



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND

NATIONAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS: 2016/2017 FINANCIAL YEAR

COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANTS FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

The National Research Fund (NRF) announces **National Call for Multidisciplinary Research**. The call is a strategic response to the national socio-economic development agenda as described in the Kenya Vision 2030. The aim of the grant is to promote multidisciplinary collaborative research among national innovation delivery agencies to catalyze socio-economic growth.

National Research Fund is a statutory body established by Science Technology and Innovation Act No. 28 of 2013 mandated to facilitate research for the advancement of science, technology and innovation (ST&I) for national development.

Multidisciplinary and **Multi-institution** research teams from public and private institutions are invited to submit research proposals for consideration. Proposed projects should clearly demonstrate strategies of how to address varied challenges facing the Kenyan society. The proposed research areas should be in line with national priorities expounded in the Kenya Vision 2030, Second Medium Term Plan (MTP II), ST&I sector policy framework. The priority sectors targeted in this call broadly include:- Agriculture, Health, Environment and Natural resources, Extractive sector, Renewable Energy, Water, Sanitation, Tourism, Security, ICT, and Social Sciences.

The objectives of this call are to:

- Promote collaborative solution-based scientific research that address priority national societal challenges;
- Generate tangible research outputs and services that will increase the national competitiveness within a global context;
- Create opportunities for generation of new technologies through research, technology transfer and adoption; and
- Increase the application of research findings for and innovations for increased employment and wealth creation.

Proposals should be well designed and rationalized based on the guidelines available on the NRF website. Successful applicant will be funded up to Kenya shillings twenty million (**Ksh 20,000,000**) for a period not exceeding three years.

Interested researchers who wish to participate in this national competitive research grant programme should download the application form from the NRF website www.researchfund.go.ke

The deadline for submission of proposals is on **Friday, 25th November, 2016; 17:00hrs**. Successful applicants will be notified by 30th December, 2017.

Submission is through an online process. Email submission must indicate on the subject line the title of the grant programme which is '**COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANTS FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH**'.

Submission should be sent through the following email address:
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