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NEWSLETTER

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The Unicaf Research Newsletter provides information on research activities, events, publications and funding opportunities that you could apply for. If you need any support during the application stage or want to promote a funding opportunity, conference, event or a new paper in the newsletter, email the Research Office at research.office@unicaf.org.

Introducing our First-ever Unicaf Master's Conference

We are excited to announce the debut of the first interdisciplinary Unicaf Master's Conference (UMC), scheduled to take place on 13-17 November 2023.

This conference will give the opportunity to Master's graduates and students from different disciplines including business, education, humanities, social sciences and public health, to present their dissertation projects. The UMC program promises an enriching experience featuring captivating keynote speeches by leading researchers, oral presentations by Master's graduates, and interactive Q&A sessions. The participants will have the opportunity to attend insightful presentations and actively engage in dynamic discussions.

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Stay tuned for further updates and make sure to keep an eye on our research newsletter as we count down the days to this momentous event. More information on the conference programme will be provided in the next newsletter.

Unicaf University in Zambia's Faculty research day: An eye opener to the young academics

Research plays a vital role in advancing knowledge, fostering innovation, and driving socio-economic development. In Higher Education Institutions, research activities are instrumental in producing scholarly work, addressing societal challenges, and nurturing a culture of intellectual curiosity among students and faculty.

To further promote research excellence and collaboration at Unicaf University in Zambia, the local Research and Innovation Centre of the University (UUZM – RIC) is organizing research days focusing on providing a platform for



knowledge sharing, networking, and showcasing research achievements among the faculty members. These meetings also serve as trainings on research related matters to the local faculty. Recently, in one of the research days Dr Daniel L. Mpolomoka, Dean, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences has presented on the *Predatory vs Credible Journals and Publications: Pitfalls for unsuspecting publishers in Zambia*. In his presentation, he highlighted the importance of identifying credible journal publication in academic life, and focused on ways through which an academic can get published in peer reviewed journals.

4th Annual Online Unicaf Graduate Conference



The Advance HE Global Impact Grants for Student Success award winning Annual Online Unicaf University Graduate Conference (UGraC) is continuing its success for the fourth year.

The conference aims to provide the opportunity for Unicaf University Doctoral students and candidates to present their preliminary results, attend fellow students' presentations and participate in the discussion sessions. UGraC attracts more than 500 delegates each year and features more than 35 student presentations, 2 workshops and 4 plenary speeches across 5 days.

The fourth UGraC will be taking place on 4th - 8th March, 2024. The Call for Abstracts has already been sent out to all doctoral students currently working towards the writeup of their thesis. Should you wish to participate in UGraC please complete the [form](#) and submit your abstract at the latest by 12th September 2023. Priority will be given to doctoral students who are registered in dissertation stages three and four.

We hope to see all doctoral students at UGraC 2024. More information on the conference programme will be provided in the next newsletter.

RECENT UNICAF PUBLICATIONS

New peer-reviewed publications by our students and faculty



STUDENTS

Wahua, L., **Mkombo**, A.L., Okolobi, A.N., Dioha, A.I.R. & Attipoe, J.K.A.M. (2023). Business intelligence, corporate governance and economic performance: Evidence from Transcorp Conglomerate for the period 2012 – 2021. *Journal of Social Sciences and Management Studies*, 2(2), 34-45. <https://doi.org/10.56556/jssms.v2i2.501>

Wahua, L., **Mkombo**, A.L., Okai, E. & Acquah-Yalley, J.N. (2023). Coronavirus pandemic and financial soundness of fidelity bank Ghana limited: Evidence from 2019 and 2020 financials. *Asian Journal of Economics, Business and Accounting*, 23(8), 81-94. DOI: 10.9734/AJEBA/2023/v23i8957

FACULTY

Vahwere, B. M., Ssebuufu, R., Namatovu, A., Kyamanywa, P., Ntulume, I., Mugwano, I., Pius, T., Sikakulya, F.K., Xaviour, O. F., Mulumba, Y., Jorge, S., Agaba, G., & **Nasinyama, G. W.** (2023). Factors associated with severity and anatomical distribution of diabetic foot ulcer in Uganda: a multicenter cross-sectional study. *BMC Public Health*, 23(1), 463.

