



**Wandiga - Hull PhD Scholarship MoU signed between University of Nairobi and Binghamton University, New York, USA**

In order to strengthen the already existing collaboration between the sister universities, the University of Nairobi and Binghamton University enter into this agreement to nominate a student from the University of Nairobi for acceptance as the Wandiga-Hull Scholar into the chemistry PhD graduate program at Binghamton University.

To assure success of the program, Binghamton University will:

- Expedite the review and probable acceptance of one student as a Wandiga-Hull Scholar from the three nominees provided by the University of Nairobi. The review process will normally take no longer than two weeks after receipt of the nominee’s package from the University of Nairobi.
- Provide financial support for the accepted Scholar for four years contingent on the Scholar’s satisfactory progress towards the degree. The financial support will consist of
  - a stipend as a teaching assistant, graduate assistant, or research assistant, at a level consistent with other graduate student stipends in the chemistry department
  - a full tuition scholarship
- Waive the requirement for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
- Reimburse the applicant for the application fee for the graduate program at Binghamton University.
- Recognize the Wandiga-Hull Scholar by suitable certificates and publicity

This agreement shall be in effect for a period of five years.

**University of Nairobi Industrial Chemistry Student Association (UNICSA) held its Annual Dinner Party**

UNICSA which is an association of Industrial Chemistry students of University of Nairobi held its annual dinner party on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2013. The colourful event was attended by the Chairman of the Department, Dr. Amir Yusuf, the patron of UNICSA, Dr. Helen Njenga, academic staff and UNICSA members and invited guests.



**Snapshot of the function**



**It was a colorful event**

**Dr. Solomon Derese won Grand Challenges Canada funding for his Bold idea on global health**



Dr. Solomon Derese

Dr. Derese’s proposal entitled “Mitishamba database of natural products from Kenyan plants for design of antimalarial drugs” submitted to Grand Challenges Canada’s call for Proposals: Stars in Global Health – Round 4 Phase I was funded to the tune of \$ 100, 000.

The Stars in Global Health Round 4 grantee profile page and news release is available at: <http://www.grandchallenges.ca/stars-r4-grantees-en/>

## Students Visited East African Portland Cement Company

In order to solidify the theory learnt in class the department usually organizes visits to industries. Recently our students visited the East African Portland cement factory. Below is a snapshot of their visit.



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