

SECOND MMUST INTERNAL CALL TO SUPPORT INNOVATIVE PROJECTS

As a follow up to the 2020/21 successful call which had 17 concepts supported with 9 prototypes with potential IPs generated to-date, the Division of Planning, Research and Innovation invites concepts for the 2nd UIF call. The theme of the call is “**Support of Innovation with Potential Startups**”. The Innovation should in the long run have the potential of commercialization, in line with MMUST mandate as a University of Science, Research and Innovation, the Big 4 agenda and the 4th Industrial revolution.

This call is open to staff, students and members of the community working with MMUST staff members.

Expected Impact

Projects to be funded by the University Innovation Fund (UIF) are expected to develop new product or service that addresses the Big 4 Agenda in Kenya. As a product, it should exhibit originality and capability of upscaling it to meet the demands of our Nation. As a service, a business component should be clearly spelt out with the advantages that make the service unique. A sustainability component/ Income generation aspect will be an added advantage.

Call Time-Lines

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1	The Call	11 th August 2021
2	Deadline for Submission of application	10 th September 2021
3	Information on Evaluation results of application	1 st October, 2021
4	Oral defense of the Selected Application	7 th and 8 th October, 2021
5	Information on the Oral defense of the Evaluation	15 th October, 2021
6	Award of funds	21 st October, 2021

Budget

The budget should be of not more than **KShs. 400,000/-** which will be awarded based on the concept assessment report, the oral defense and justification of the project viability.

Application Requirements

1. Applications in soft and hard copies to be submitted to The Deputy Vice Chancellor (PR&I) and an electronic copy to directorspiic@mmust.ac.ke and dvc-pri@mmust.ac.ke
2. Applicants who already have prototype can equally apply with a detail description of how the prototype will contribute to the Big 4 Agenda
3. Not more than three (3) pages Concept Notes with full description of the project should include: Title of the project, Introduction, Objectives, Hypothesis, Methodology, Possible Outputs
4. A time frame for execution of the project
5. Supporting documents if it is a prototype which needs improvement.
6. A no conflict letter from the co-innovators signed where the concept has more than one participant to allow the leader spearhead the project.

7. The Applicant should be a staff of MMUST, student or community member under the mentorship of a staff of MMUST.
8. A staff can submit up to 2 concepts individually or in collaboration.
9. Where a staff is eligible to collaborate, he or she should be an expert in the project area of innovation.

Evaluation

1. Clarity of the innovation component and how it will be developed.
2. Originality in line with the Big 4 agenda & the MDG crucial to the respective School
3. The critical nature which the prototype or service intends to address.
4. Leverage and value addition of the technology to be developed to the already existing ones.
5. Strength of the project leader in their area of R& D

Thank you.

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Rev. Prof. Achoka J.S.K
Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor (PR&I)