



## Addressing international health issues

The College of Health Sciences comprises the Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing Sciences, Dental Sciences, the Institute of Tropical and Infectious Diseases (UNITID) and a Centre for HIV Prevention and Research (CHIVPR). There are 21 teaching departments inclusive of 13 thematic units.

The College offers highly competitive academic programmes, which attract a large pool of brilliant students. The academic programmes are ably run by 300 highly qualified scholars, who are committed to academic excellence through teaching, research, health care as well as mentoring of students. Consequently, there exists a stimulating intellectual culture within the College. In the past one year, the staff had 159 publications in peer-reviewed journals.

The College runs varied postgraduate programmes, these range from postgraduate diploma to doctorates in various health disciplines. The current student enrolment stands at 2,322 undergraduate, 33 Postgraduate Diploma, 552 Masters and 18 PhD

candidates.

The College has extensive physical facilities for teaching and research backed with efficient ICT connectivity enabling our staff and students easy access to electronic library and general Internet. It is therefore the preferred institution for local and international collaborations and linkages. Currently the College has 39 international partnerships and linkages.

Pursuant to addressing current national and international health issues, the College is engaged in relevant health and social behavioural research, which attracts the largest research funding to the University currently at Ksh.400m annually. The most notable are those involved in HIV/AIDS, which have gained international recognition. In this connection, leading in HIV/AIDS Research is the Kenya Aids Vaccine Initiative (KAVI) and Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) in the School of Medicine and the Centre for HIV Prevention and Research. The School of Pharmacy has two leading Research Units in Drugs, namely Drug Analysis and Research Unit and the Mitishamba Drug Research Centre. At UNITID, an ultra-modern level III Laboratory has been built to cater for the emerging and re-emerging pathogens especially the viral haemorrhagic fevers. This facility is the third of its kind in Africa.