

## Researchers in the University to be Sensitized on ORCID

Researchers in the university have been urged to sign up with ORCID (**Open Researcher and Contributor ID**). ORCID is a unique digital identifier that uniquely distinguishes one researcher to another especially those sharing same or similar names. ORCID helps a researcher to easily and uniquely attach his identity to research objects such as datasets, equipment, articles, media stories, citations, experiments, patents, and notebooks.

Obtaining an ORCID ID will make a huge difference to a researcher's ability to gain full credit for their work and is also a useful tool for the universities as it will be able to track, evaluate and report research work.

ORCID is a hub that connects researchers and research through the embedding of ORCID identifiers in key workflows, such as research profile maintenance, manuscript submissions and many other applications.

The library and ICTC Department have been tasked with the job of ensuring that all researchers in the university are aware of ORCID and sign up and open an account. During a meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2015, the two departments agreed that a team of trainers will train and sensitize the researchers on the importance of signing up with ORCID. This is the same team that will train staff on TurnItIn Software.