

IHVN International Research Center of Excellence @ a Glance

The International Research Center of Excellence (IRCE) is a Center of Excellence established in 2015 by the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN) to promote public/private partnership for quality health services, capacity building and research in West Africa. The actualization of IRCE epitomizes the vision of IHVN and its prime position as leader in providing quality health services, capacity building and health-related research in West Africa

One of IRCE's key objectives is to provide training and engage new researchers in its mentorship program. IRCE is one of the three centers of the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN).

Early investigators have been linked to suitable mentors and exposed to training and fellowship opportunities in communicable and non-communicable diseases. IRCE has conducted trainings and mentoring on global health education, laboratory and research methodology, statistical methods in epidemiology, scientific and medical ethics, and the principles and practice of clinical trials in collaboration with faculty members of the University of Maryland, Baltimore and other international faculty.

So far, more than 300 researchers from IHVN and our collaborating partners have been trained. An IRCE researcher Dr. James Onyemata was recently awarded a European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) Fellowship and is currently being hosted by the European Vaccine Initiative (EVI), a not-for profit organization based in Heidelberg, Germany where he is being trained in the establishment of effective, accessible and affordable vaccines against diseases of poverty. IRCE has also successfully applied for and won grants, scholarships and partnerships including the NIH Breast Milk Microbiota Influence on Infant Immunity and Growth (BEAMING) Grant, PAVIA - PhArmaco Vigilance Africa grant, West Africa NoE for TB, AIDS and Malaria (WANETAM) grant, and a grant from EDCTP that supports a research study on MTB Infection Rates among Health Care Workers in HIV clinics in Nigeria.