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Abstract: The paper focused on the GPE Initiative and the Covenant University Experience. The participation in the GPE programme for Covenant University was traced to the visit of Prof. Elmer Poe and Dr. Rosina Chia and the MoU signed between East Carolina University, USA and Covenant University, Nigeria on 24th January, 2012. It was affirmed that the Management of Covenant University is completely in support of the GPE programme including the fact that it has adequate technical facilities to cope with the project. The paper emphasized the need for the GPE to begin the process of generating funds through grants and from corporate bodies with which active members of the GPE (teachers and technicians) who may not get the required Institutional Financial support can be assisted to participate in the annual conferences. This will go a long way in motivating them for the overall success of the programme. Also emphasized was the need for East Carolina University to ensure that the GPE is not only visible on their website but must be linked with all fifty three (53) member Institutions of the GPE which will help enhance their University rankings. This will also motivate Management of Institutions to keep supporting the programme. In addition to this, for the students, there is the need for the GPE to begin the process for Exchange programmes between Partner Universities, so that contact can go beyond that of the virtual classroom. Through this, students will also become more enthusiastic about participating in the project.