



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND

NATIONAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS: 2016/2017 FINANCIAL YEAR

COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

The National Research Fund (NRF) announces **National Call for Proposals for Infrastructural Support for Research and Training Institutions**. This call is a strategic response to support national research and training institutions build their research capacity. It is geared to create robust, responsive, demand-driven research systems in Kenya. Through this programme, NRF intends to finance identification, acquisition and installation of specialized research facilities that will promote and support cutting-edge research.

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 for national development.

Bonafide Institutions that are involved in research and training in Kenya (applicants) are invited to apply for this research capacity strengthening support grant. Within this call, NRF seeks to support the acquisition of specialized research and training facilities that will have significant impact in providing research infrastructure that will be used to conduct high-level, cutting-edge relevant research capable of contributing to national development. Different institutions can opt to submit a joint application.

Institutions interested in applying for funding under this programme should provide competitive proposals that:-

- 1) Provide a clear justification of the type of research infrastructure needed;
- 2) Demonstrate how the infrastructure will benefit the applicant and other national institutions;
- 3) Indicate the available capacity to utilize the infrastructure;
- 4) Provide a cost-effective plan of maintenance;
- 5) Provide a well-articulated plan that ensures national access to the infrastructure by other institutions and researchers in Kenya;
- 6) Indicate the proposed percentage of contribution by the host institution as well as from other funders towards the acquisition and maintenance of the infrastructure.

Proposals should be well designed and rationalized based on the guidelines available on the NRF website. Successful applications will be financed from the range of Kenya shilling Three million to One Hundred million (**Ksh 3,000,000 - 100,000,000/=**) to identify, acquire and install the infrastructure. On exceptional circumstances, with sufficient justification an identified research facility may be financed beyond this limit.

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

The deadline for submission of proposals is on **Friday, 18th November, 2016; 17:00hrs**. Successful applicants will be notified by 30th December, 2016.

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

Submission should be sent through the following email address: researchfacilitygrant2016@researchfund.go.ke

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