



# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## THE APPLICATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN CULTURAL HERITAGE NRF001/2025

The National Research Fund (NRF) is pleased to announce **a call for proposals on “AI in cultural heritage:** The integration of AI into conservation of cultural heritage in Kenya.”

The call on Artificial Intelligence for Cultural Heritage invites submissions of proposals from researchers, professionals, and practitioners interested in advancing the use of AI in cultural heritage conservation. This call seeks to promote interdisciplinary research on both tangible and intangible heritage, utilizing AI models, tools, and methodologies for conservation, study, and broader public access to cultural heritage (CH). In addition to exploring the technical applications, the call focuses on ethical and sustainability issues, fostering a dialogue that include diverse stakeholder perspectives to create inclusive CH practices. The call seeks proposals that will encourage knowledge-sharing and the exchange of best practices among the cultural heritage and the computing community, with the aim of building synergies with related initiatives. NRF welcomes proposals contributing to the national growth of AI applications in cultural heritage.

Applicants are requested to submit proposals for research projects with the potential to leverage AI research to document and preserve Kenya’s cultural heritage. The call seeks innovative proposals that integrate AI with cultural Heritage expertise to address critical challenges and unlock new opportunities in the cultural domain. The focus is on fostering interdisciplinary approaches that combine technology with cultural preservation and advancement.

Submitted proposals must be timely, with rapid implementation timelines to facilitate the generation of valuable outcomes. The budget available for this call is **KES. 15 million**. Five projects will be funded, up to a maximum of **KES. 3 million for a period of twelve (12) months**. Interested applicants can access the call guidelines, application template and other useful information at [www.nrf.go.ke](http://www.nrf.go.ke).

All applications for this call must be submitted by **14<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. Applications can only be on the official application template. Applications should be submitted to NRF through [grants@nrf.go.ke](mailto:grants@nrf.go.ke). **Contact details:**

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