

Strengthening the capacity of junior researchers, faculty and students through a Research Communication and Leadership Academy

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Main building for the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, University of Rwanda

Why this LCD project matters

- The School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) at the University of Rwanda provides high-quality education, research, and community outreach in the field of veterinary medicine in Rwanda. As part of its strategic plan, SVM aims to strengthen its research capacity and enhance its local and international visibility.
- There is an urgent need to address professional skills development gaps within SVM.
- Both academic, research, and student communities at SVM face gaps in communicating research outputs to the wider public and lack leadership skills in areas of research advancement, securing research funding, and effective management of research projects



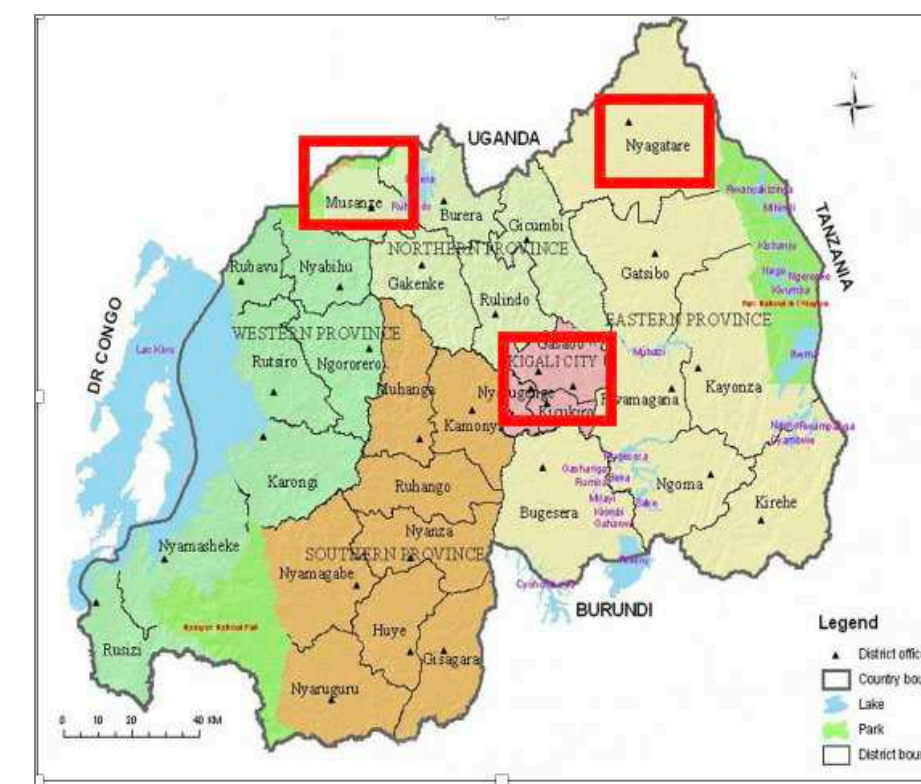
UR-CAVM Academic staffs listening to students' presentations during the UR Entrepreneurship week

Overarching goal

Establish a Research Communication and Leadership Academy in the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Rwanda. The Academy will serve as a hub for capacity development programs on research leadership development and communication for impact.

Our work is based in

Nyagatare District , Eastern Rwanda
Musanze District, Northern Rwanda
Kicukiro District , Kigali city

