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TO: ALL CHUKA UNIVERSITY STAFF, MASTERS & Ph.D. STUDENTS

11TH INTERNAL RESEARCH PROPOSALS CALL[©] 2021

Chuka University allocated funds in its **2021/2022** budget to support selected high quality research projects emanating from its staff and postgraduate students (M.Sc. & Ph.D.). This **11th CALL** invites preparation and submission of high quality, fundable, multi-disciplinary research proposals. During the Financial Year, the research proposals should be submitted as four (4) spiral bound copies to the Director of Research & Extension **any time they are ready**. Submission by staff PIs should be through the Head of Department/Section. Postgraduate students registered in Chuka University must have completed coursework successfully. Their research proposals should be submitted with a covering letter through their Supervisor and Director of Graduate School. Staff proposals shall be reviewed by 2 to 3 peers, specialising in the area of the research work. Successful proposals shall be competitively selected and the PIs notified by: **30th October, 2021 (Round 1)**, and **30th April, 2022 (Round 2)**. Project implementation should start immediately so as to be completed within two years from the date of fund award.

Each proposal should have the following parts and adhere to the following guidelines: Cover letter; Title, Author(s) contacts; Abstract; Table of contents; Acronyms/Symbols/Abbreviations; Introduction (Background information, Statement of the problem, Main Objectives, Specific Objectives, Hypotheses or Research questions, Significance of the study or Research Justification, Scope, Limitations up to Assumptions (are Optional), and Expected outputs); Brief literature review; Theoretical/Conceptual framework (Optional); Methodology; Data collection and analysis; Work Plan; Budget; References; and Appendices (Optional). **Ceiling validated award for staff multi-disciplinary innovative proposal is 2,000,000/=, staff basic/applied proposal is 1,000,000/=, student Ph.D. proposal is 250,000/=, and student Master's proposal is 150,000/=.** When applying, state the category of application in the covering letter. Staff and students are urged to apply for research grants available from other donors/funders.

While formatting adhere to: UK English version of spelling, **1.5-spacing**, 2.5 cm margins, left and right hand side justification, Tabbed-in paragraphs, font size 12, Times New Roman font type, Printing back to back on each paper; System International Units, and 20-30 pages length. References should be placed in the text as follows: One author: (Matano, 2006). Two authors: (Turop and Onjiko, 2005). More than two authors: (Ouma et al., 2004). More than one reference: (Mwaniki, 2006; Tanui and Njue, 2005; Omari et al., 2004).

References should be arranged in alphabetical order at the end of each proposal using the following format:

- For books: Author(s). Year. Title of book. Publisher. Place. E.g. Marriot, N. (1999). Principles of Food Sanitation. Aspen Publishers Inc. Gaithersburg, USA. 600 pp.
- For a paper in a book: Author(s). Year. Title of paper. *In*: Names of editor(s) starting with initials (ed.) or (eds.). Title of book. Publisher. Place. Pp. E.g. Babich, H. and Stotzky, G. (1983). Metal ions in the aquatic environment. *In*: J.O. Nriagu (Ed.). Aquatic Toxicity. Wiley Interscience, New York, USA, pp. 1-46.
- For periodicals/journals: Author(s). Year. Title of article. Title of periodical/journal. Volume: page numbers. E.g. Reid, D.S., Kotte, K., Kilmartin, P. and Young, M. (2003). A new method for accelerated shelf-life prediction for frozen foods. *J. Sci. Food Agric.* 83:1018-1021.

All Department/Section Heads are requested to communicate this Call to their staff and postgraduate students.

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