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# INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to bring you the third edition of the quarterly Newsletter of the Center for Bioethics and Research (CBR) Nigeria for 2025.



# Institutional Training on Responsible Conduct of Research

## 1.1 M.Sc. Bioethics Training with focus on Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR).

Our MSc. Bioethics program with concentration on Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) has continued to support trainees studying Bioethics with focus on Responsible Conduct of Research at the Department of Bioethics and Medical Humanities (DBMH), University of Ibadan. Some of our pioneer set of trainees who successfully defended their thesis at the University of Ibadan are currently working on publishing their research projects in reputable journals. CBR will support these publications to build evidence base for RCR practice, and creation of more awareness of RCR in Nigeria and globally.



**Figure 1:** MSc. Bioethics trainees – 1st Cohort with their theses.

Our second cohort of trainees are rounding up their final research projects. The DBMH, University of Ibadan will organize an oral defense examination for the trainees during the current academic session to complete their training program.

Our third cohort of trainees are rounding up their course work, and they have obtained ethics approval from the Faculty of Social Sciences Ethics Committee of the University of Ibadan for their final research projects. The trainees will commence their projects at the end of their coursework. All the trainees will be supported by CBR to complete their research projects.

Upon graduation, all the trainees are expected to return to their institutions to set up Research Integrity Offices or Units (RIO/RIU) if there is none there already or revive the existing one. CBR will support the trainees in this endeavor.

## 1.2 Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) On-site Training



Our Scaling Up Research Ethics and Research Integrity (Surer) Project implements a multi-institutional collaboration to provide Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR), Research/Scientific Integrity (RSI) training to researchers in Nigeria. During the last quarter, we implemented on-site RCR training at Babcock University, Ilishan, Remo, Ogun State. The training took place on the 25th and 26th of September. Some of the topics that were covered during the training session include Plagiarism and Data Fabrication, Data Falsification and Manipulation, Data Sharing and Management, among other topics. Institutions in Nigeria that are interested in training Research Integrity Officers and establishing Research Integrity Units should contact the Administrator, Center for Bioethics and Research ([admin@bioethicscenter.net](mailto:admin@bioethicscenter.net)) for more information. You can also visit the project website at <https://surerproject.net> to know more about Scaling Up Research Ethics and Research Integrity (Surer) project.

## Blended Diploma Program in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

There are still opportunities to participate in our blended diploma program on Responsible Conduct of Research. Our 3-month program provides advanced training in research integrity and responsible conduct of research (RCR) for researchers, lecturers, and institutional leaders based on the 3-credit core courses completed by MSc trainees. The RCR diploma program is designed for individuals who want more than an introductory course in RCR but are unable to pursue an MSc. program. Successful applicants will receive textbooks, stipend for internet access, and full sponsorship to the mandatory weekend retreats of the diploma program. You can visit our project website at <https://surerproject.net> to know more about how to apply for the program.

# Training in Protection of Human Participants in Research at University of Nigeria, Nsukka

## 3.1 M.Sc. Bioethics at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria.

Our ENRICH Program which is funded by the Fogarty International Center (FIC), U.S. National Institutes of Health and collaboratively implemented by the University of Maryland School of Medicine, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria, and the Center for Bioethics and Research (CBR) admitted the 5th batch of trainees in March 2025 for the MSc. Bioethics program at the University of Nigeria (UNN) Enugu. A scholarship that supports tuition, textbooks, laptops, data and a monthly stipend is provided for the trainees throughout the duration of their training. The final research projects of the selected trainees will be supported by the ENRICH Program.



**Figure 3:** The trainees in the 4th cohort of ENRICH Training Program from left to right: Ogbonna Kingsley, Udeh Stephen, Iwegbu Innocent and Ogbonna Chinyere Nma

Trainees from the 4th batch of the MSc. Bioethics program at UNN successfully defended their theses on the 18th of September 2025. They proved their expertise in their research topics and field of study through a public presentation and a closed-door session with an examination committee. A total of 4 trainees were successful in the examination and they are converting their theses into papers for

publication in high impact journals. CBR is proud of the trainees and wishes them well in their pursuits of academic excellence.

## 3.2 MPH with Bioethics concentration at University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria.

Our 3rd batch of trainees on the Masters in Public Health (MPH) with Bioethics concentration program at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka also successfully defended their thesis on the 22nd of September 2025 having completed their coursework and work on their final research projects. A total of 7 trainees were successful in the examination. They demonstrated comprehensive mastery of their research, critical thinking, and the ability to articulate their work's Bioethics and Public Health significance. The trainees were assessed on their understanding of their specific bioethics topics and broader public health. CBR congratulates the trainees on successfully completing the program.