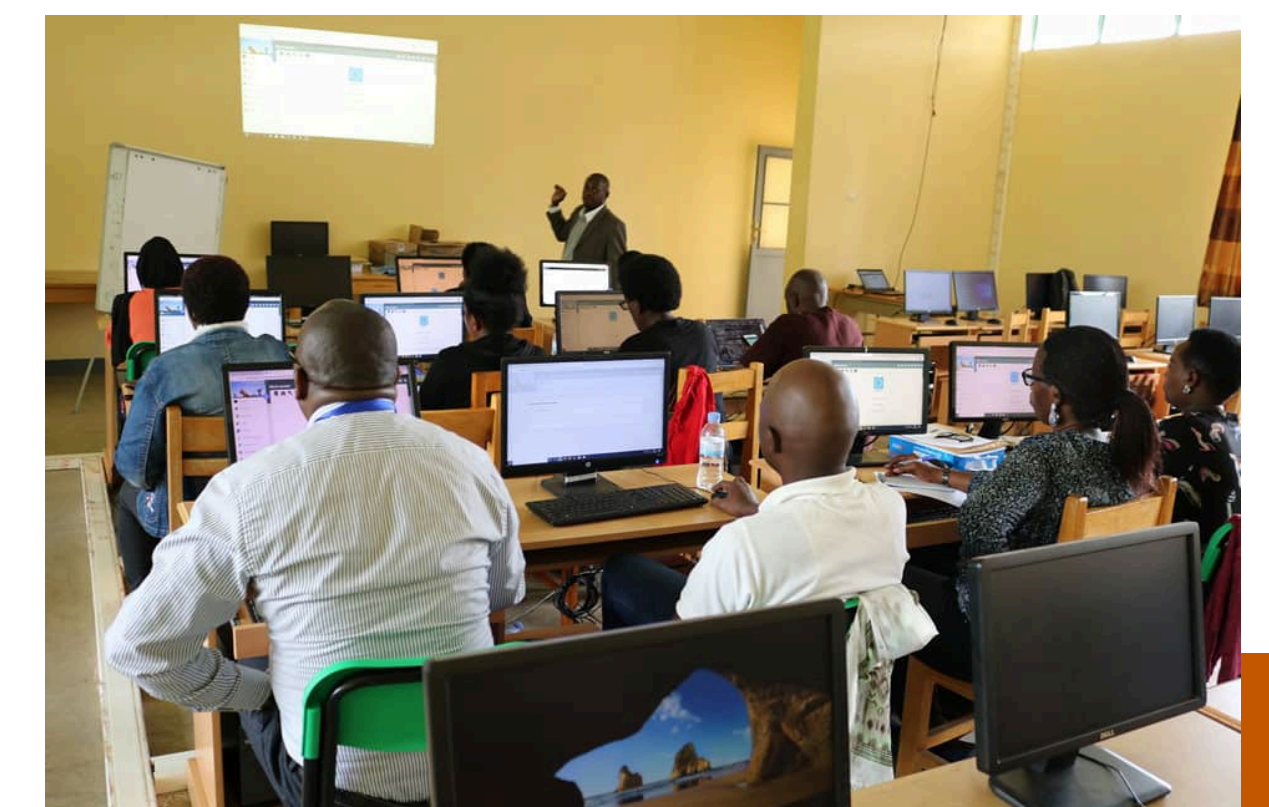


Our work on cross-cutting theme

- Gender and Youth Entrepreneurship
Six postgraduate students from SVM will receive technical and financial support, on a competitive basis, to conduct thesis/field research on issues related to gender and youth in livestock value chains.

Our Collaboration with other LSIL Projects in Rwanda

- Our intention is to complement the activities of ongoing LSIL Reach and Focus projects on Rwanda.
- Students be involved in field work the Reach project entitled "Profiting from pigs in Rwanda" and the Focus project "Climate-smart management strategies will be invited to participate in academy's activities.



UR-CAVM Academic staff participating in training on the UR e-learning platform

What we aim to do

- Foster a culture of interdisciplinary research and collaboration by bringing together researchers from different schools and disciplines within the College of Agriculture, Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine (CAVM) and the University of Rwanda.
- Launch two tracks for capacity development: Research Leadership and Research Communication. Each track will consist of various professional development programs, including workshops, seminars, mentoring, and coaching.
- Enhance research communication skills among junior academic and research staff, and postgraduate students, including writing and presentation skills, using social media for research impact, and public engagement.
- Develop leadership skills among young researchers to enhance project management, team building, mentorship, and grant writing.
- Enhance the visibility and impact of research conducted at SVM and CAVM.