

UNIVERSITY OF ELDORET

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (PRE) DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH & INNOVATION

ADVERTISEMENT OF 2024/2025 OPEN CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNIVERSITY OF ELDORET ANNUAL RESEARCH GRANT-COHORT 9

The University of Eldoret through the Directorate of Research & Innovation is calling for the 2024/2025 proposals for the University of Eldoret Annual Research Grant (ARG) Cohort 9. Only University of Eldoret staff are eligible to apply.

Purpose of the University of Eldoret Annual Research Grant (ARG)

The aim of this grant is to promote research and build the experience of younger researchers through mentorship. ARG will be used to fund competitive interdisciplinary research where senior researchers at the level of lecturer with a doctorate degree and above are eligible to apply.

Thematic Areas

The grant is meant to support applied research and innovations that are in line with the Bottom-Up Transformation Agenda (BETA), Kenya Vision 2030 and African Union 2063 Agenda.

The proposals should be in line with the following thematic areas:

- Food and Nutritional Security.
- Universal Health Care.
- Manufacturing and Affordable Housing.
- Governance and People Centered Development.
- Climate Change & Natural Resource Management
- Artificial Intelligence

Financial Allocation

The maximum grant amount funded under ARG cohort 9 is Ksh. 500,000 per project. The proposed project activities should be consistent with the amount requested.

Project Duration

The maximum duration of the project is 12 months. The start date of the project will be determined by the date of signing the grant contract between the grantee and the University.

Eligibility Criteria

Researchers applying for the grant must have a Doctorate and above. The senior researchers **must** include junior researchers (post-graduate students, assistant lecturers, teaching assistants and technologists, and administrative staff) as assistants in their projects for mentorship. The proposals should be submitted under the following category:

- **Research Grants** – Junior Academic/Non-Academic staff (with less than 3 years' experience since the first appointment) or Senior Academic/Non-Academic staff (with more than 3 years of service) with a doctorate and above.

Components of the Project Proposal

Application templates (technical and financial) are available online at www.uoeld.ac.ke for submitting the proposals. The application document should clearly outline the research expertise of each collaborator and their role and contribution in the team. Involvement of students and the local communities in project activities is an added advantage. However, the project will only support their research activities and not fees nor stipend. Developed proposals should be inter-disciplinary.

The application form should not exceed 10 pages. Each collaborator will provide a maximum of 1 page resume and signature page at the appendices.

For the successful proposals, it is expected that the teams shall:

- Take part in an inception meeting organized by the Directorate where they will develop their project Theories of Change (ToC) and the year's budgeted work plan.
- Ensure timely completion of project activities.
- Submit quarterly reports (financial & technical) to the Directorate of Research & Innovation.
- Present their research findings at the University of Eldoret Annual Conference.
- Publish at least 2 articles in refereed journals.
- Prepare a Policy Brief.

How to apply

Official application forms to be used and accompanying information documents are available on the University website - www.uoeld.ac.ke. All applications should be submitted through the Director of Research & Innovation by close of business **Friday 17 January, 2025**. Soft copy of duly completed application form and scans of accompanying documents should be sent to uoegrants@uoeld.ac.ke. Incomplete applications and/or those that reach after the deadline will **NOT** be considered. Only successful applicants will be contacted. The list of the successful applicants will be posted on the University website (www.uoeld.ac.ke).

CONDITIONS FOR APPLICANTS:

1. Previously funded proposals are not eligible.
2. Any proposal that is being funded by other donors should not be submitted.
3. Only original work should be submitted. Proposals with a similarity index exceeding 20% will lead to automatic disqualification.
4. Successful applicants with research proposals using human participants and/or animals will receive their funding only after ethical approval by an accredited Institutional Ethics Review Committee.

NOTE:

1. Proposals addressing gender and socio-economic aspects are highly encouraged.
2. People with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

IMPORTANT DATES:

No.	ACTIVITY	TIMELINE
1.	Advertisement of the call.	Wednesday 18 December, 2024
2.	Deadline for submission of proposals.	Friday 17 January, 2025
3.	Documentation of received proposals.	20-24 January, 2025
4.	Reviewing of received proposals by SREC (Schools).	23-27 January, 2025
5.	Shortlisting of received proposals by SREC Chairs & DRI Board of Management.	3-7 February, 2025
6.	Receipt of corrections of selected proposals.	10-14 February, 2025
7.	Awarding of UOE ARG to winning proposals.	17-21 February, 2025
8.	Request for funds by PIs.	From 24 February, 2025