

# Institutional Training on Responsible Conduct of Research

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

The third cohort of six trainees for the MSc. Bioethics program with focus on Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) at the University of Ibadan will begin their course work in April 2025 having completed the admission requirements of the Postgraduate College of the university. They will be provided with full scholarship for the duration of their program by the SURER Project. Upon graduation, the trainees are expected to return to their institutions to become the Research Integrity Officer (RIO). They will set up a Research Management Office (RMO) in their institution if there is none there or revive existing one. The Center for Bioethics and Research (CBR) will work with the trainees to set up RMO Office in their respective institutions.

The trainees were selected from the underlisted universities in Nigeria.

- i. University of Ibadan, Oyo State.
- ii. Babcock University, Ogun State.
- iii. Joseph Sarwuan – Tarka University, Benue State.
- iv. Ebonyi State University, Ebonyi State.
- v. Michael Okpara University, Abia State.
- vi. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ogun State.

The first and second cohort of trainees on the program have completed their course work and they are working on their final research projects. The Department of Bioethics and Medical Humanities (DBMH) University of Ibadan will organize an oral defense examination for the trainees at the completion of their research work, within the current academic session. The Scaling up Research Ethics and Research integrity (SURER) project is funded by the Fogarty International Center of the United States' National Institutes of Health and it is being implemented by the University

of Maryland School of Medicine in collaboration with the Center for Bioethics and Research (CBR) Nigeria and the Department of Bioethics and Medical Humanities (DBMH) of the University of Ibadan.

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://surerproject.net> to know more about Scaling Up Research Ethics and Research Integrity (SURER) project.

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The second cohort of trainees for the SURER Project's blended diploma program in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) started the program on the 4th of February 2025. The trainees completed training on Introduction to Philosophy for Bioethics, Research Integrity, Responsible Conduct of Research (Falsification, Fabrication, Plagiarism), and Conflicts of Interest. The training lasts for 3 months.

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.



*Figure 2 At the Center, in white shirt and black trousers is Prof. C.O. Agulanna and the Second cohort of trainees for the blended diploma program of the SURER Project during their first Weekend Retreat after completing the course on 'Introduction to Philosophy for Bioethics'.*

All the trainees were provided with reading materials and textbooks, including internet subscription for free by the SURER Project.



*Figure 3: On the left: CBR Facilitators and staff. On the right, are Participants and facilitators during an interactive session at the Weekend Retreat of the diploma program.*