

Vice-Chancellor Urges Authors to Embrace Ethics in Research

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero has encouraged authors within and outside the institution to be ethical in the conduct of their research, as they can't do quality research without following the ethics.

The Vice-Chancellor, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, gave the charge at a two-day training of Investigators and Covenant University Health Research Ethics Committee (CU HREC) members on responsible conduct of research/ investigators responsibilities and research monitoring, held at the University.



Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, making his remarks

Tracing the genesis of CU HREC, he said that the importance of ethics in research had prompted the Covenant University Management to ensure that everyone in the University gets as much knowledge as possible on research ethics. The University, he noted, had always had a small committee on research ethics, which was fully registered by the National Health Research Ethics Committee in 2016, when Covenant University became a place where authors can apply and obtain certification for their research.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, the University had wanted to expand the CU HREC membership through the two-day training, and 34 of the 35 people nominated for the training attended in person.

The Chief Facilitator for the event was Professor Kolawole Oyedeji of the University of Lagos, and the other facilitator was a former Deputy Provost, University College Hospital and a faculty in the Department of Public Health, University of Ibadan, Professor Ademola Ajuwon.

Speaking on the aim and objectives of the training, Professor Oyedeji said that it was to build the capacity of workshop participants to understand how to conduct responsible research, and what monitoring of both social science and biomedical health research entails.

He stated that at the end of the training, participants would have acquired knowledge and understanding on how to apply ethical principles in the responsible conduct of research in the design, implementation, and protection of research participants; acquire skills on how to address ethical considerations in social science and Genetic research.

The training featured participants from different disciplines such as Biological Sciences, Psychology, Accounting, and Engineering.

Professor Atayero, who acknowledged the roles played by Professors Oyedeji and Ajuwon in the stabilisation of the CU HREC, expressed the University's gratitude to the duo, adding that the previous training for members had impacted not only on what Covenant Health Research Committee was doing, but the research of individual members.



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