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Tsekpo, S.P. & **Wahua**, L. (2023). Corporate governance and banks' capital adequacy in Gambia: The moderating impact of politics. *Journal of Social Sciences and Management Studies*, 2(4), 1-14.
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Chambashi, G., Mushala, W., Mwaanga, C., Mayondi, C., Kolosa, B., Matindih, L. K., & Moyo, E. (2023). Computation of Reinsurance Premiums by Incorporating a Composite Lognormal Model in a Risk-Adjusted Premium Principle. *Journal of Mathematical Finance*, 13(1), 1-16.

Ashraf, S., Sohail, M., Choudhary, R., Naeem, M., **Chambashi, G.**, & Ali, M. R. (2023). A model for emergency supply management under extended EDAS method and spherical hesitant fuzzy soft aggregation information. *Scientific Reports*, 13(1), 8375.

Qayyum, M., Afzal, S., Ali, M.R. *et al.* Unsteady hybrid nanofluid (UO₂, MWCNTs/blood) flow between two rotating stretchable disks with chemical reaction and activation energy under the influence of convective boundaries. *Sci Rep* **13**, 6151 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-023-32606-4>

Ndindah, N. C., (2023). Relationship between growth strategies and SME success / failure: the case of SMEs in the Western Region of Cameroon. *International Journal of Scientific and Management Research* 6(4). DOI - <http://doi.org/10.37502/IJSMR.2023.6401>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



[Walking as a mode for transport](#) (for Researchers and young scholars)

Deadline: 15 September

Area/Disciplines/Themes: Social Sciences, Humanities, Engineering

[Cambridge – Africa 2023 Call for applications](#) (for Researchers)

Deadline: 4 September

Area/Disciplines/Themes: all disciplines

[K. Anders Ericsson Dissertation Research Grant](#) (for Graduate Students)

Deadline: 31 October

Area/Disciplines/Themes: expertise and skill acquisition

[Africa Thesis Award](#) (for Students)

Deadline: 31 August

Area/Disciplines/Themes: Social Sciences, Humanities

[Climate Change and Health](#) (for Researchers)

Deadline: 19 September

Area/Disciplines/Themes: Health, Environment, Natural sciences

[German-African Cooperation Projects in Infectiology](#) (for Researchers)

Deadline: 30 October

Area/Disciplines/Themes: Health

[Global young academy](#) – Call for new members (for young Researchers)

Deadline: 20 September

Area/Disciplines/Themes: General

[ETH Zurich](#) (for Research collaborations between Zurich and low-income countries)

Deadline: 30 September

Area/Disciplines/Themes: General - related to research interests of ETH

[Climate and Health Interdisciplinary Awards \(CHI\)](#)

Deadline: 31 August

Area/Disciplines/Themes: impact of climate change on human health

FELLOWSHIPS / COURSES - List of fellowships and courses



[AREF Research Development Fellowship Programme for 2023/24](#) (for Researchers)

Deadline: 14 September

Area/Disciplines/Themes: Human Health

[Cliff-Grads Fellowships: Open for Applications](#) (for Ph.D. Students)

Deadline: 28 August

Area/Disciplines/Themes: agriculture greenhouse gas emissions quantification and mitigation

[Centre for research collections fellowships](#) (for Researchers)

Deadline: 24 April 2024

Area/Disciplines/Themes: Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences

[TWAS-CSIR Postgraduate Fellowship Programme](#) (for PhD students)

Deadline: 15 September

Area/Disciplines/Themes: Science and Technology

[TWAS-CSIR Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme](#) (for young Researchers)

Deadline: 15 September

Area/Disciplines/Themes: Science and Technology

[TWAS-DFG Cooperation Visits Programme](#) (for Researchers)

