Team.

The meeting was concluded by expressing its appreciation to NSCC-ASUU for graciously granting a waiver for completion of the process of selecting a new Vice Chancellor for Bayero University.

Below is the time-table for the selection of new VC.

SN	DATE	ACTIVITY
1.	Thursday, July 16, 2020	Congregation to nominate its representatives on the Search Team
2.	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	Search Team to scout for suitable candidates and submit its report to the Chairman of Selection Board
3.	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	Meeting of Selection Board to shortlist candidates (from among those who applied and those recommended by the Search Team) for further consideration
4.	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	Congregational Parley with shortlisted candidates
5.	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	Selection Board to interact with shortlisted candidates and to recommend three of them to Council
6.	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	Special meeting of Council to receive report from Selection Board and to appoint the new Vice Chancellor

## Two Late Kano Elder Statesmen Donate Books to BUK Posthumously

By Bala G. Abdullahi

An erudite scholar, the late Professor Isa Hashim, *Jarman Kano*, and a renowned educationist, Alhaji Idris Ali, both of blessed memories, have donated a combined 1,166 volumes of books covering wide range of disciplines to Bayero University Library. This was disclosed by the University Librarian, Dr. Musa A. Auyo.

In a statement, he said the two distinguished elders had before their deaths willed to bequeath their cherished books and reports to the Library of Bayero University, Kano for the use by researchers and students.

He said Professor Hashim, *Jarman Kano*, willed that his 840 volume books covering wide range of disciplines such as Public Administration, Political

Science, Management Science, History, International Affairs and 15 Reports on different issues be donated to Bayero University Library.

On his part, a renowned educationist and father of the current Dean of the Faculty of Education, Dr. Ali Idris, willed that his 326 volumes of books covering wide range of disciplines such as Education, English Language, Literature, History, Geography etc be given to Bayero University Library so that generations yet unborn could benefit and draw inspiration from them with a view to emulating such extensive work of knowledge dissemination.

The Librarian added that in line with the aforementioned wills, the University through the

Library acknowledged the receipt of all the 1,166 volumes of books. He assured that the University would make the best use of the books and prayed to

Allah to grant the two deceased elder statesmen *jannatul firdaus*.



Representatives of late Prof. Isa Hashim presenting the books to the University Librarian



Representatives of late Alhaji Idris Ali presenting the books to the University Librarian

## His Royal Highness Emir of Kazaure, Alhaji Najib Hussaini Adamu, Appointed Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Qur'anic Studies

The Principal Officers at their 5th (2020), meeting held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 approved the appointment of His Royal Highness, Emir of Kazaure, Alhaji Najib Hussaini Adamu, as Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Qur'anic Studies with immediate effect.

A letter of appointment signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, said the appointment is for a period of two years.

The other members of the Committee are:

- (1) Dr. Bashir Galadanci - *Member*
- (2) Prof Salisu Shehu - *Member*

- (3) Alaramma Gwani Yahuza Gwani Danzarga - *Member*
- (4) HOD, Islamic Studies and Shari'ah - *Member*
- (5) HOD, Arabic - *Member*
- (6) Director, Centre for Islamic Civilization & Interfaith Dialogue - *Member*
- (7) Dr. Yusuf Isyaku Rabi'u - *Member*
- (8) Dr. Mujtaba Ibrahim A. Ramadan - *Member*
- (9) Gwani Aliyu Salihu Turaki - *Member*
- (10) Malam Mu'azzam S. Hanga - *Member*
- (11) Sheikh Abdulwahab Abdullah - *Member*
- (12) Director of the Centre - *Member/Secretary*

## Dr. Abdul Iguda Appointed Chairman of the Staff Secondary School

The Principal Officers at their 5th (2020), meeting held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 approved the appointment of Dr. Abdul Iguda as Chairman Board of Staff Secondary School with immediate effect.

A letter of appointment signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, said the appointment is for two year period.

The other members of the Committee are:

- (1) Prof. Yusuf Adamu, Department of Geography - *Member*
- (2) Dr. Suwaiba Ahmad, Department of Science and Education Tech. - *Member*
- (3) Dr. Ibrahim Tafida, Faculty of Agriculture - *Member*

- (4) Mohammed S. Ringim, Representative of Bursary Department - *Member*
- (5) Binta Y. Kofar Naisa, Representative of Registry Department - *Member*
- (6) Chairman, PTA - *Member*
- (7) Principal, Staff Secondary School - *Member*
- (8) Representative of ASUU - *Member*
- (9) Representative of NAAT - *Member*
- (10) Representative of SSANU - *Member*
- (11) Representative of NASU - *Member*
- (12) Hajiya Aisha Tukur, Community Representative - *Member*
- (13) Shehu Umar Dumbulun, Establishment Matters - *Secretary*

## Prof. Ibrahim A. Yakasai now Chairman Management Committee BUK-NCDCA Accredited Laboratory

The Principal Officers at their 5th (2020), meeting held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 approved the appointment of Professor Ibrahim A. Yakasai as Chairman Management Committee BUK-NCDCA Accredited Laboratory.

