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DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH, EXTENSION AND CONSULTANCY

Laikipia University (LU) Competitive Research Grants

Call for Proposals

THEME: Enhanced Research Capacity for Innovation and Transformative Development

Deadline, February 22nd, 2019

The Directorate of Research, Extension and Consultancy is pleased to announce the LU Research Competitive Grants for 2018/2019 academic year. Applications are hereby invited from multi-disciplinary teams. The grants seek to stimulate research on issues of national importance. Subsequently, the following strands of thematic priorities for the proposals were identified through stakeholders' forum:

1. **AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT, FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**
2. **SPORTS SCIENCE, RECREATION AND MANAGEMENT**
3. **SECURITY, CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT**
4. **WATER, HEALTH, SANITATION AND SAFETY**
5. **REFORMS AND CHANGES IN EDUCATION SECTOR**
6. **ECONOMICS, BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**
7. **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**
8. **SOCIETAL CHANGES AND KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM MANAGEMENT**
9. **POLICY, DEVOLUTION AND GOVERNANCE**

Eligibility

Research grants are available for all members of staff. **Applications should be from multi-disciplinary teams and not individuals.** Applicants for the grants must be staff or staff in collaboration with post-graduate students where one team member must be a full time staff of Laikipia University. In case of collaborative projects, the full-time staff member will be the Principal Investigator (PI). **All staff** are encouraged to apply.

Application Deadlines

The deadline for submission is **5p.m. Friday, February 22nd, 2019**. Within two weeks, after peer review, results will be notified to the successful applicants to fulfill other requirements for processing of grant funds.

Vision: A University for Valued Transformation of Society

Mission: To serve students and society through research, education, scholarship, training, outreach and consultancy

Application Requirements:

All applications for the research grants must include;

- i. Information on the Principal Investigator (contact and background information, current curriculum vitae) and Bio-data of the other team members, if applicable.
- ii. Statement of how this research advances the current state of knowledge in the field, substantively or methodologically.
- iii. The proposal paper (limited to maximum of 7 *single-spaced pages*) should provide a synopsis of the following:
 - o Problem statement / policy issue and its importance
 - o Brief review of relevant literature and theory
 - o Research questions, hypotheses to be tested
 - o Connections between the potential findings and the policy issues

Application Submission

Applicants should read carefully the entire **Call for proposals** and the submission instructions prior to sending. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals in advance of the deadline. Proposals must be submitted in soft copy to rec@laikipia.ac.ke and copied to jkingau@laikipia.ac.ke.

Awards

Awards for the Research grants are of up to Kes **250,000** for a maximum of a 2-year period. All awards are contingent upon available University research grant funding.

For further information please contact the Director, Research, Extension and Consultancy at nicgoro@yahoo.com. **OR** visit the University website www.laikipia.ac.ke

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