

EARLY CAREER RESEARCH INTEGRITY AND ETHICS WORKSHOP



The Association
of Commonwealth
Universities

TOPIC: Strengthening Research Integrity and Ethics Conduct Towards Ethical Research Excellence in Higher Education Institutions

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Research integrity, characterized by honesty, transparency, and ethical standards, is the bedrock of scientific inquiry. Institutional Review Boards ensure these principles by evaluating research proposals and promoting responsible conduct. However, the significance of research integrity training for early career researchers cannot be overstated. Equipping these budding scholars with comprehensive training on research integrity instils ethical principles from the outset of their careers. It cultivates a culture of responsible conduct that reverberates throughout their professional journey. Against this background, Kibabii University, in collaboration with the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), invites Early Career Researchers (ECRs) to this training that aims to provide capacity support for early career researchers in Africa, fostering a culture of research integrity and ethical conduct on the continent.

TRAINING GOAL

The primary goal of this workshop is to provide early career researchers (ECRs) with a holistic understanding of research integrity and ethical conduct, ensuring they are equipped to uphold high ethical standards in their research practices.

This training will emphasize:

- Fundamental Principles of Research Integrity
- Ethical Decision-Making in Research
- Mitigating Research Misconduct
- Institutional and Global Ethical Standards
- Data Management and Confidentiality
- Ethical Publishing and Peer Review
- Ethical Use of AI in Research



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate a heightened understanding of research integrity principles and ethical conduct, ensuring improved adherence to ethical standards in research.
- Apply practical skills and strategies to identify, assess, and address ethical dilemmas in research, leading to more informed and ethically sound decision-making.
- Utilize AI tools responsibly and ethically in research while promoting transparency, accountability, and fairness in AI-assisted academic work.
- Establish meaningful mentorship and peer connections, fostering continuous learning and collaboration in research ethics and integrity.
- Promote a Culture of ethical research practices within their institutions and communities, ensuring long-term impact on research integrity.

SCOPE OF THE TRAINING

The facilitation/presentation will be interactive and interspersed with hands-on training and/or personal/professional experiences and examples, where applicable. The overall agenda will cover the details of each aspect of research integrity.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Application Deadline:** March 17, 2025
- Notification of Acceptance:** March 24, 2025
- Workshop Dates:** April 3–4, 2025

Target group/eligibility

The training sessions will be entirely virtual using Zoom. Participants will be selected from Kibabii University and ACU institutions and will include:

- PhD Candidates
- Academic senior members who completed their PhD less than 6 years ago
- Female applicants are particularly encouraged

Mode of Delivery

The training sessions will be entirely virtual using Zoom.

How to Apply

Interested participants should complete the online application form by March 17, 2025.

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/ywE2yRC7PDZ56oRCA>

ENQUIRIES:

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