A letter of appointment signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, said that the appointment is for an initial one year period in the first instance.

The members of the Committee are:

(1) Prof. Sadiq Isa Abubakar, Department of

Community Medicine - *Member*

(2) Prof. Muhammad Y. Gwarzo, Centre for Biotechnology Research - *Member*

(3) Dr. Ahmad A. Yakasai, Directorate of Laboratory Management - *Member*

(4) Dr. Abdulhadi S. Kumurya, Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences - *Member*

(5) Dr. Isah Abubakar Aliyu, Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences - *Member*

(6) Dr. Jamilu Abubakar Bala, Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences - *Member/Secretary*

## APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS

The Principal Officers at their 5th (2020), meeting held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 approved the following appointments and re-appointments.

The letters of appointments/re-appointments was signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed.

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION	DATE
1	Arc. Abdulmalik Dikko Aliyu , Maintenance Service Department	Appointed Director, Maintenance Service Department on CONTISS 15/1	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2020 (period of five years)
2	Dr. Ma 'aruf Shehu Minjibir , Department of Mathematical Sciences	Appointed Deputy Dean, Student Affairs (Old Campus)	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2020 (two year term)
3	Dr. Nasir Isa Fagge , Centre for Renewable Energy Research	Re-appointed Director, Centre for Renewable Energy Research	Tenure should be extended up to the expiry of the TETFund Special Grant
4	Prof. Haruna Musa , Department of Chemistry	Re-appointed Deputy Director, Centre for Renewable Energy Research (expire by 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2021)	Tenure should be extended up to the expiry of the TETFund Special Grant
5	Dr. Muhammad Buhari, Department of Electrical Engineer	Re-appointed Deputy Director (Solar), Centre for Renewable Energy Research (expire by 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2022)	Tenure should be extended up to the expiry of the TETFund Special Grant
6	Dr. Sanusi Gaya Mohammed , Centre for Dryland Agriculture	Re-appointed Deputy Director (Training), Centre for Dryland Agriculture (with effect from 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020)	Tenure should be extended up to the end of the ACE Impact Project
7	Dr. Kabir Mustapha Umar , Centre for Dryland Agriculture	Re-appointed Deputy Director (Research), Centre for Dryland Agriculture (with effect from 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020)	Tenure should be extended up to the end of the ACE Impact Project
8	Prof. Amina Mustapha , Centre for Dryland Agriculture	Re-appointed Deputy Director (Outreach and Publications ), Centre for Dryland Agriculture (expire by 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021)	Tenure should be extended up to the end of the ACE Impact Project
9	Prof. Hadiza Shehu Galadanci, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology	Re-appointed Director, Africa Centre for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), (expire by 5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021)	Tenure should be extended up to the end of the ACE Impact Project (World Bank)

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION	DATE
10	Dr. Ibrahim Muhammad Nashabaru, Department of Medicine	Re-appointed Deputy Director (Training), Africa Centre for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), (expire by 5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021)	Tenure should be extended up to the end of the ACE Impact Project (World Bank)
11	Dr. Salisu Maiwada Abubakar, Department of Biochemistry	Re-appointed Deputy Director (Linkages/Outreach), Africa Centre for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), (expire by 5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021)	Tenure should be extended up to the end of the ACE Impact Project (World Bank)
12	Dr. Taiwo Amole, Department of Community Medicine	Re-appointed Deputy Director (Research), Africa Centre for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), (expire by 5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021)	Tenure should be extended up to the end of the ACE Impact Project (World Bank)

## Appreciation from Mustapha Zaharaddeen

On behalf of the entire family of *Limamin* Kano Emeritus Professor Muhammad Sani Zaharaddeen, I, Mustapha Zaharaddeen wish to, most sincerely express my profound gratitude and appreciation to members of the University Community who personally attended, felicitated, supported and offered prayers during the wedding ceremonies of my son, Abdulmalik Mustapha Zaharaddeen and his wife, Sadiya Ahmad Ali which took place on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

In particular, my special appreciation goes to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, former DVC (Academics), Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, all the Principal Officers of the University as well as Deans, Directors and Heads of Department and the entire members of the University Community too numerous to mention. We are deeply honoured by your presence, support and prayers during the ceremonies.

We thank you all. We pray to Allah *SWT* to reward you abundantly and wish the couple a blissful marital life. Amin.

