NIGERIAN CANCER RESEARCH AND TRAINING (NCAT) PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Participant	
Institution	
Cohort / Program Start	Cohort 5 / September 2026

1. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

The Nigerian Cancer Research and Training (NCAT) Program is designed to strengthen cancer research capacity in Nigeria by providing structured training, mentorship, research development opportunities, and opportunities for collaboration with national and international researchers.

This Participation Agreement outlines the expectations, responsibilities, and commitments of participants selected to participate in the NCAT Program.

By signing this Agreement, the Participant acknowledges that participation in the NCAT Program is a professional training opportunity and agrees to fulfill the requirements described below.

2. PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

The Participant agrees to actively participate in the NCAT Program for the duration of the program and to complete all required program activities, training, assignments, and research activities.

Program activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Harvard Principles and Practice of Clinical Research (PPCR) Course;
- Responsible Conduct in Research (RCR) Course;
- Team Science Course;
- In-person workshops or meetings, when applicable;
- Virtual Monthly Meetings;
- Independent research development;
- Mentorship meetings;
- Research presentations; and
- Submission of research proposals, abstracts, manuscripts, or other scholarly products.

The specific curriculum and requirements may be modified by NCAT Program leadership based on programmatic needs, funding requirements, or changes in available training opportunities.

3. PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Participant agrees to:

- Attend required NCAT meetings, workshops, courses, and training sessions.
- Participate actively in group discussions, team activities, and research meetings.
- Complete required assignments and deliverables by established deadlines.
- Notify NCAT Program Personnel in advance when unable to attend a required activity.
- Complete all required training and certifications within the timelines established by the NCAT Program.
- Maintain an active email address and other required communication channels.
- Regularly monitor communications from NCAT Program Personnel and respond to program-related requests within a reasonable timeframe.
- Notify NCAT Personnel of circumstances that may affect their ability to participate.

4. REQUIRED TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

The Participant agrees to complete all required training and certifications within the timelines established by the NCAT Program. This may include Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) certifications in good clinical practice training, human subjects research training, Training for Investigators, Personnel, and Students Handling Biohazards, Nigerian National Health Research Ethics Committee (NNHREC) Ethics, Responsible Conduct of Research training, research ethics training, and other training required by the NCAT Program or applicable funding and institutional requirements.

Failure to complete required certifications may affect the Participant's eligibility to continue in certain program activities.

5. MENTORSHIP

The Participant agrees to participate regularly in meetings with assigned mentors, prepare for mentorship meetings, respond to mentor communications in a timely manner, incorporate appropriate feedback into research activities, and maintain professional communication with mentors and NCAT personnel.

6. RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND OUTPUTS

The Participant is expected to actively develop research skills and work toward meaningful scholarly outputs. Depending on the Participant's track and stage of training, expected outputs may include research protocols, concept sheets, research proposals, grant applications, abstracts, conference presentations, manuscripts, publications, and/or other scholarly products.

Participation in the NCAT Program does not guarantee publication, grant funding, promotion, or any other professional outcome.

7. TEAM SCIENCE AND COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

Where applicable, participants may be assigned to Team Science groups and will be expected to contribute meaningfully to collaborative research activities.

Participants agree to attend Team Science meetings; complete assigned responsibilities; communicate effectively with team members; contribute to collaborative research proposals; meet agreed-upon deadlines; respect the contributions and intellectual property of other team members; and follow applicable research ethics and institutional requirements.

Persistent non-participation or failure to complete assigned responsibilities may result in removal from a Team Science activity or other program consequences.

8. INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

Where applicable, participants will be expected to develop an independent research project with guidance from NCAT faculty and mentors.

Participants are responsible for developing a research question; preparing a research concept or proposal; working with appropriate mentors and collaborators; obtaining applicable institutional and ethical approvals; conducting research in accordance with approved protocols; maintaining appropriate research records; completing required analyses and reporting; and presenting or disseminating research findings when appropriate.

All research conducted through or supported by the NCAT Program must comply with applicable institutional, ethical, regulatory, and funding requirements.

9. RESEARCH ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Participants agree to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of professional and research integrity.

Participants must conduct research ethically and responsibly; maintain confidentiality of research and participant information; protect human subjects and research participants; avoid fabrication, falsification, and plagiarism; properly acknowledge the contributions of collaborators; accurately represent research findings; follow applicable institutional policies; and complete all required research ethics and compliance training.

Any concerns regarding research misconduct or violations of applicable policies may be referred to the appropriate institutional authority.

10. PROGRAM COMMUNICATION

Participants are expected to maintain reliable communication with the NCAT Program. Failure to respond to repeated program communications may be considered non-participation.

11. FUNDING AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Any financial support provided through the NCAT Program is subject to program availability, funding requirements, institutional policies, and completion of applicable requirements.

