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American leading university, the University of Washington has opened talks of collaboration with the University of Nairobi on proposed areas of collaboration including health sciences and climate change. This was revealed when top officials from the University of Washington made a courtesy call on the University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor, on Tuesday, May, 23, 2017.

Speaking during the courtesy call, University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi supported the initiative saying that having the two leading universities work on global issues that affect humanity is a good move. "We need impactful research", he said.

The university of Nairobi has been going through a lot of transformation in the recent past, key among them include: internationalization; increasing the number of staff and students from across the world, increasing global research partnerships; using data analytics to aid in decision making, developing centers of excellence to find solutions to local and global problems like climate change.

Prof. Jeffrey Riedinger, from University of Washington expressed the need for partnership that will have a strong global impact. The partnership and research thereafter will be around innovation, health, business, law, climate change among other disciplines.

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The two universities will leverage on their partnerships to expand on their impact and their reach. The two institutions of higher learning have been working on training of doctorate students, doing cutting edge research, developing patents and protecting them via copyrights, and getting training grants.

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