**Figure 4:** MPH with Bioethics concentration trainees from Left to Right: Nwagbo Amara, Asemota Aisosa, Obu Kingsley, Egwuatu Ifeoma, Okpaleke Nnenna, Ugwu Chinyere and Ogbada Christopher

Trainees of the MPH Program with Bioethics concentration also attend the CBR blended diploma program on Research Ethics. Transportation, accommodation, and feeding are provided for them during the mandatory weekend retreats of the diploma program by the ENRICH Program.



# Center for Bioethics and Research programs

## 4.1. Onsite Local Health Research Ethics Committees and Health Researchers training.

CBR facilitates HREC trainings in Nigeria. The training of HREC members is one of the requirements of the National Health Research Ethics Committee (NHREC) for registration of newly inaugurated Ethics Committees and renewal of registration for existing HRECs.

The following onsite trainings were facilitated by CBR from July 2025 to September 2025.

Institution	Date	Attendance	Participants	Training type
The Bells Univeristy, Ota, Ogun State	4th - 6th August	13	Members of the health research ethics committee	Modern Research Ethics

**Table 1:** On-site Research Ethics Trainings conducted by CBR

## 4.2 Human Subjects Protection training in collaboration with BRANY–Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI), New York

From July to September 2025, we provided the following online trainings:

- a.** 1,339 trainings on the Protection of Human Subjects of Research to investigators, students, and IRB members
- b.** 2,195 trainings in the special module on the Nigerian National Code for Health Research Ethics
- c.** 816 trainings in Good Clinical Practice
- d.** 188 trainings in Conflicts of Interest
- e.** 427 trainings in Responsible Conduct of Research

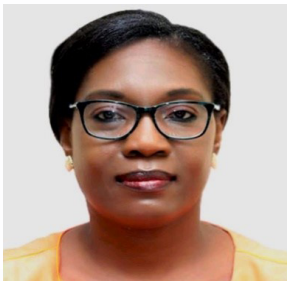
# Appointments/Achievements

## 5.1. Achievements

*Prof Ebunoluwa Oduwole*, a philosopher and CBR faculty was appointed as the Vice Chancellor for Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo, Oyo State. Prof. Oduwole teaches Philosophy on the MSc. Bioethics program at the University of Ibadan, she is the editor of the BeOnline journal of the Center for Bioethics and Research (CBR) Nigeria. CBR celebrates her appointment and wishes her more success.



**Figure 5:** Prof. Ebunoluwa Oduwole



**Figure 6:** Prof. Simisola Oluwatoyin Akintola

*Prof. S.O. Akintola*, a lawyer and CBR faculty was elected as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation, and Strategic Partnerships) of the University of Ibadan, Oyo State. Prof. Akintola is the course director for Health Law and Bioethics on the MSc. Bioethics program of the University of Ibadan. She is also the Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Center for Bioethics and Research (CBR) Nigeria. CBR is proud to be associated with her and wishes her more success.

*Prof. Olayinka Eyelade*, an anesthesiologist and CBR faculty was promoted Professor of Anesthesia at the University of Ibadan. Prof. Eyelade is the course director for Informed Consent module on the MSc. Bioethics training program at the University of Ibadan. She is also an alumnus of the MSc. Bioethics program of the University of Ibadan. CBR is proud to be associated with her and wishes her more success.



**Figure 7:** Prof. Olayinka Eyelade

*Prof. C.O. Agulanna*, the head of the Department of Bioethics and Medical Humanities, University of Ibadan and a founding member of the Center for Bioethics and Research (CBR) delivered a lecture titled 'Why Ethics Matters in Everything' at the 15th edition of the monthly workshop for a well-informed work force organized by the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, Capacity Development Committee on the 11th of July 2025.



**Figure 8:** Prof. C.O. Agulanna

Prof. Agulanna also delivered another lecture on the 18th of August 2025 titled 'Ethics, Religion and the Quest for Meaning in Modern Africa' at the 5th Biennial Conference and inaugural investiture of fellows of the African Society for the Study of Sociology and Ethics of Religions. CBR congratulates Prof. Agulanna on the inspiring lectures and excellent delivery, we wish him more success, and we are proud to be associated with him.



# New CITI – RCR Module.

## 6.1 Online training in Safe Research Environment (SRE) in Nigeria.

CBR has added 'Safe Research Environment' to its CITI – Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) module. This course is designed to provide a basic understanding of sexual harassment and strategies to maintain a harassment-free environment.

Sexual harassment undermines the integrity of working relationships and interferes with the right of individuals to work and learn in an environment free from harassment. The course is available on the CBR Website. Please visit <https://bioethicscenter.net/sexual-harassment-training> for more information.

