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CALL FOR INNOVATION PROPOSALS

Financial Year 2026/27

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF THIS CALL

Kenya's Vision 2030 recognizes innovation as a critical component in increasing socio-economic transformation of the country. Innovation is the embodiment of a 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 that will contribute to, and innovatively influence, national and global development. In order to achieve this mission, staff must be actively involved in research and innovation.

To support this endeavour, the University has provided funding for innovation proposals in this financial year (2026/27). This call targets five (5) to six (6) proposals, each with a maximum budget of Kenya Shillings five Hundred Thousand (KES 500,000/=).

Innovation Theme: Green Transformation of the Economy, Job Creation and Improved Quality of Life"

FOCUS AREA(S)

The innovation proposals should focus on improving productivity, wealth creation, job creation and digital economy

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

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TIMELINES

The deadline for submission of proposals is as indicated below:

S/NO	STAGE	TIMELINE
1.	Publication of the Call	15 th September 2026
2.	Closing of Submission of Applications	30 th October 2026
3.	Notification of Successful Applicants	15 th December 2026
4.	Start date	4 th January 2027
5.	Project Endline	31 st December 2027

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

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 fund management.

Format of Project

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

- Title page: project title (≤ 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, protection or commercialization, and benefit
- Expected output and outcome: intended and specific

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- 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 the Data Protection Policy of Egerton University, 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 should be submitted to ipmc@egerton.ac.ke and director.research@egerton.ac.ke by 30th October, 2026

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