

UoN subscribes to Research Africa Funding Platform

THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI (UON) RECENTLY ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RESEARCH AFRICA THAT ENABLE STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS ACCESS RESEARCH AFRICA'S FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES DATABASE. ACCESS TO THIS PLATFORM WILL BE A VALUABLE TOOL TO GROW THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.

Interested UoN users will be able to access the sorted and sieved funding opportunities that are available and receive alerts based on individual disciplines and the type of grants that are of interest to each member via electronic mail. Research Professional Africa is an essential online resource for researchers, students, research and innovation managers, development officers and policymakers in Africa. It provides subscribers access to comprehensive, authoritative and appropriately highlighted information of over 40,000 research funding opportunities globally to enable sustained research for African development. In addition, an African staffed newsroom covers the African science, policy and research funding news relevant to Research Africa readers. The Research Africa

platform provides access to funding opportunities, news and analyses on topics chosen to give African researchers, students and policymakers an edge in the competition for research funding.

The types of funding opportunities include scholarships, fellowships (early career, mid-career and senior), research grants, innovation grants, networking/collaboration opportunities, travel grants, hosting conference grants, publication grants, capacity building grants, research collaboration calls and development funding from local and global funders of research and development projects in Africa.

The Research Professional Africa platform allows students, staff and researchers to search for various grant opportunities specific to their

UoN admitted to BioMed Central Foundation Program

The University of Nairobi (UoN) has been admitted to the BioMed Central Foundation Program, The Open Access Publisher. The admission is in recognition of the University's dedication to the Open Access Policy and outstanding contribution to the open access initiative.

The Foundation Membership entitles members of the University to a variety of benefits, which include a branded webpage on the BioMed Central Website, a BioMed open access tool kit and complimentary subscriptions to deal with BioMed Central's subscription products and services.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance, Prof. Peter Mbithi has urged all students and members of staff to take full advantage of these benefits. Further, all members of staff and students are encouraged to continue to contribute to the BioMed Central, The Open Access Publisher.

chosen discipline and research projects. Also included in the platform is the Research Africa funding analysis online news bulletin which covers "institutional profiles." Research Africa also highlights selected funding opportunities and innovative funding schemes in the news, as well as research related jobs and conferences/events that are relevant to African and global readers. The platform can be accessed through www.research-africa.net.