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## University College of the North Researchers Participate in International Plagiarism Prevention Project

(The Pas and Thompson, MB) –University College of the North (UCN) is pleased to announce that Dr. Joseph Atoyebi and Dr. Carolyn Creed were successful in their application for a Partnership Grant to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

The project, entitled “SSHRC Partnership on University Plagiarism Prevention” (PUPP), focuses on the prevention of plagiarism and seeks to generate pedagogical tools to help reduce plagiarism by increasing the resources to teach proper referencing and research skills.

"I cannot be prouder of this auspicious privilege to be part of this multinational effort to understand why students plagiarize and find better ways to prevent plagiarism," said Dr. Joseph Atoyebi, UCN Faculty of Arts, Business & Science. "As a linguist, I am interested in exploring the connection between language proficiency and plagiarism."

"I believe university courses will benefit from concerted efforts to keep students honest and accountable in their use of outside sources," said Dr. Carolyn Creed, UCN Faculty of Education. "I hope to develop writing tasks that will add to the digital scrapbook which the SSHRC grant will fund."

PUPP is a partnership among dozens of universities from Canada, the United States, and Europe. The research project will see nearly \$2.5 million distributed to researchers at the various universities over a seven-year period between 2020/21 and 2027/28.

"This is an exciting development for research at UCN," said Dr. Gurusamy Chinnasamy, UCN's Manager of Research. "For the first time in our history UCN is participating in an international research partnership."

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