

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (PRE)

DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH & INNOVATION

**ADVERTISEMENT OF 2025/2026 OPEN CALL FOR PROPOSALS
UNIVERSITY OF ELDORET ANNUAL RESEARCH GRANT-
COHORT 10**

The University of Eldoret through the Directorate of Research & Innovation is calling for the 2025/2026 proposals for the University of Eldoret Annual Research Grant (ARG) Cohort 10. **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 innovative 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.

Cohort 10 will specifically fund **Innovative Research** proposals and 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
- Cross cutting issues

Financial Allocation

The maximum grant amount funded under ARG cohort 10 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 degree and above. The senior researchers **must include junior researchers from the University of Eldoret** (post-graduate students, assistant lecturers, teaching assistants and technologists, and administrative staff) as assistants in their projects for mentorship.

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 resumé and signature page** at the appendices. The application should be signed by the **Dean of the School** of the PI. In the event that the Dean is an applicant then the **School Research Chair** should sign or any other Dean.

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 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 **via email** through the Director of Research & Innovation by **11.59 pm Friday, 20 March, 2026**. 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.