

Makerere



University

**Capacity Building Network for Next Generation of
Africa Academics**

A Proposal Submitted to

The Carnegie Corporation of New York

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Executive Summary

Sum Amount requested from the Corporation in USD \$ 50,000

Beginning Date: April 1, 2011

Ending Date: March 31, 2012

Narrative

Makerere University together with three other universities in the region, namely University of Ghana, Legon in West Africa, the University of Cape Town and the University of Witwatersrand both in south Africa are implementing the two-year Carnegie supported project 'Building, Nurturing and Retention of the Next Generation of African Academics 2010-2012'. Each participating university has a set of objectives and activities they are implementing. However, the focus and activities are not uniform among these universities.

The inaugural meeting of the Inter-University Reference working group on the next generation of African Academics held in Nairobi on November 17th 2010 recognised the need for a web portal as a mutual learning, documentation and mode of interaction platform for all participating institutions. Makerere University agreed to develop, deploy and maintain the web portal to serve this new network of leading universities in Africa.

The overall goal of this proposal is to provide a platform for sharing information/knowledge among partner/participating universities mainly through establishing a web portal

Objectives

Objective 1: Develop a web portal for knowledge and information sharing

Activities

- i. Developing the web Portal using the LAMP Bundle:-Linux, Apache, My-SQL and PHP
- ii. Hosting of the Web portal (Maintenance of the URL & basic infrastructural support)

Key outputs:

- Web portal developed and hosted

Objective 2: Operationalise/Manage the Web Portal

Activities

- i. Managing content management i.e. populating, fixing bugs & developing new features and general support related to the portal
- ii. Maintaining and updating of the Web portal
- iii. Moderating and administering of the Web portal

Key outputs

- Populated and updated web portal

Objective 3: Provide a functional secretariat to the network

Activities

- i. Hiring of a webmaster to manage and update the web portal
- ii. Procuring of two computers and accessories
- iii. Procuring of office supplies and stationary
- iv. Organising meetings (including the reference group meeting)
- v. Soliciting, Receiving and disseminating reports on the activities of the network
- vi. Conducting Monitoring and Evaluation meetings

Key outputs

- i. Reports of meetings
- ii. Number of contributions by collaborating units
- iii. Key staff in place

Desired Outcomes

- Increased collaboration in the area of research among participating universities [Log term]
- Better utilisation of expertise among participating universities [Immediate]
- The research community aware of the work and outputs of the project [Medium term]
- Improved collaboration and networking with other public universities in the country

Innovativeness of this Project

The project is quite novel in that the Operationalization of the web portal will:

- Provide mutual benefits to the participating institutions
- Better document management of the network
- Enable communication from one-stop center in a systematic way
- Dissemination of information from the participating universities will be made more efficient including learning from each other
- The network will enhance the building of a community of scholars through cross fertilisation of who are actively engaged in research addressing problems in Africa.

Key Staff

The project will have a secretariat based at the Directorate of Research & Graduate Training, Makerere University. The Director of the Directorate of Research and Graduate Training will be the project coordinator assisted by the Deputy Director (Research, Innovations and Knowledge Transfer Partnerships) who will be in charge of moderation of the network. The day-to-day management of the web portal will be overseen by the webmaster and backstopped by one staff of the Directorate of Information and Communications Technology Support at Makerere University.

Summary Budget

		First 12 Months Project Budget	First 12 Months Requested from Carnegie
		From: [04/01/2011]	
		To: [3/31/2012]	
DIRECT COSTS			
	Staff Costs		
	Salary	\$14,040	\$14,040
	Subtotal	\$14,040	\$14,040
	Other Direct Costs		
	Conferences/Meetings	\$14,554	\$14,554
	Multimedia/Publications	\$1,400	\$1,400
	Equipment Purchase		\$0
	Office Expenses (exclude rent)	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Other		
	Subtotal	\$20,954	\$20,954
	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$34,994	\$34,994
	INDIRECT COSTS		
	<i>(Indirect cost reimbursement is limited to US public charities)</i>		
	Consultants/Subcontracts	\$15,006	\$15,006
	GRAND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000