



## DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND CONSULTANCY

### LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY (LU) COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANTS

#### Call for Proposals

#### THEME: Enhanced Research Capacity for Innovation and Transformative Development

**Deadline, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

The Directorate of Research, Extension and Consultancy is pleased to announce the LU Research Competitive Grants for 2020/2021 academic year. Applications are hereby invited from multi-disciplinary teams. The grants seek to stimulate research on issues of University and national importance:

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 Systems 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). **Those with on-going research projects from similar grants (2018-2019) need not apply.** All staff are encouraged to apply.

#### Application Deadlines

The deadline for submission is **5p.m. 15<sup>th</sup> February; 2021**. Within two weeks, after peer review, results will be notified to the successful applicants to fulfill other requirements for processing of grant funds.



## 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
  - o Summarized budget estimates

## 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 should be submitted in soft copy to [rec@laikipia.ac.ke](mailto:rec@laikipia.ac.ke).

## Awards

Awards for the Research grants are for a maximum of a **2-year period**. All awards are contingent upon the available University Research Grant Funds.

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