

EGERTON



UNIVERSITY

RESEARCH AND EXTENSION

CALL FOR INNOVATION PROPOSALS

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF THIS CALL

The Kenya's Vision 2030 recognizes innovations as a critical component in increasing socio-economic transformation of the country. Innovation is the embodiment of thorough process whereby ideas are transformed into new or improved products, services and processes. Innovation leads to improved productivity, efficiency and quality of life which is fundamental to increasing wealth in an economy and thus positively impacting on society. The mission of the University is to generate knowledge and offer exemplary education to contribute to and innovatively influence national and global development. In order to achieve this mission, staff must be actively involved in research. To support this endeavour, the University has provided funding for innovation proposals in this financial year (2023/24). This call targets 4-5 proposals each with a budget of **five to six hundred thousand** Kenya shillings.

Theme: "Innovation for Improved Productivity, Wealth Creation and Quality of Life"

Focus area(s)

The innovation proposals should focus on improving productivity, quality of life and wealth creation

This should be based on data from previous studies with the aim of advancing the outputs for improved product, services or processes as required by the market/end users.

TIMELINES

The deadline for submission of proposals is

S/NO	STAGES	TIMELINES
1	Publication of the call	18 th December 2023
2	Submission applications	31 st January 2024
3	Evaluation period	15 th February 2024
4	Information to applicants	29 th February 2024
5	Signature of grant agreement	March 2024
6	Starting date of the action	2 nd April 2024
7	Project endline	31 st March 2025

ADMISSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Egerton University researchers and students with near ready innovations, or those requiring support for IP registration and commercialization.

Participating students should have a supervisor as the mentor who will be responsible for the fund management.

FORMAT

The proposal not exceeding 8 pages in 1.5 spacing, Times New Roman, (Font 12) should clearly include:

- Title page: project title (\leq 15 words), author(s) and department.
- Concise summary of the proposal
- Introduction
- Description of the IP
 - Rationale and justification for the innovation
 - Innovation readiness level
- Potential for registration and commercialization
- Expected output & outcome: intended and specific contribution to socioeconomic development
- Workplan: Activities within quarterly periods
- A budget NOT exceeding KES 600,000/=

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

Only staff in active employment and duly registered students can apply

SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated by an evaluation team consisting of independent reviewers. The reviews will be blind and will consist of a scoring matrix and narrative assessments.

DATA PROTECTION

In accordance with clause 9 of the Egerton University Intellectual Property Rights policy, mechanisms to safeguard any registrable content will be put in place, during proposal review and evaluation of all proposals.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

A soft pdf copy of the proposal to be submitted to ipmc@egerton.ac.ke by **31st January 2024**.