



## RHODA AHOBA-SAM

### Work Package: People and Networks



#### RUNIN RESEARCH

Rhoda's research is on the 'Networks of Individuals in University-Industry Relationships'. This project explores the networks of individuals as mechanisms for knowledge exchange, and to understand how the individual's contacts shape his knowledge exchange networks. Specifically, the study aims to examine the nature and geography of academics' personal networks, assess the role of the individual and institutional level factors in the development of these networks and assess the role of the academic mobility in developing personal networks. The success of this project would yield an understanding of how the personal networks of individual academics develop, how these influence the patterns of University-Industry links and what measures are needed at the regional level to foster more localized networks.

#### HOST INSTITUTION

University of Lincoln

#### SECONDMENT INSTITUTION

Universitetet i Stavanger  
Linköpings universitet

#### SUPERVISORY TEAM

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#### BACKGROUND

Rhoda holds a BSc. in Biochemistry from the University of Ghana (2004-2009) which formed the basis for some Industrial experience working as a Supply Chain Quality Specialist in Nestle Ghana (2010 -2013). She obtained a MSc. in Innovation and Entrepreneurship from the University of Oslo (2014-2016) where her thesis titled, 'Together and yet apart: Probing non-cooperation in Heroya Industrial park' understudied co-operation in Industrial Parks based on cluster theory. This background lends well with her personal interest in cluster dynamics and her present preoccupation of researching University-Industry collaborations.

#### EXPECTED PHD COMPLETION

May 2020

#### JOURNAL ARTICLES



Ahoba-Sam, Rhoda (2019). Why do academics engage locally? Insights from the University of Stavanger. Regional Studies, Regional Science



Ahoba-Sam, Rhoda & Charles, David (2019). Building of Academics' Networks—An analysis based on Causation and Effectuation theory. Review of Regional Research

#### WORKING PAPERS



Rhoda Ahoba-Sam, Andrea Caputo, David Charles & Rebecca Herron. Bridging the chasm? Exploring the Effect of the University Context on Knowledge Exchange RUNIN WP 01/2020



Eloïse Germain-Alamartine, Rhoda Ahoba-Sam, Saeed Moghadam-Saman & Gerwin Evers. Doctorate Holders' Transition to Industry: Networks as a Mechanism? Cases from Norway, Sweden and the UK RUNIN WP 08/2019



Rhoda Ahoba-Sam, Maria Salomaa & David Charles. On overcoming the barriers to regional engagement: Reflections from the University of Lincoln RUNIN WP 04/2018



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