COVID SYMPOSIUM - 16th March 2022

The event will showcase cross-School interdisciplinary research on COVID-19 undertaken during the pandemic, and highlight the impact that this work has achieved. It will include an overview of a range of this research, as well as a summary of projects supported by Cambridge-Africa Alborada grants. This research has been supported by the Cambridge Global Challenges SRI, Cambridge-Africa, Cambridge Public Health IRC and the Research Office.

CAMBRIDGE-AFRICA DAY - 6th July 2022

Cambridge-Africa is pleased to announce that we shall celebrate the Cambridge-Africa day on the 6th July 2022 in Emmanuel College. This will be an all-day event with speakers and students letting us know of their successful stories and the road ahead. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Problems of African fellows and collaborators

Celebration of Surage Science Award 2021-22

The winner is Dr Mary Anti Chama, a long-term Cambridge-Africa collaborator. Dr Bongumenzi Sthembiso Nxumalo was part of the second cohort of Cambridge-Africa PhD scholars (2016-2017), who completed his PhD in 2020 and is now working as a lecturer in the University of Pretoria. He was featured in the Kenya Airways Magazine, Msafiri’s ‘Brilliant Minds’ of Feb/April 2022.

PhD scholars completion of studies

We are very proud to report that 4/5 of the 2017/2018 cohort and 1/5 of 2018/2019 cohort of PhD students have passed their PhD viva. Big congrats to (from left to right): Dr Chioma Achi, Dr Esther Anwuzia, Dr Warren Arinaitwe, Dr David Izuogo and Dr Tonny Okedi. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors which we shall capture on our alumni page.

Alborada Research Fund

Alborada Research Fund call closed on the 3rd September. We received 49 applications and 26 of these were funded. Successful applicants have received their award letters. Successful applicants represented 12 countries and the bulk being from Nigeria (6), Ghana (5), Ethiopia (4) and Uganda and Kenya with 3 each. A total of 16 departments and Faculty are in collaboration with scientists on the African continent (bar chart below) and for the first time, the Faculty of Classics!

THRiVE AGM meeting

The virtual THRiVE AGM meeting was held from 29th November to 1st December 2021. PhD scholars and Career Development Award fellows showcased their work. Some THRiVE fellows have gone on to be awarded Wellcome Trust grants (Dr Richard Echodu and Dr Arthur Kwizera) and most have published in peer-reviewed journals.

Good news!

On the 20th January, THRiVE’s no cost extension was approved to the end of June 2022.

CRUK-CI summer school

Faith Nakazzi and Resty Nabeeta, who were completing their masters in immunology at Makerere University in Uganda, were sponsored for a 10-week ‘summer’ research training at the Cancer Research UK, Cambridge Institute from October 25th to December 16th 2021. They share their experiences here.

14th Congress of SIOP Africa

Our collaborators, the Uganda Cancer Initiative are hosting the 14th Congress of SIOP in Africa from 16th to 18th March. University of Cambridge’s Suzzane Turner will be part of the team.