



TURKANA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology)

SECOND CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. INTRODUCTION

Turkana University College is pleased to announce the Second Call for Research Proposals under the University Research Fund (URF). This initiative reaffirms the University's commitment to advancing research excellence, fostering innovation, and strengthening the impact of scholarly work within our communities and beyond. Research, Science, Technology, and Innovation are central to social transformation and sustainable economic development. Through this call, the University seeks to support high-quality, original research projects that expand the body of knowledge while addressing pressing societal challenges at local, national, and global levels. Eligible faculty staffs are encouraged to submit research projects aligned with the University's research priorities. Proposed research projects should demonstrate the following:

1. Originality and scholarly rigor in concept, design, and methodology.
2. Clear societal relevance, with well-articulated potential for meaningful impact.
3. Strong prospects for dissemination, adoption, and commercialization, where appropriate.
4. Capacity to attract competitive internal and external funding.
5. Contribution to the advancement of knowledge within the relevant field(s).
6. Potential to address pressing societal challenges through innovative and sustainable solutions.

Submissions will be evaluated based on the extent to which they meet these criteria and align with the University's research agenda.

Turkana University College encourages interdisciplinary collaboration and innovative approaches that respond to emerging challenges and opportunities.

2. THE PURPOSE

The primary objective of this call is to:

- 1) Strengthen the university's research capacity and outputs
- 2) Develop research proposal databank for both internal and external funding opportunities.
- 3) Facilitate the development of competitive research proposals for larger external grants

All submitted proposals will undergo a rigorous evaluation by a panel of experts. Principal Investigators will be expected to revise and strengthen their proposals in response to reviewers' feedback, with particular attention to enhancing scientific quality, clarity, and competitiveness for funding opportunities.

This call will support projects that are interdisciplinary in nature. Successful proposals will receive funding of up to Kenya Shillings Three Hundred Thousand only (KSh 300,000).

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Open to all faculty researchers at Turkana University College
- 2) Applicants must be in good academic standing as a researcher
- 3) Multidisciplinary research proposals are strongly encouraged

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following evaluation criteria will be considered:

1. All submitted proposals will be reviewed by a panel of internal and/or external experts based on:
 - a) Scientific merit and originality

- b) Scientific soundness and maturity
- c) Feasibility and methodology
- d) Alignment with university college research priorities and TUC strategic Plan (2023-2027)
- e) Potential to attract both internal and external funding
- f) Potential for publication in refereed scholarly journals.

2. The applicants will be informed about the result of the selection in an e-mail

4. NON ELIGIBLE COSTS

The University Research Fund (URF) does not provide financial support solely for attendance at conferences or workshops, nor for consultancy activities related to projects that do not align with the University's research priorities.

Previous URF beneficiaries who have not completed their funded projects and submitted the required final reports to the University are not eligible to apply as Principal Investigators.

A researcher may serve as Principal Investigator for only one URF-funded project at a time.

5. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Research proposals shall meet the following criteria:

The research proposals should contain:

- 1) A title page with short and clear title
- 2) Introduction and background (With some review of recent literature)
- 3) Clear statement of the research problem
- 4) Justification and Rationale for the research
- 5) Clear Objectives (General and SMART objectives)
- 6) Hypothesis and Research questions
- 7) Conceptual framework and Methodology (Details of the study design, sampling design, and data analysis methods)

- 8) Expectations (outputs/results) including number of papers/articles to be published in peer-reviewed articles in reputable academic journals.
- 9) Detailed budget breakdown (Research proposal plan should be accompanied by a detailed budget, including anticipated cost items related to the research project).
- 10) Realistic Research Schedule (realistic time table for each stages of the study)
- 11) Map of the Study Area
- 12) List of references and annexes
- 13) One page C.V. of Principal Investigator.

6. IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES AND DATES

- 1. Call Opening:** 18th February, 2026.
- 2. Submission Deadline:** 4th March, 2026.
- 3. Review Period:** 6th-13th March, 2026.
- 4. Notification of Results:** 20th March, 2026

7. SUBMISSION

All applicants MUST submit Research Proposals in both soft and hard copy. Soft copy of the proposal should be submitted to via e-mail: dprilresearch@tuc.ac.ke with email subject line marked the second call for research proposals. The hard copy of the research proposal should be submitted to the office of the Deputy Principal Research, Innovation and Linkages and addressed as follows: The Deputy Principal in Charge of Research, Innovation and Linkages (RIL), Turkana University College, P.O.BOX 69-30500, Lodwar-Kenya.

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