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1 INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to bring you the second edition of the quarterly Newsletter of the Center for Bioethics and Research (CBR) Nigeria for 2026.

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 in the Department of Bioethics and Medical Humanities (DBMH) University of Ibadan is still admitting qualified students for the program. Successful applicants that are admitted for the program unlock academic research opportunities, and professional advancement. All trainees of the MSc. Bioethics program with concentration on Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) at the University of Ibadan are enrolled by CBR for 'The Program on Negotiation (PON) at Harvard Law School' as part of their training program. CBR proudly supports all the trainees and ensure their successful completion of the program and receipt of certificates from Harvard University.

Our third cohort of trainees have started working on their final research projects and are receiving support from CBR to complete their research work.

Upon graduation, all the trainees 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 provides substantial support for our trainees in this endeavor. This is part of CBR's work in building institutional capacities and infrastructure for RCR, Research Scientific Integrity (RSI), Conflict of Interest (Col), Safe Working and Sexual Harassment Free Environment (SWSHFE) in biomedical research institutions in Nigeria. We also engage in advocacy and building public and professional awareness, implement short and medium duration trainings, and innovative e-mentoring on RCR, RSI, Col, and SWSHFE in Nigeria.

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

Our Scaling Up Research Ethics and Research Integrity (SURER) Project continues to implement a multi-institutional collaboration to build capacity and increase awareness of Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR), Research/Scientific Integrity (RSI) in Nigeria. Facilitators from the Center for Bioethics and Research (CBR) Nigeria implemented the following onsite training in RCR

CBR facilitated a 2 -day training on Responsible Conduct of Research for researchers and staff of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria on the 1st and 2nd of June, 2026

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) for more information. You can also visit the project website at <https://sureproject.net> to know more about Scaling Up Research Ethics and Research Integrity (SURER) project.



Fig. 1: CBR Facilitators and attendees of the RCR training in Zaria

Blended Diploma Program in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

Our fully sponsored, medium duration, blended diploma program on Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) has graduated its 3rd cohort of trainees. All the 18 trainees in the cohort successfully completed the program and they were presented with their certificate of completion.

All the trainees received textbooks, stipend for internet access, and full sponsorship to the mandatory weekend retreats of the program. 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. You can visit our project website at <https://sureproject.net> to know more about how to apply for the program.



Fig. 2: 3rd Cohort of RCR diploma trainees and CBR facilitators at the end of their 3 – months 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 US National Institutes of Health (NIH) Fogarty International Center (FIC) 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 current set of trainees successfully defended their final research projects on the 4th of May 2026 at an external defense examination that was organized by the University of Nigeria (UNN) and the Bioethics Unit of the University before an external examiner. CBR is proud to be associated with the trainees and wishes them well in all their future endeavors.



Fig. 3: From left to right: Chinwe Chioma (IPH Desk Officer), Adejumobi O (Trainee), Nwachukwuoji C. (Trainee), Nwafor I. (Trainee), Dr. U. Uche (supervisor), Prof. O. Chime (External Examiner), Prof. E. Ezeome (ENRICH director), Prof. A. Areji (Internal Examiner), Prof. I. Ezeome (supervisor), Osuolale J. (Trainee), Okwuibe R. (Trainee), and Tosae Gift (Trainee).

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 training was facilitated by CBR.

Institution	Date	Attendance	Participants	Training type
University of Ibadan/University College Hospital Ethics Committee	12 th – 13 th May	28	Members of the health research ethics committee	Modern Research Ethics



Fig. 4: CBR Facilitators and U.I./UCH Ethics committee members at the end of the HREC training

Center for Bioethics and Research programs

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

From 26th March 2026 to 26th June 2026, we provided the following online trainings:

- a. 2,195 trainings on the Protection of Human Subjects of Research to investigators, students, and IRB members
- b. 3,638 trainings in the special module on the Nigerian National Code for Health Research Ethics
- c. 1,169 trainings in Good Clinical Practice
- d. 322 trainings in Conflicts of Interest
- e. 1,002 trainings in Responsible Conduct of Research

Appointments/Achievements

5.1 Achievements

We are proud to share that Prof. Ijeoma Victoria Ezeome, an alumna of our M.Sc. Bioethics program at the University of Ibadan, and an esteemed faculty member of our ENRICH program at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN) will deliver her Professorial Inaugural Lecture on the 9th of July 2026 on the topic 'Structured Violence and Lack of Reproductive Justice: A State Level Ethical Failure Affecting Nigerian Women.

CBR is proud of her achievement from a trainee to a trailblazing professor, her full-circle journey is a testament to the excellence we foster. We are proud to be associated with her.



Fig. 5: Prof. Ijeoma Ezeome

Trainees' Progress and Academic Development

Trainees' thesis accepted for Oral and Poster Presentation at International Conference

Dr. Anthony Okoisu and Ms. Cynthia Komolafe are among the 6 trainees from our MSc. Bioethics program at the University of Ibadan whose final research projects were accepted for oral and poster presentation at the 9th World Conference on Research Integrity (WCRI) in Vancouver Canada. They were sponsored by the Center for Bioethics and Research (CBR), Nigeria to attend the conference following their successful visa applications.

Dr Okoisu's presentation at the conference was on Peer Pressure Influence on Responsible Conduct of Research in Local and International Collaborative Research in Nigeria. The aim of the presentation was to examine how peer pressure influences Responsible Conduct of Research in local and international collaborative research in Nigeria.

