UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT PROGRAM
RESEARCH MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

THE UASP FELLOWSHIP IN RESEARCH MANAGEMENT supports up to 30 mid- to senior-level university leaders from Africa to develop their capacity in research management and knowledge transfer through an online research management course, a 3-week virtual fellowship, and a 5-week fellowship in the United States. At its core, the UASP aims to grow the new generation of university leaders who understand and can adapt international trends and best practices in research management and knowledge transfer, who actively disseminate their knowledge within and beyond their institutions, and who will apply their ideas, skills and networks gained through the fellowship to drive improvement to their institution’s performance.

Sample fellowship focus areas
- Institutional research strategy
- Incentivizing research
- Winning and managing research funding
- Enhancing reputation and visibility
- Publication
- Research ethics and integrity
- Researcher development, career support
- Postgraduate research programs

IN-PERSON FELLOWSHIP COMPONENTS

Financial Provisions
Roundtrip airfare, J-1 visa fees, accident and sickness insurance, housing, daily allowance (for basic meals and incidentals), and a professional development allowance.

Research Management Training
1 week of intensive training and peer-to-peer learning in Washington, DC., split into three days at the start and three at the end of the in-person placements.

US Host University Placement (with Host Mentor)
4-week placement observing and analyzing research management operations at a respected public US university. Fellows’ placements are assigned according to requested focus area(s) which are priorities of their home institution.

Implementation Plan & Comparative Case Study
Application of learning from the host placement to make recommendations for research management reform at the home institution.

Virtual Learning Environment
An online platform enables fellows to engage with UASP trainers, peers, and alumni prior to, during, and after the fellowship.

Post-program Grants and Engagement
Post-program small grants competition to put learning into action (e.g. to kickstart a reform at the home institution).

ONLINE APPLICATION:
https://www.irex.org/uasp

The UASP is developed and implemented by IREX and is kindly supported by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.
Adeola Oladeji and Olumuyiwa Desmennu (UASP 2018) jointly developed and are deploying an electronic research administration system (replacing a paper-based system) which will increase efficiency and accuracy at the University of Ibadan.

Fredrick Muyodi (2018), of Makerere University, and Abdoulaye Ndiaye (2019) of the University of Cheikh Anta Diop, each established new units at their universities which provide grants writing support to faculty.

Omobolanle Ade-Ademilua (2018) and Morounfolu Aramide (UASP 2016), based on their knowledge of international best practices, were appointed Deputy Centre Leader and Project Management Officer of the University of Lagos’ African Centre of Excellence for Drug Research, Herbal Medicine Development, and Regulatory Science (ACEDHARS), part of the World Bank ACE Impact project.

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