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ACCESS Nigeria Research Summer School (ANRSS 2026)

Across disciplines, research is rapidly evolving, driven by new technologies, more complex societal challenges, interdisciplinary collaboration, and funders' increasing demand for measurable impact. At the same time, expectations around research quality, transparency, ethics, and real-world relevance are rising.

As a result, many emerging researchers and professionals have strong ideas but struggle to translate those ideas into research projects that are:

- Methodologically sound (clear designs, valid measures, feasible sampling, appropriate analysis plans)
- Competitive for funding (strong rationale, compelling innovation, realistic budgets, clear outcomes and impact pathways)
- Aligned with current standards (ethics, data management, and responsible research conduct)
- Communicated with clarity (persuasive writing, coherent logic, and reviewer-friendly structure)

These common gaps can be seen in unclear research questions, weak theoretical framing, mismatched methods, insufficient attention to impact, and lack of experience with grant conventions. These gaps can lead to proposal rejection, delayed thesis progress, and missed opportunities for collaboration and funding.

The ANRSS 2026 responds to this changing landscape by providing a concentrated learning experience that moves beyond theory to the practice of excellent research. Participants will engage in guided sessions, hands-on exercises, peer review, and proposal clinics, which will culminate in a final pitch and feedback process that reflects real academic and funding environments. ANRSS 2026 is designed to strengthen participants' capacity to design rigorous studies, apply innovative methodologies, and write competitive, fundable grant proposals. It is delivered in collaboration with Leipzig University in Germany, and funded by the German Federal Ministry for Development, through its academic exchange service DAAD.

The Research Summer School will focus on eight tightly linked areas:

1. Cutting-Edge Research: Understanding the modern research landscape
2. Crafting Research Questions and Hypotheses
3. Research Design & Methodology
4. Data Collection, Analysis & Research Impact
5. Introduction to Grant Funding Ecosystems
6. Writing Grant-Winning Proposals
7. Budgeting, Project Management & Team Building
8. Final Proposal Pitch, Feedback & Next Steps

INTENDED PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

By the end of the summer school, participants will:

- have a comprehensive understanding of the modern research ecosystem;
- be able to design rigorous, methodologically sound research;
- produce a draft research proposal for further development;
- receive detailed, personalized feedback from experienced academics;
- understand how to identify and navigate funding opportunities;
- gain practical skills in grant writing, budgeting, and project management.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

This programme is intended for postgraduate students (Master degree and PhD candidates).

Please note that due to funding conditions, only applications from Nigeria, Germany, Ghana, Tunisia, Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Benin Republic can be considered.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Dates: September 20-29, 2026

Venue: University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria

Mode: In-person

Language: English

Application Deadline: 30 June 2026

Notification of Acceptance: July 15, 2026

Application Requirements:

- Current CV
- Statement of interest (500 words)
- Evidence of student status

Please ensure that all application requirements are submitted in a single PDF document.

PROGRAMME FACILITATORS

The summer school will be led by:

- Experienced researchers with impressive publication records
- Grant reviewers and programme officers from major funding agencies
- Research methodology experts
- Successful grant recipients and project managers

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ANRSS 2026 is committed to diversity and encourages applications from postgraduate students across all disciplines, genders, and backgrounds.

Don't miss this opportunity to transform your research career. Apply today!