



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)



Between

Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine (KCCR), College of Health Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana

And

African Centre of Excellence on Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria



1.0 Preamble

In order to extend the effective and mutually beneficial cooperation and development exchange in education, research and other areas, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Nigeria and Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research for Tropical Medicine (KCCR), College of Health Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana hereby agree to cooperate toward the internationalization of higher education. The two institutions agree to work together in advancing strategies and research works on neglected tropical diseases particularly those relating to lymphatic filariasis.

The cooperation shall cover student internship placements, short term research visits and other activities that will advance the understanding, prevention, control and treatment of neglected tropical diseases, subject to mutual consent and the approval of both institutions.

2.0 Student internship

Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana agrees to provide internship places to students from ACENTDFB. Duration of the internship shall be a minimum of one month. ACENTDFB shall bear the cost (accommodation, upkeep and transportation) of the internee during the period at KCCR, Kumasi, Ghana. The internship module shall encompass training on experimental research techniques. The number of internees shall be by mutual agreement between the heads of the respective institutions.

ACENTDFB shall be responsible for the selection of the student internees. However, KCCR shall reserve the right to accept or reject any selected candidate for good cause. Each internee shall abide by all the rules and regulations of the host institution (KCCR, KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana). Each internee shall, at the end of the internship period, submit a report of his/her activities to the heads of the two institutions (Director, KCCR, KNUST and ACENTDFB Centre Leader) after a seminar/presentation to the host institution (KCCR).

KCCR, KNUST also agree to provide bench space for short-term research works, at a cost to be borne by ACENTDFB and the researcher.

3.0 Duration of Agreement

There shall be an annual joint appraisal of progress and activities arising from this agreement. The agreement shall be subject to review and subsequent renewal after three years.

4.0 Encumbrances and logistics

Before students are sent to either institution, there shall be a discussion each year concerning logistics and place of stay of respective students. The host institution shall facilitate the place of stay while the logistics for staying shall be

the responsibility of the ACENTDFB. As well, the host institution may charge students working on the bench a token for breakages at the bench. However, if students would want to perform research, the cost of all such research shall be their responsibility or that of their supervisor.

5.0 Effective Date of Agreement and Termination

The agreement shall come into effect immediately the two institutions represented by their respective heads (Scientific Director, KCCR, KNUST, Kumasi, and ACENTDFB Centre Leader) sign the MoU. Either party to the agreement may terminate the MoU at any time by providing a written notice regarding the programme to the other party. Effective date for such termination shall be at least six months from the date of such notice.

6.0 Collaboration Management

The collaboration between the two institutions shall be managed and coordinated by the heads of the respective institutions, namely the Scientific Director of KCCR, KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana and the Centre Leader, ACENTDFB.

Signature

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