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In the last five years she has been also the Head of the Research Capacity Building Units, which hosts and support Ugandan scholars (research fellows, master and PhDs) from 5 different capacity building grants at the Institute, and foreign students from the University of Zurich, John Hopkins, UCSF, and Yale University hosted at the Institute for summer jobs, and to conduct their thesis work in Uganda. She has personally mentored master and PhD students, with currently 4 PhDs and 4 master students under her direct supervision. I am also one of the co-PI of a NIH funded D43 award on HIV and co-infection, and the recipient of a senior fellowship from EDCTP on HIV and aging in sub-Saharan Africa.