

PETRA ANNOUNCEMENT

**Partnership in Education Training and Research Advancement (PETRA) Award:
Four Zimbabwean Health Training Institutions awarded a five-year NIH/FIC Grant: 2018-2023**

Consortium Leadership:

Consortium Programme Director-Prof JG Hakim
Dean, University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences-Prof R Masanganise
Dean, National University of Science and Technology Faculty of Medicine-Dr R Gwini
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Preamble

We are very pleased to announce that our application to the US National Institutes of Health/Fogarty International Centre (NIH/FIC) for the Partnership in Education Training and Research Advancement (PETRA) grant was successful. We received the Notice of Award in September 2018 and will be funded through August 2023. We thank those who provided letters of support and for the promise to continue to work with us on this exciting program.

Background

PETRA is a consortium of 4 Zimbabwean Universities collaborating with two United States Universities. The Zimbabwe Consortium members are the University of Zimbabwe, College of Health Sciences (UZCHS), National University of Science and Technology (NUST Faculty of Medicine), Midlands State University (MSU Faculty of Medicine) and Africa University (AU Department of Health Sciences). The American Universities are; University of Colorado Denver and Stanford University. PETRA will build on the foundation of training in health professions education and research capacity strengthening established at the UZCHS under the NECTAR and PERFECT Programmes funded by NIH/FIC (2015-2020).

Objective

The goal of PETRA is to promote 2 thematic areas; Interprofessional education and Collaborative Practice (IPE/CP) and Dissemination and Implementation Science research (DIS). IPE/CP will be implemented through several capacity building programmes, ICT innovations and demonstration projects in various student forums and specialized patient care settings. DIS will include workshops and support of interdisciplinary projects for postgraduate students especially in the area of HIV/AIDS.

Implementation

The UZCHS will lead the PETRA Consortium with implementation of programmes being enabled in all the Zimbabwean Consortium institutions. The programme will involve faculty members and students in all disciplines. The American Universities will provide technical expertise in the thematic areas and evaluation capacity for all the programmes

Expected Outcomes

We expect that by the end of the 5 years of the grant, all the institutions will have developed and integrated IPE/CP and DIS programmes into their curricula. This will ultimately improve healthcare and patient outcomes throughout Zimbabwe.

Leadership and Support

Leadership support is key to the success of any project of this magnitude and complexity. The PETRA programme leaders from all the constituent institutions appeal to the leadership of our institutions for support to help us achieve our intended goals.

Key

PETRA-Partnership in Education Training and Research Advancement-2018-2023.

NECTAR-Novel Education Clinical Trainees And Researchers-2010 to 2015.

PERFECT-Promoting Excellence in Research and Enhanced Career Training-2015-2020.