## Do You Know?

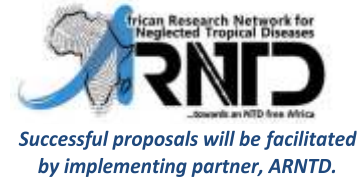
- That BUK consumes a lot of Energy Daily?
- That Power Supply by PHCN is Poor?
- That The University Relies on its Generators for Power Supply at Staff Quarters, Administrative, Academic and Students Areas?
- That The University Spends a lot of money on Diesel and Generators' Maintenance?
- That Some Staff members Leave Offices Without Switching-off Electrical Appliances?
- That 1 Extra Hour of Air-conditioning in a Room Uses Enough Energy to Power A TV for a Year?
- ✓ To Reduce Cost and for Safety, Help the University by Putting-off all Electrical Appliances when not in use!



## African Researchers' Small Grants Program (SGP IV)

### A. Overview

<b>Budget for SGP IV:</b>	USD 300, 000
<b>Maximum funding per award:</b>	USD 30, 000
<b>Call Opening date:</b>	July 01, 2020, 08:00 GMT
<b>Call closing date:</b>	August 14, 2020, 17:00 GMT
<b>Announcement of awards:</b>	November 14, 2020, 17:00 GMT



### Introduction

The African Research Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases (ARNTD) with support from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and UK aid from the UK government, through the Coalition for Operational Research on Neglected Tropical Diseases (COR-NTD), is seeking proposals for both operational and implementation research on "Emerging Challenges facing NTD program implementation in Africa." This fourth edition of the Small Grants Program (SGP IV) is to support African researchers in both early and mid/late career to undertake operational or implementation research aligned with the goals established in the London Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases. SGP IV is comprised of two small grant funding tracks:

- a. Small grants for junior researchers
- b. Small grants for mid-career and/or senior researchers.

### Who is the target group?

This fourth call for proposals is targeted at outstanding researchers – especially beginning researchers – and academics based in research institutions or universities in Africa. Applicants will have to demonstrate that the proposed research or activity is aligned with country/program interests and has potential institutional/individual capacity-building impact. The small grants targeted at junior and senior researchers at the Masters or PhD level will provide grants ranging from USD 10,000 - 30,000. Applications are accepted in both English and French. Shortlisted applicants will be required submit full proposals and additional documentation in English in order to be eligible for the award.

### Objectives of the call

1. To increase African leadership, involvement and visibility in neglected tropical disease (NTD) operational and implementation research, including through direct engagement with national NTD programs;
2. To contribute to improving the research capacity of an existing cadre of African NTD researchers and strengthening African research institutions in the process by supporting operational and implementation research on NTDs that is locally originated and African-led, either by junior researchers or experienced researchers ready to take on larger research programs;
3. To improve South-South communication and collaboration among researchers, policymakers and implementers, and for community participation in research and agenda-setting;
4. To provide an opportunity for young upcoming researchers not only to gain experience in research, but also in preparation of grant applications and management;
5. To supplement a clearly defined aspect of ongoing research or to answer a new question linked to ongoing research being carried out by mid-career/senior researchers;
6. To encourage a model of North-South collaboration which promotes engagement between researchers in the South and their control programs, and improves local leadership and ownership of initiatives and activities.

### What's in Scope?

In order to be considered for funding, the proposed research must be informed by existing evidence and identified gaps. Proposals must demonstrate significant potential to inform or develop further research activities. Priority funding will be directed to projects focusing on the five preventive chemotherapy (PC) NTDs (i.e., lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, soil-transmitted helminthiasis, schistosomiasis, and trachoma) and projects focusing on improving equitable access to NTD interventions for vulnerable populations (e.g., nomads, groups in conflict zones, and rural/hard-to-reach areas, refugees, and the disabled). Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how their research can contribute to the fight against COVID-19. All



applications should provide information on how the COVID-19 pandemic would likely influence the execution of the proposed research project. Eligible proposals may focus on:

1. Implementation research that aims to improve the effectiveness of NTD programs. This includes:
  - a. Identifying factors that hinder equitable delivery of NTD program interventions to vulnerable groups.
  - b. Developing, testing, and scaling practical solutions that are evidence-based, adaptive, and context-specific.
  - c. Identifying ways to improve uptake, adaptation, and adoption of existing evidence-based strategies, tools to achieve elimination and control targets.

For implementation research topics, applicants have the option of selecting one or both of the following:

- Conduct a formative study to quantify and describe implementation challenges and make recommendations for program improvements. In this case, applicants should clearly outline research hypotheses, methodology, and variables of interest.
- Conduct an intervention study, citing evidence from previous research and program dis-aggregated data through a gender, equity, and human rights lens and justifying the research questions, approach, and methodology in the background and significance section of the proposal. In this case, applicants should also clearly outline research hypotheses, methodology, and variables of interest; and document the proposed plan for evaluating the short-term or intermediate effect of the intervention on variables of interest.

