



TERTIARY EDUCATION TRUST FUND

TETFUND NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND

CALL FOR PROPOSALS / APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2016

The National Research Fund was established pursuant to the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act 2011 for the resuscitation of research activities in Nigeria's Public Tertiary Institutions, which section 20 of the Act defines as Public *"Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education."* It is also aimed at addressing the critical needs of the Nations developmental aspirations through targeted research.

ELIGIBILITY

Lecturers in any of our Public Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria are eligible. Multi-Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary researches, comprising Researchers from various disciplines, are most highly encouraged. The Lead Researcher will head the research team and will be referred to as the Principal Researcher / Investigator (PI). The PI will be personally responsible and held accountable for the conduct of the research. An added requirement is that the PI must be institution-based, with the PI's institution regarded as the Co-ordinating Institution.

AREAS OF RESEARCH

The categories and specialized subject areas for funding are as follows:

	CATEGORY	THEMATIC AREA
A	Science, Technology and Innovation	1. Agriculture, Food Security 2. Health and Social Welfare 3. Transport 4. Energy and Power 5. ICT & Telecommunications 6. Space Science
B	Humanities and Social Science	1. National Integration, National Security 2. Education and Training 3. Economic Development 4. Social Welfare 5. Population Studies
C	Cross Cutting Themes	1. Environment, Housing & Urban Development 2. Entrepreneurship & Wealth Creation 3. Resource Governance 4. Science and Technology Management

The Research Brief, containing details of the research areas, is to be found in the TETFund Website – www.tetfund.gov.ng.

NOMINATION / APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- (i) All applications are to be made strictly on the prescribed TETFund Research Grant Application Form. This can also be downloaded from the TETFund Website.
- (ii) The total budget for each research proposal shall not be above ₦50 million.
- (iii) Any proposal that does not follow the format as presented in the Application Form shall not be considered.

(iv) Only one application may be submitted according to the prescribed format.

(v) 3 hard copies of the duly completed forms shall be submitted by the Researchers through the Head of the Institution who shall forward them, with a covering letter duly signed by him/her, to the address below:

**The Executive Secretary
Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund)
6 Zambezi Crescent
Off Aguiyi Ironsi Crescent
Maitama
Abuja**

Application Forms not duly endorsed by the Head of the Co-ordinating Institution shall be rejected.

SELECTION / CONSIDERATIONS

- i. All submitted proposals will be subjected to appraisal by the National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Committee (NRFS&MC) who shall make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the Fund for consideration and approval.
- ii. The Pland at least a member of the Research Team of an adjudged fundable proposal shall be invited to defend their proposals before the NRFS&MC before a letter of award is issued by the TETFund, if the proposal is finally recommended for funding.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The deadline for submission of proposals shall be on or before **Friday 26th February 2016**. For further information please contact:

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