



KWAME NKRUMAH UNIVERSITY  
DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH, POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AND INNOVATION

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## CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE KWAME NKRUMAH UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMME (KNURGP)

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**Application Period: 24<sup>th</sup> January to 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.**

### BACKGROUND

In fulfilling its mandate of promoting scholarly research, creative intellectual and artistic investigation as well as creation and dissemination of new knowledge, Kwame Nkrumah University has committed funds to support various research projects and innovation in priority developmental areas of the country.

The Directorate of Research, Postgraduate Studies and Innovation is inviting interested Kwame Nkrumah University Academic Staff to submit Research Proposals for funding under the Kwame Nkrumah University Research Grant Programme (KNURGP).

### FUNDING CEILING

The indicative amount made available under this call is **Fifty Thousand Kwacha (ZMW 50,000)**

### EVALUATION CRITERIA

The received proposals will be subjected to appropriate review and evaluation guided by set criteria, in order to assess their suitability for funding. They should, therefore, meet the following conditions:

1. Must have appropriate sections such as given in the application form;
2. Should be between 10 and 20 pages of A4 paper
3. Addresses the objectives, priorities and areas of interest to the Kwame Nkrumah's mission and vision and/or is within the context of what is reflecting in respective Schools' Annual Research Programmes
4. Should contain **original research topic**; one that has not been researched on before
5. Relevant research topics that will aim at solving current societal problems will receive priority
6. Meets the needs and priorities of the country where the project will be implemented and is deemed to be feasible and relevant;
7. contributes to achieving concrete, measurable, realistic and sustainable results
8. Promotes multidisciplinary cooperation and collaboration and involves students
9. Research Grant ('**seed money**') awarded to successful research proposals will not exceed K50, 000.00 per proposal.
10. Satisfies the principle of financial accountability

The skills, experience and competences of key people involved in the implementation of the proposed activities will also be evaluated

## DURATION OF THE PROJECT

Successful, funded projects shall **commence in April, 2024** and the planned maximum project duration shall not exceed **two (2) years**.

## ELIGIBILITY

- The Call is open to all academic staff of Kwame Nkrumah University.
- Researchers that are Principal Investigators on ongoing KNU-funded projects are not eligible to apply for funding of another project. **However, they can participate as part of the research team.**
- The research proposals should contain original research, that is practical and focused towards knowledge generation and problem solving in the identified respective Schools' priority research fields reflecting in respective Schools' Research Plans
- Research Proposals that demonstrate a strong multidisciplinary and collaborative approach among researchers are encouraged.
- Research proposals involving students will attract an added advantage

## HOW TO APPLY

Interested staff must complete the application form available on the KNU website (or obtainable from the Directorate) and submit to the **Directorate of Research, Postgraduate Studies and Innovation** by email [sibandapatrick.ps@gmail.com](mailto:sibandapatrick.ps@gmail.com) and maureenkks@gmail.com

Applicants **must read the Kwame Nkrumah University Guidelines for the Management of Research Grants** available on the KNU website (or can be obtained from the Directorate) for further information before applying.

The closing date for submitting applications is **20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**.



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