Financial support may include, where applicable, training or course fees, travel support, workshop-related expenses, research support, stipend or fellowship support, and/or other program-approved expenses.

Receipt of financial support is not guaranteed solely by acceptance into the NCAT Program.

Participants must complete all required documentation, certifications, and administrative requirements before funds can be released.

Program funding may be withheld, delayed, or discontinued if a Participant fails to complete required certifications, fails to meet program requirements, does not participate in required activities, does not submit required documentation, uses funds for unauthorized purposes, or is otherwise determined to be ineligible under applicable funding or institutional requirements.

12. TRAVEL AND PROGRAM EVENTS

When travel or in-person participation is required, participants are responsible for providing accurate and timely information necessary for travel planning and reimbursement.

Participants must comply with applicable travel requirements, visa and immigration requirements, institutional travel policies, program deadlines, and requirements for travel documentation and reimbursement.

NCAT does not guarantee that international travel, visas, or other travel arrangements will be available or approved.

13. INTELLECTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Participants retain appropriate credit for their intellectual and scholarly contributions to research activities.

Participants agree to follow accepted standards for authorship and acknowledgment; properly acknowledge NCAT support when appropriate; discuss authorship and contributions with collaborators; obtain required approvals before submitting manuscripts or other scholarly products; and follow the publication policies of participating institutions and journals.

Participation in NCAT does not automatically confer authorship on any publication or research product.

14. USE OF NCAT NAME AND PROGRAM MATERIALS

Participants may not represent themselves as speaking on behalf of NCAT, MSKCC, GCRT, ARGO or other partner organizations unless specifically authorized to do so.

Program materials, curricula, presentations, and other resources provided through NCAT should be used in accordance with applicable institutional and copyright requirements.

15. CONFIDENTIALITY

Participants may have access to confidential information through their participation in research, mentorship, Team Science activities, or other program activities.

Participants agree to maintain the confidentiality of information that is not publicly available and to comply with all applicable institutional policies regarding confidential and protected information. This includes, where applicable, research data, unpublished findings, patient information, research participant information, manuscripts, grant proposals, and proprietary or institutional information.

16. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Participants agree to disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest relevant to their participation in NCAT activities or research projects.

Participants must comply with applicable institutional conflict-of-interest policies.

17. PERFORMANCE AND CONTINUED PARTICIPATION

Continued participation in NCAT is contingent upon satisfactory engagement with program requirements.

Program leadership may review participant progress based on attendance; completion of required coursework; completion of required certifications; responsiveness to program communications; engagement with mentors; completion of assignments and deliverables; participation in Team Science activities, when applicable; progress toward research objectives; and professional conduct.

If a Participant is not meeting program expectations, NCAT Program leadership may provide written notice and an opportunity to address identified concerns.

18. WITHDRAWAL OR DISCONTINUATION

A Participant may voluntarily withdraw from the NCAT Program by notifying the NCAT Program leadership in writing.

NCAT Program leadership may discontinue a Participant's participation for reasons including persistent failure to meet program requirements; failure to complete required training or certifications; repeated non-attendance; failure to communicate with program personnel; professional misconduct; research misconduct; violation of applicable institutional policies; or loss of eligibility under applicable program or funding requirements.

Where appropriate, NCAT leadership may first provide the Participant with an opportunity to address performance concerns.

Discontinuation from the program may result in termination of associated financial or training support, subject to applicable institutional and funding policies.

19. CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM

The Participant acknowledges that the NCAT Program is subject to funding, institutional, regulatory, and operational requirements.

NCAT Program leadership reserves the right to modify program schedules, training requirements, curriculum, mentorship arrangements, program activities, funding mechanisms, and other program components when necessary to meet programmatic or funding requirements.

Participants will be informed of material changes when reasonably possible.

20. NO GUARANTEE OF PROFESSIONAL OUTCOMES

Participation in NCAT provides access to training, mentorship, and research development opportunities but does not guarantee employment, promotion, publication, grant funding, research funding, conference participation, degree or certification, international travel, continued funding, or any other professional or academic outcome.

21. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COMMITMENT

By signing this Agreement, the Participant confirms that they:

- Have reviewed the expectations of the NCAT Program;
- Understand the responsibilities associated with participation;
- Agree to actively participate in required program activities;
- Agree to complete required training and certifications;
- Agree to comply with applicable research ethics and institutional policies;
- Understand that financial support is subject to applicable requirements and funding availability;
- Understand that continued participation is contingent upon satisfactory engagement and compliance with program requirements; and
- Agree to communicate promptly with NCAT Program Personnel regarding circumstances that may affect their participation.

22. SIGNATURES

Participant Name	
Participant Institution	
Participant Signature	
Date	