CBR is proud of Dr. Anthony Okoisu's achievement and wishes him more success in his research work.



Fig. 6. Dr. Anthony Okoisu at the WCRI conference



Fig. 7. Ms. Cynthia Komolafe at the WCRI conference

Ms. Cynthia Komolafe's presentation at the conference was on Evaluation of Mechanisms for reporting and responding to Research Misconduct in Nigerian Universities. The main objective of the presentation was to investigate the mechanisms and evaluate the effectiveness of reporting and responding to allegations of research misconduct in Nigerian Universities.

CBR congratulates Ms. Komolafe on her outstanding presentation.

Dr. Mordecai Godstime Owajioniro is an alumna of our M.Sc. Bioethics program at the University of Ibadan. He is a highly accomplished Medical Laboratory Scientist, academic lecturer, and bioethicist. He currently serves as a faculty member at the Federal University, Otuoke (FUO) in Bayelsa State, Nigeria. Dr Owajioniro recently introduced 'Fundamentals of Research Ethics' as a course in the curriculum of the Faculty of Medical Laboratory at the institution.

CBR congratulates Dr. Owajioniro on this achievement and impactful contribution to the advancement of bioethics education in Nigeria.



Fig. 8. Dr. Mordecai Owajioniro

New CITI – RCR Module

7.1 Online training in Safe Research Environment (SRE) in Nigeria

CBR's newly added module on 'Safe Research Environment' on its CITI – Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) online training programs is still available for completion. 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.

7.2 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 <http://library.bioethicscenter.net>. Please contact the librarian for any inquiries at librarian@bioethicscenter.net.

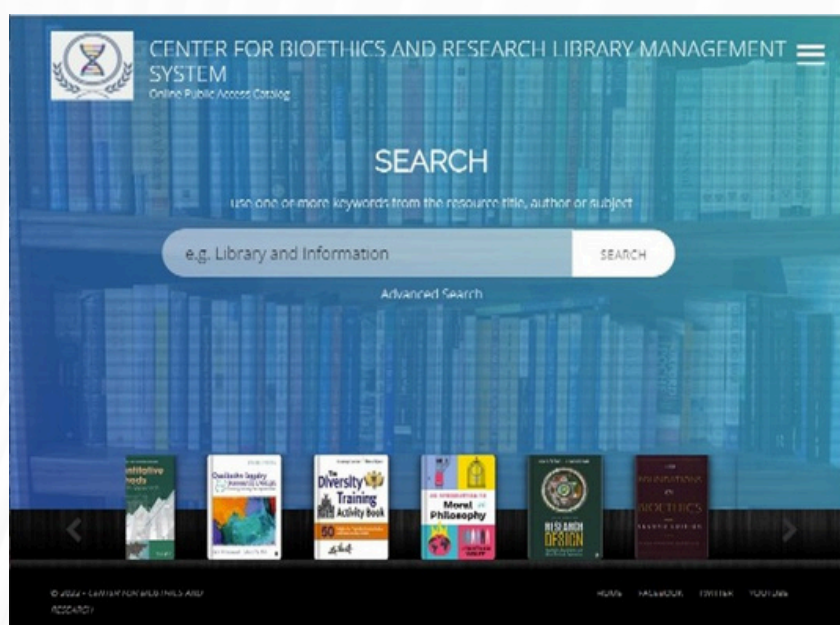


Fig. 9: Bioethics library of the Center for Bioethics and Research, Ibadan, Nigeria

The Bridging Gaps in the ELSI of Data Science Health 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. Our other investigators in the BridgELSI project include Dr. C. Adebamowo, Prof. T. Ogundiran, Prof. A. Jegede, Prof. S. Akintola, and Dr. S. Adebamowo.



Fig. 9: Prof. Shawneequa Callier (Left) & Prof. Simisola Akintola (Right) at the 6th DS-I Africa meeting in Mombasa, Kenya.

Investigators on our BridgELSI project were at the 6th consortium meeting of DS -I Africa that was held in Mombasa, Kenya from the 15th – 22nd of May 2026 to make a presentation on the progress of the project and upcoming innovations.

The BridgELSI project has published on ethical oversight of data science health research where a method for governance of data science health research is introduced. The link to the publication is below.

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=6515498

The BridgELSI project has also identified a potential category error in application of representational veracity for managing data science health research. The paper is titled: The Continuity Trap. The link to the publication is below.

<https://preprints.jmir.org/preprint/98699>

Other Publications from the BridgELSI project are below.

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 biobanked samples collected using broad consent, Stem Cell Reports, 2025, 102721, ISSN 2213-6711, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.stemcr.2025.102721>.

Abstracts from investigators on the BridgELSI project were accepted for poster and oral presentation at the recently concluded 7th ELSI Congress, Chapel Hill, NC , United States from 22nd – 24th June 2026.

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

Oral presentations were made on the underlisted abstracts.

- i. Representational Veracity and Identity Continuity in Genomic Data Science Research. A Persistence – based governance framework for secondary use of banked genomic and health data.
- ii. Engaging Yoruba Moral and Legal Philosophy to Enhance Trust in Ethical Oversight of Data Science Health Research.
- iii. Mapping Uṣūl al-Fiqh and Maqāṣid al-Sharī‘ ah into Ethical Frameworks for Data Science Health Research.



Fig. 10: Poster presented at 7th ELSI congress meeting

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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