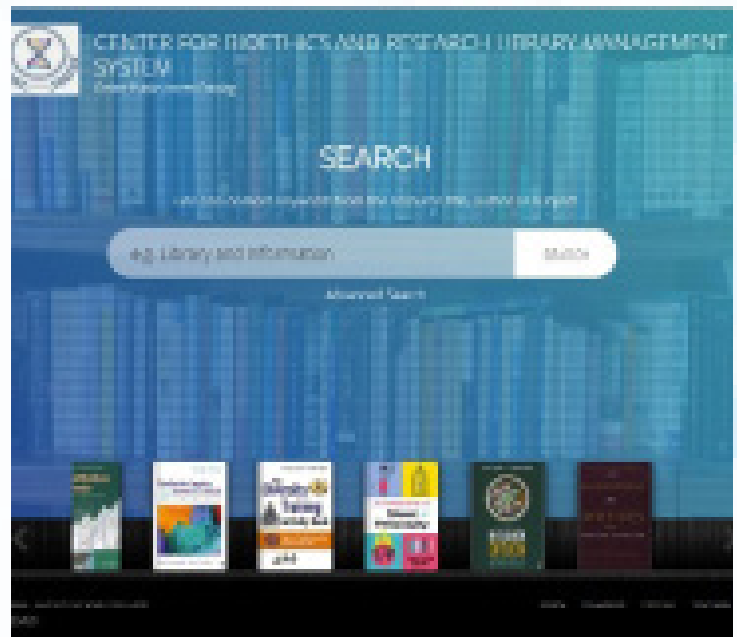
CBR is committed to being a leader in preventing and effectively educating individuals on sexual harassment and misconduct.

## 6.2 The Bioethics Library of the Center for Bioethics and Research.

The Center for Bioethics and Research (CBR) Bioethics Library is the most comprehensive repository bioethics books, journals, and other educational materials for students, faculty members, and researchers in Nigeria.

It is available to all individuals interested in bioethics research and training. The library empowers students and faculty to discover and obtain information needed for their research in Protection of Human Participants in Research, RCR, RSI, DEI, Safe Working and Sexual Harassment free Environment.

The librarian can be contacted, and the library's catalogue can be viewed through <https://library.bioethicscenter.net>. Please contact the librarian for any inquiries at [librarian@bioethicscenter.net](mailto:librarian@bioethicscenter.net).



**Figure 9:** Bioethics library of the Center for Bioethics and Research, Ibadan, Nigeria

# The Bridging Gaps in the ELSI of Data Science Research (BridgELSI) Project

BridgELSI project is a collaborative research ethics study and training project at CBR, Nigeria. The project is part of the DS-I Africa initiative of the NIH, and it is focused on bridging the gaps in current governance framework on ethical oversight of data science health research by engaging key stakeholders to evaluate and co-develop novel governance framework for the Ethical Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) of data science health research in Nigeria.

Investigators on the BridgELSI Project attended the 5th DS – I Africa consortium meeting that took place from 23rd –29th August 2025 at the CEDI Conference Centre, University of Ghana, Accra. The BridgELSI project presented a poster at the meeting to show the achievements of the project and plans for the next steps.

Prof. Shawneequa Callier facilitated a plenary session on '*Data Science Ethics: Contextual Considerations and Best Practice Models for Data Sharing and Reuse in Africa.*'

Mr. Adeola Akintola received a DS – I Africa ideathon travel award for his submission as an early career researcher. He gave a presentation at the meeting titled *Modified Delphi Study of Ethical Oversight of Data Science Health Research (DSHR)*.

Our other investigators in the BridgELSI project include Dr. C. Adebamowo, Prof. T. Ogundiran, Prof. A. Jegede, Prof. S. Akintola, and Dr. S. Adebamowo.



**Figure 10:** Dr. Jay Churchill – facilitator NIH and Mr. Olusegun Adeyemo – CBR Manager at the 5th DS-I Africa consortium meeting in Ghana

The BridgELSI project recently published two papers:

1. Adebamowo C, Akintola A, Maduka OC, Ikhane P, Jegede A, Callier S, Akintola S, Ogundiran T, Adeyemo O, Adebamowo SN. Knowledge and Recommendations of Stakeholders regarding Ethical Oversight of Data Science Health Research: A qualitative study protocol. JMIR Res Protoc. 2025 Oct 20. doi: 10.2196/78557. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 41130595.
2. P.A. Ikhane, T. Yusuf, O. Adeyemo, T.O. Ogundiran, S.N. Adebamowo, C.A. Adebamowo, Community and bioethicists' perspectives on iPSC research with bio-banked samples collected using broad consent, Stem Cell Reports, 2025, 102721, ISSN 2213-6711, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.stemcr.2025.102721>.

## Information on Job Opportunities

The Center for Bioethics and Research widely disseminates information about job opportunities in research and bioethics on our social media pages and website for interested individuals.

Please visit <https://bioethicscenter.net/jobs/> for more information.

## Closing Remarks

Thank you for taking your time to read this issue of the newsletter, your comments about the current issue, and ideas for the next issue are what will keep the Centre for Bioethics and Research Newsletter an interesting and lively newsletter.

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