



# UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

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First call for the Vice-Chancellor's Research Grant, 2019

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## Introduction

The University of Embu is committed to providing an enabling environment for research and development to all staff members and students. In this regard, the University has established the Vice-Chancellor's Research Grant that is to be competed for on an annual basis. The Research grant is geared towards strengthening the research capacity of teaching staff while promoting a culture of effective participation in competitive research.

The Vice-Chancellor is pleased to announce an inaugural call for proposals to fund research in the 2018/2019 Financial Year. The broad aim of this call is to contribute to the generation scientific solution to societal challenges, provide policy recommendations as well as come up with advanced technological and social innovations for economic development.

## Scope

Applications should clearly indicate how their research will address and or fit within the University of Embu Strategic Plan, Kenya Vision 2030, the Big 4 Agenda and specific United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The research proposals can be in any one of the following thematic areas.

S/N	Thematic areas
1.	Agriculture and Food Security
2.	Physical Sciences
3.	Computer Science and Information Technology
4.	Biological Sciences
5.	Business and Economics
6.	Education and Social Sciences
7.	Health Sciences
8.	Legal Education

## General Guidelines to Grant Applications

- i. This fund does not provide funding specifically for the sole purpose of hosting, organizing, attending conferences or workshops.
- ii. The University shall award grants for multidisciplinary/interschool research projects that bring together researchers from different disciplines within the University to encourage collaborations. The level of funding for this category will be up to Ksh. 1,000,000 for projects running for one calendar Year.



- iii. The University shall also award grants for individual researcher proposals led by a qualified investigator. Individual researchers may request up to Ksh. 500,000 for a project running for one calendar Year. Projects that integrate students of UoEm in the research activities will have an advantage.
- iv. This fund will not provide financial support for the conduct of individual researchers' masters or doctoral projects. However, a high quality postgraduate research project will be eligible for support, if the application forms an integral part of a proposed research project by a Teaching Staff.
- v. To be eligible for the Vice-Chancellor's Research Grant, the applicant must be a full-time member of academic staff/researcher at UoEm with no research ethics disciplinary record, has relevant qualifications and competence in the subject area of the proposed project.
- vi. Applicants who have a similar projects funded from other sources must justify their application for the UoEm Vice-Chancellor's Research Grant.
- vii. All investigators in a research team must give consent by signing the research proposal before submission.
- viii. A researcher will be eligible to make only one application as Principal Investigator.

#### **Application procedure**

Applicants are required to submit a signed hard copy as well as a soft copy of the proposal, which should not exceed 15 pages in times new Roman, font 12 and 1.15 spacing. The application form is available on the University website.

The following are key dates in the application process

<b>Application Stage</b>	<b>Date</b>
Issuance date	21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2019
Deadline for applications	19 <sup>th</sup> April, 2019
Notification of results	17 <sup>th</sup> May, 2019
Project commencement	27 <sup>th</sup> May, 2019

*Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered.*

#### **Evaluation of Proposals**

- i. All proposals received on or before the deadline will be evaluated against the Call requirements and plagiarism check done as per University policy.
- ii. Any proposal with a plagiarism level above 10% will not be processed further.

***The verdict of the selection panel is final***



## Award of Grants

- i. Each successful applicant will be required to sign a *Grant Award Acceptance Letter* and a *Grant Registration Form*.
- ii. Successful applicants will also be invited to present their work in a workshop to be organized by Director of Research and Extension (DRE).
- iii. Recipients of the Internal Research Grant will be required to publish at least one (1) paper on the findings from the funded project in a reputable peer reviewed non-predatory journal within six (6) months of the project closure.
- iv. The University will be at liberty to recover the funds disbursed if there is no publication from the research project after the six (6) months of the project closure.
- v. Any intellectual property (patents, innovations etc.) from the research will be co-registered with the University of Embu.

## Monitoring and evaluation

DRE will be responsible for monitoring and evaluation of the progress made in implementing the projects. The awardees are expected to adhere to the award guidelines in the acceptance letter.

## Further information

For enquiries and clarifications, please contact the Directorate of Research and Extension through the contacts provided below:

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