



UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (ORID)

announces the

10TH CALL FOR PROPOSALS

(SUPPORTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA RESEARCH FUND)

INTRODUCTION

The Office of Research, Innovation and Development (ORID) is pleased to announce the 10th Call for proposals with support from the University of Ghana Research Fund (UGRF).

TYPES OF GRANTS

Three types of grants are available as follows:

- SEED GRANTS:** This is for exploratory/small proposals with budgets up to GHC 7,500. Such grants would be awarded for a period not exceeding one year and are awarded to Senior Members to enable them to explore new ideas to apply for bigger grants in the future.
- INVESTIGATOR-LED GRANTS:** These grants would normally not exceed GHC 40,000 and shall be for a period of not more than two years. Grants of this nature are awarded to Senior Members with a clear research question they want to answer.
- MULTI-DISCIPLINARY GRANTS:** This shall not exceed GHC 120,000 and are for multi-disciplinary and inter-faculty research projects which specifically address a national developmental issue and are also capable of shaping or influencing policy in Ghana. Grants of this nature shall normally not be awarded for more than two years and would be awarded to a multi-disciplinary research team.

ELIGIBILITY

All grant applicants must be full-time Senior Members of the University of Ghana. The following additional eligibility requirements also apply:

- Only new Senior Members who have spent UP TO FIVE YEARS (five years or less) are eligible to apply for grants in the Seed Grant category.
- Applicants in the investigator-led and multi-disciplinary categories should have at least A YEAR'S service with the UG.
- Collaborators from institutions outside the University of Ghana must provide a letter of support from their institution.
- The following are not eligible to apply:
 - Previous recipients of UGRF whose work are on-going;
 - Previous recipients of UGRF who have not submitted their final technical and financial reports; and
 - Previous recipients of UGRF who have not published their findings in peer reviewed journals.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All interested and eligible Senior Members must make an application for the grant by accessing the online research grant application system available at the following link:

<http://197.255.124.90/orid/ugrfapplications>

Applicants will be able to track the progress on the processing of their application after it has been submitted.

Please see the attached guidelines for using the online research grants application system for further information on how to put in an application.

APPLICATION CONDITIONS

- No paper applications will be accepted.
- Applicants are required to indicate in their application which other grants related to their proposed research topic they currently hold.
- Senior Members on post-retirement contract cannot be Principal Investigators but are encouraged to serve as mentors on research teams which is led by a "younger" faculty member.

CRITERIA FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

The review will normally be based on the following criteria:

- IMPORTANCE
- SCIENTIFIC POTENTIAL
- JUSTIFICATION FOR RESOURCES
- RESEARCH TEAM

ETHICAL CLEARANCE

Submission of evidence of ethical approval is mandatory for all projects funded by the UGRF. Principal Investigator's whose projects are selected to receive funding, will be required to show proof of ethical clearance (by a specific deadline) in order for their awards to be confirmed.

Ethical clearance should be in the name of the Principal Investigator of the research project.

For detailed information on meeting times and application processes for UG's ethics committees please see <http://www.orid.ug.edu.gh/ethics-committees>

TIMELINES

Application Deadline: The Online Research Grant Application System will be available until **11:59 PM ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016**. Please take note that applications that are started but are not completed before the deadline will be automatically deleted and will not be available to the applicant after the date and time indicated above.

Review of proposals & feedback to applicants: End of January, 2017

Confirmation of Awards: February, 2017

Deadline for submission of evidence of ethical clearance for funded projects: End of March, 2017

Commencement of disbursement of awards: April, 2017

Any questions on this call may be addressed by email to
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Please see the website at
<http://orid.ug.edu.gh>
for all the information related to this call.