2. Operational research with potential for generating knowledge that can directly inform programmatic decisions around program monitoring, stopping, and surveillance. Studies to develop or validate innovative new diagnostic technologies to support monitoring and evaluation of NTD programs are especially welcomed.

### What's out of Scope?

SGP IV funding cannot be used for paying salaries, participating in meetings/conferences, payment of tuition/course fees, purchase of restricted commodities (e.g., contraception, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, vehicles, etc.), and for supporting existing programmatic M&E activities such as, but not limited to, mapping, mass drug administration, transmission assessment surveys (TAS), Kato-Katz impact evaluations, trachoma impact surveys/surveillance surveys, data quality assessments, onchocerciasis impact evaluations, onchocerciasis Stop MDA surveys, coverage surveys, knowledge attitude perception surveys, etc.).

## B. Eligibility

### General criteria:

1. Must be currently employed by or enrolled as a student in an academic, health, or research institution in Africa for the duration of the grant
2. Must demonstrate having a commitment to NTD-related research as well as the skills and experience required to carry out the proposed work
3. Must be able to provide evidence of research output, including publications and/or presentations at scientific conferences

### Specific to applicants for the junior researchers' grants:

1. Must be an early career researcher, defined as a basic biomedical scientist, clinically qualified investigator, or public health researcher, who has not previously competed successfully as principal investigator for a major research grant (i.e., ≥USD 200,000)
2. Must hold at least a Master's degree or should be actively enrolled in doctoral studies. Applicants holding a doctoral degree (e.g. PhD, DrPH, DSc) must have graduated no more than seven years ago. Clinicians (e.g. MBChB, MBBS, MD, DVM holders), who have not completed a Master's degree must have some specialist training (e.g., Membership, Fellowship) or be able to demonstrate relevant research training/experience
3. Must not currently hold positions above lecturer/assistant professor level or equivalent
4. Must be able to provide written evidence of commitment to providing mentorship and supervision from a senior researcher with a track record and ongoing commitment to NTD research.



### Specific to applicants for the mid-career/senior researchers grants:

1. Must be a mid-career/senior researcher, defined as a basic biomedical scientist, clinically qualified investigator, or public health researcher, who has previously competed successfully as principal investigator for a major research grant, but is no more than fifteen years from their highest degree of study
2. Must hold a doctoral degree (e.g. PhD, DrPH, DSc). Clinicians (e.g. MBChB, MBBS, MD, DVM holders), who have not completed a PhD must have completed specialist training (e.g., Fellowship) or be able to demonstrate relevant training tied to research (e.g., MSc, MPhil), or experience
3. Must hold a position no lower than Senior lecturer/Senior Scientific Officer level or equivalent
4. Must demonstrate that they have a track record and ongoing commitment to NTD research
5. Must demonstrate that the intended project is a clearly defined aspect of ongoing research or aimed at answering a new question linked to ongoing research.

## C. Application

### How to apply

1. Access the online application form and instructions [here](#), complete all required sections and submit ahead of the deadline<sup>1</sup>
2. The application form provides a link [here](#) to download a budget template. Complete all required sections by following the funding rules as outlined in the Review Guide and Instructions page of Budget template. Upon completion, please click [here](#) to upload a copy of your budget. Please note that an application without an accompanying budget using the prescribed template will not be reviewed.

### Review of the application will take the following into consideration:

1. The eligibility of the applicant and possession of a qualified team
2. The scientific merit and overall quality of the proposed project
3. The significance of the research and potential impact
4. The potential for scaling up the research<sup>2</sup>
5. The demonstration of reasonable and realistic estimation of costs

An independent panel will review all complete applications submitted, culminating in the preliminary shortlisting of grant awardees. You may download the reviewers' guide [here](#). You are kindly advised to go through the application checklist [here](#) to ensure that you meet all the eligibility criteria and conform to all the requirements. Applications which do not check all the boxes of the checklist will not advance for review. All shortlisted awardees will be supported through training to write and submit a full proposal based on a template. The final award and disbursement of funds will be conditioned on the head of department/unit of the host institution in which this award will be based confirming in writing that the research will be supported with appropriate space and facilities and administered in the name of the organization. In addition, successful applicants for the junior researchers' grants will be required to submit a letter of support from a senior researcher and mentor who will serve as their "research quality guarantor", and will be equally responsible for the success of the research project. Funded research will be closely monitored via bi-weekly calls with the ARNTD Secretariat, submission of quarterly reports, and field monitoring and evaluation visits by the ARNTD where necessary.

Please click [here](#) to find answers to Frequently Asked Questions by previous applicants. For further inquiries, email with the subject line "Inquiry SGP IV" to [secretariat@arntd.org](mailto:secretariat@arntd.org)

