

University of Nairobi Researchers to be honoured.

Top researchers from the University of Nairobi will soon be rewarded for their exemplary scholarly works and publications in peer reviewed journals. This was revealed at a joint meeting of the University Executive Board Members and Deans and Directors of Faculties, Schools and Institutes held on Wednesday, July, 20, 2017 at the University Towers.

The proposed research rewards and award programme aims to honour the efforts of outstanding researchers in the university, as well as to encourage an increase in the research productivity. According to Prof. Madara Ogot, Director, Research and Extension, the programme will further encourage publications in leading peer reviewed international journals, as well as protection and commercialization of intellectual property produced at the University of Nairobi.

“The benefits to a university from instituting a reward and award programme can provide significant dividends to the University, one being an increase in annual publications that will bring significant returns back to the university in terms of international stature, rankings, ability to attract international and local collaborators and additional research funding,”, says Prof. Madara Ogot.

Among such works that will be rewarded are publications in high impact journals, reviewed book publications by a reputable publisher, granted patent for work done.

Also discussed in the same meeting, in a session chaired by the University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi was management of performance contracts at the University of Nairobi for the financial year 2017/2018. The performance contract is drawn from the strategic plan and the short term implementation plan. The main focus of the performance contract is efficient delivery of quality service to the members of the public. Prof. Mbithi pledged to support and facilitate University managers to achieve their targets.

Other areas of importance in the performance contract include prudent management of finances, resolution of public complaints, management of research grants, succession planning, producing holistic graduates, corruption prevention among others.

The meeting was called to deal with key issues of University Management and was a continuation of another one held on July, 13, 2017.