



## University of Ghana Partners with the National Institute of Genetics to Strengthen its Genetics Programmes

A University of Ghana (UG) delegation led by the Vice-Chancellor (VC) Professor Ebenezer Oduro Owusu has completed a visit to the National Institute of Genetics (NIG) in Japan to boost the university's emerging programmes in genetics research and training. The VC was accompanied by Professor Solomon Ofori-Acquah, Dean, School of Biomedical and Allied Sciences and Director of the new West African Genetic Medicine Centre (WAGMC), and Professor Boniface Kayang, Head, Department of Animal Science. The visit is the culmination of several years of collaboration fostered by Prof. Kayang with researchers in Kyoto University and more recently with NIG.

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## University of Ghana Launches 2020 GU SA Games



The 2020 Ghana Universities Sports Association (GUSA) Games has been launched at a brief ceremony by the Local Organising Committee under the auspices of University of Ghana Sports Directorate. The occasion of the launch was also used to unveil the logo, theme song and mascot for the games to be hosted by the University of Ghana in January 2020 under the theme "Integrating Sports into Academia for Youth Empowerment and Development".

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## School of Graduate Studies Organises Thesis Supervision Workshop

The School of Graduate Studies has organised a Thesis Supervision Workshop for faculty members of the University of Ghana. The workshop, which was held on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June, 2019 at the ISSER Conference Facility had a total number of 197 participants.

In his opening remarks, the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, Prof. Kwaku Tano-Debrah, informed participants that the purpose of the workshop was to test and receive input from participants for the tailor-made manual that is being developed for supervisors.

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## College of Health Sciences Receives Recognition At World Blood Donor Day



The College of Health Sciences, University of Ghana has been recognised by the National Blood Bank, Ghana at a ceremony to commemorate the 2019 World Blood Donor Day. The award was in recognition of the College's ability to organize its students and staff to donate blood to save many patients' lives through consistent and voluntary blood donation exercises.

Speaking at the ceremony, Dr. Justina K. Ansah, CEO of the National Blood Service Ghana, in her welcome address mentioned that the theme for this year's World Blood Donor Day was: "Blood Donation & Universal Access to Safe Blood Transfusion as a Component of Achieving Universal Health Coverage." According to her, the reason for the theme was to ensure that all people in Ghana will be able to access safe blood as and when needed. She also appealed to the media to propagate the messages and make citizens understand the need to donate blood voluntarily to the Blood Bank.

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## University of Ghana and California State University organise Faculty Seminar - "Ghana Calls"

California State University - Office of International Programmes joined the University of Ghana Legon: International Programmes Office; the Institute of African Studies and the School of Arts in June 2018 in a faculty seminar on the theme "Ghana Calls". The faculty and a very vibrant cross-section of participants presented and discussed topics as diverse as: How To Educate Africans with African Examples; How to Teach History in Africa; What to Consider When Doing Study Abroad Programmes in Africa; How the African Diaspora Negotiate Ghana; Agricultural Development in Northern Ghana; Sustainable Waste Management in Ghana; How Music Sustains Diasporas Memories; and much more.

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## Department of Biomedical Engineering Organizes Vacation Internship Training for Students

The maiden edition of an in-house vacation internship training for students of the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Ghana has been opened at a brief ceremony by Prof. Daniel Kwadwo Asiedu, Provost, College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

The rationale for this initiative was premised on the fact that in spite of the critical essence of an industrial attachment to provide students an exposure to the work environment, most companies do not have a well-structured training program for internship which makes it difficult to measure students' performance. The result-oriented nature of the industrial environment also makes it extremely busy to serve as a skills development training center for students. Additionally, due to the increasing student enrolment, the Department is experiencing difficulties securing placement for its students although internship is a requirement for graduation.



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## NEWS RELEASE

The University of Ghana's attention has been drawn to a video circulating on media platforms which features an individual who has been linked to the University of Ghana. Beyond the many provocative statements, he launches into a tirade against universities in Ghana in general, and the University of Ghana in particular.

The said Professor has been identified as Professor Austin Nwagbara, a Nigerian Professor of English who is currently not a member of faculty at the University of Ghana. Our records show that Prof. Nwagbara was a Visiting Scholar at the Department of English during the 2011/12 academic year from August 8, 2011 to July 30, 2012.

The claims Professor Nwagbara makes in the video relating to the University's sources of income, students fees, etc. are incorrect and do not in any way represent the true facts and figures of the University's income and state of affairs.

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## Prof. Henrietta J.A.N. Mensa-Bonsu Elected as President of Ghana Academy of Arts & Sciences

Prof. Henrietta J.A.N. Mensa-Bonsu, a Professor of Law at the University has been elected as President of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences (GAAS).

By this, Prof. Mensa-Bonsu becomes the third female and first University of Ghana alumna to be elected to the high office of GAAS President. She will serve a two-year term spanning 2019 to 2020.

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# CEGENSA Hosts Roundtable Conference



The Centre for Gender Studies and Advocacy (CEGENSA), University of Ghana, has held a two-day roundtable conference for Directors and Coordinators of Gender Centres in institutions of higher learning in Ghana. The theme of the conference was "Strengthening Cooperation among Gender Centres in Higher Institutions in Ghana". Participants were drawn from both public and private universities in Ghana.

In her welcome address, the Director of CEGENSA, Professor Charlotte Wrigley-Asante, indicated that the conference was aimed at reviewing progress made in the gender mainstreaming efforts in the various universities and discussing innovative ways of addressing any persisting challenges. She also noted that the conference was an opportunity for gender centres to explore common research areas particularly on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Registration for UG @ 70 Alumni Homecoming
- ▶ Special Computer Training for SHS and JHS Leavers
- ▶ Centre for Ageing Studies - 3rd Annual International Research Conference - University of Ghana
- ▶ PASET RSIF Scholarship Opportunity - 2019 CALL
- ▶ Call for Abstracts - 2019 CReWAS Conference - IESS