Deadline: 6 September

Area/Disciplines/Themes: General

[World Bank Group Africa Fellowship Program](#) (for PhD candidates and young researchers)

Deadline: 25 August

Area/Disciplines/Themes: relevant to the World Bank's work

[INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP](#) (for Researchers)

Deadline: 31 October

Area/Disciplines/Themes: no restrictions

CALLS FOR CONFERENCES AND EVENTS (WORKSHOP / WEBINARS)

Upcoming conferences and events



[Fully Online Distance Education symposium - FODES](#) (for Academics)

Dates: 19 - 20 October

Area/Disciplines/Themes: online education

[19th RUFORUM Annual General Meeting - Call for Pre and Post AGM side events](#) (for Researchers, Students)

Dates: 28 October – 2 November

Deadline: 30 August

Area/Disciplines/Themes: Agriculture, climate change, higher education

[19th RUFORUM Annual General Meeting - Call for Exhibitions](#) (for Researchers, Students)

Dates: 28 October – 2 November

Deadline: 30 September

Area/Disciplines/Themes: Agriculture, climate change, higher education

Unicaf Master's Conference (for Graduate Students)

Dates: 13 - 17 November

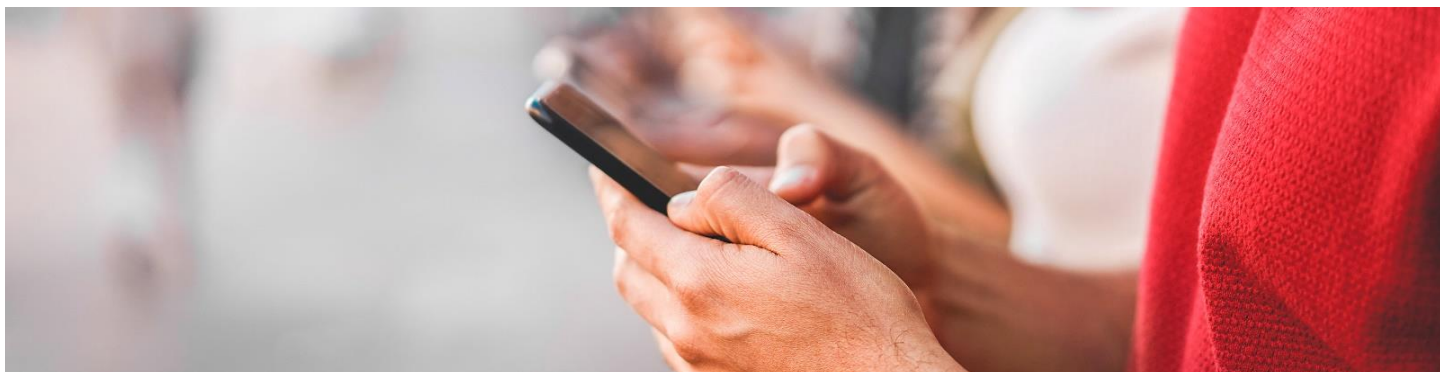
Area/Disciplines/Themes: Education, Business, Humanities, Public Health

Unicaf Graduate's Conference (for Doctoral Students)

Dates: 4 – 8 March 2024

Area/Disciplines/Themes: Education, Business, Humanities, Public Health

OTHER NEWS - What we think might interest you



We would like to take this opportunity to kindly remind everyone that we welcome doctoral (or graduate) students who have already published or are in the process of publishing their work to share their publications with us by utilizing the following link: <https://forms.gle/u6jyfopDaCyUfvbY8>. Additionally, please mention whether the publication is affiliated with Unicaf / Unicaf University or not.

Moreover, we extend the same invitation to faculty members who have publications to share. If you are a faculty member, please send us your publications (with correct reference or DOI) to research.office@unicaf.org. Kindly indicate whether the publication is affiliated with Unicaf / Unicaf University or not as this information will assist us in accurately registering your publications in our database.

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