



**CALL FOR PROPOSAL FOR 2026 TETFund SPONSORED INSTITUTION BASED
RESEARCH GRANT (FUNAAB-IBR-01-2026)**

1. Preamble

The Tertiary Education Fund (TETFund) sponsored INSTITUTION BASED RESEARCH (IBR) FUND is aimed at promoting research in public tertiary institutions (Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education). It has over the years served to challenge FUNAAB Academics towards aggressive, cutting-edge research & 'grantsmanship'. There is no restriction in the thematic areas of research to be funded under IBR. Hence, researches in Science & Technology, Engineering, Natural & Applied Sciences, Arts, Humanities, etc. are eligible for funding. However, IBR is poised to encourage multi-disciplinary research through grants award of between ₦4.0 million and ₦5.0 million in cash and aids.

2. Eligibility for FUNAAB-IBR-01-2026

Every academic staff in the University is eligible, except those currently leading a TETFund Supported grant. The following conditions also apply:

- ✓ Research must be multidisciplinary.
- ✓ Research must be relevant to the mandates, vision and mission of the University.
- ✓ Research must have National focus and address clear global challenges.
- ✓ Research proposals **must necessarily be pre-reviewed by the College Review Committees** while only certified ones may be developed to full proposal before submission to DRIP.
- ✓ In case of Research proposals cutting across two or more Colleges, Report of the Review Committee from the College of the Principal Investigator must be attached.
- ✓ Evidence of previous Research conducted and grants won will be an added advantage.
- ✓ Staff of FUNAAB who are members of the College Review Committees are not eligible to apply for the FUNAAB IBR in the year of their service in the Committee.
- ✓ A staff cannot be a member of more than two research teams.

3. The Granting Process

The following procedure would be adopted in selecting the winning proposal (details in Annex 1 & 3)

- i. **COLLEGE REVIEW:** All Research Proposals must have been screened by the College/Institute/Directorate Review Committees before submission to DRIP. The evidence of such review must be attached to the proposal.
- ii. **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:** Proposals submitted after the deadline and those that do not follow the specified format (see annex 2) nor meet the eligibility criteria will be rejected. The Principal Investigator will be notified of reasons for rejection at this stage.
- iii. **TECHNICAL REVIEW:** All proposals that pass the Administrative Review stage will be subjected to Technical Review by panels of seasoned academics that will be assembled based

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on the Technical content of the proposals. Thereafter, all Principal Investigators will be notified of the outcome of the Technical Review.

- iv. The final decisions on the Proposals to be recommended to TETFund for funding will be based on the outcome of this process and subject to budgetary provisions.
- v. **Note: Approval at the Institution level does not necessarily translate to approval at the TETFund level; final approval is dependent on the outcome of the screening by the Ad-hoc committee of TETFund.**

4. Monitoring and Evaluation

Funds would be recommended for disbursement in three tranches subject to satisfactory evidence of full compliance to the project execution schedule in the proposals and strict adherence to implementation time table. This would be closely monitored by DRIP, and failure to meet up with expectations may lead to termination of contract for the award.

5. Right and Integrity

Contractual agreements to be prepared by the **DRIP in conjunction with University Legal Team** are expected to be endorsed both by Director, DRIP and the Principal Investigators of grant winning teams.

6. Mode of Application

All eligible researchers are hereby called to click on the link at <https://ibr.drip.funaab.edu.ng> and submit soft copies of their proposals and evidence of College reviews.

7. Deadline for Application

All applications for this call (FUNAAB-IBR-01-2026) must submitted on or before April 16, 2026.

NB: This is steps for all Applicants*

1. Visit the DRIP Website.

2. Access Your Account:

Log in if you already have an account, or register to create a new account.

3. Select a Call for Proposals:

Browse available calls and choose the one of interest.

4. Complete the Application Form:

Fill in the required details accurately and upload all necessary supporting documents before submission.

5. Monitor Application Status:

Regularly check your dashboard or email for updates and feedback regarding your application.

6. Review Application Outcome:

Access and review the evaluation results once available.

7. Submit Additional Information (If Successful):

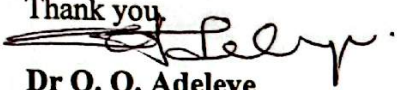
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If your application is successful, provide any additional required information and supporting documents within the stipulated timeframe

Proposals must include (but not limited to) the following (see Annex 2 for format):

- A. A detail Research Proposal to include the following:
- ✓ Project Title (preferably not more than 20 words)
 - ✓ Executive summary of the project (not more than 250 words)
 - ✓ Researchers' experience, on-going projects (if any) related to the proposed research project (not more than 250 words)
 - ✓ Introduction (not more than 1000 words)
 - ✓ Problem Statement/Justification (not more than 500 words)
 - ✓ Objectives of the study (not more than 250 words)
 - ✓ Literature review (not more than 2500 words)
 - ✓ Methodology – should include description of study area/site/subjects/respondents, data collection and data analysis.(not more than 4000 words)
 - ✓ Results/Expected outputs (not more than 250 words)
 - ✓ The relevance of the research work to Local, National, and International environmental and/or socio-economic conditions. (not more than 250 words)
 - ✓ Work plan/Time frame (state activity by activity in the form of a GANTT chart)
 - ✓ Budget (Provide a budget break-down by activity/line item)
 - ✓ References (not more than 250 words)
- B. Time schedule for the research project (be specific). This TETFund supported grant is limited to **12 months**. What the proponents seek to achieve in this period must be clear from the proposal.
- C. A detailed budget for eligible expenses under the following broad headings:
- **Required Personnel** (This is limited to staff dedicated to the project such as: laborers, field assistants, research assistants etc. Note that you cannot charge fees or staff time in respect of academic staff of FUNAAB or other relevant institutions involved in the project)
 - **Travel and subsistence** (Note that accommodation and subsistence should be in line with relevant FUNAAB extant rules and regulations. Other travel expenses such as communication, fueling, vehicle hire should be based on the actual costs incurred on the field trip.
 - **Equipment:** Each required equipment needs must be justified in the proposal. This need to include a statement that: "The Principal Investigator attests that this piece of equipment is not currently available in a functional form in any units of FUNAAB"
 - **Miscellaneous Expenses** This should not exceed 10% of total project budget.
- D. Curriculum Vitae of each of the researchers stating the relevance of each individual to the project.

Thank you


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INSTITUTION BASED RESEARCH (IBR) RESEARCH PROPOSAL TEMPLATE/FORMAT

Principal Research/Investigator
<i>Name:</i>
<i>Institution:</i>
<i>Department:</i>
<i>Telephone No.:</i>
<i>E-mail Address:</i>
Co-Research(s) (if any)
1. <i>Name:</i>
2. <i>Name:</i>
Project Title:
Executive Summary:
Introduction:
Problem Statement/Justification:
Objective(s) of the Study:
Literature Review:
Methodology (should include description of study area/site/subjects, data collection and data analysis):
Results (expected outputs/Results):

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Work Plan/Time Frame (provide activity by activity in the form of a GANTT Chart):
Budget (provide a budget break-down by activity/line item):
References:

Signature of Principal Researcher:

Signature of Chairman ICR:

Signature of Head of Department:

Signature of Head of Institution:

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