



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS:

### POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH GRANTS - NRF001/2026

The National Research Fund (NRF) is a statutory body established under the Science, Technology and Innovation Act, 2013, with a mandate to mobilize resources and facilitate research for the advancement of science, technology, and innovation for national development.

NRF invites applications for **Postgraduate Research Grants** for the 2025/2026 Financial Year. This **national research call** is a strategic intervention aimed at strengthening Kenya's Science, Technology, and Innovation (ST&I) ecosystem by supporting high-quality postgraduate research that contributes to innovation, evidence-based policymaking, and inclusive national development in line with the Government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Bona fide Kenyan postgraduate students registered in public or private universities in Kenya are eligible to apply. The grant will support **only** the research component of Master's or doctoral degree training programmes, focusing on projects that address national development priorities.

A successful **doctoral** research project will be funded up to a maximum of Kenya Shillings Two Million (**Ksh 2,000,000**) for a period not exceeding **three (3) years**, while a successful **Master's** research project will be funded up to a maximum of Kenya Shillings Five Hundred Thousand (**Ksh 500,000**) for a period of **one (1) year**.

Interested postgraduate students wishing to apply for this national grant call should read the detailed guidelines on the NRF website: [www.nrf.go.ke](http://www.nrf.go.ke) and submit their applications **STRICTLY** through the NRF Grants Management System at: <https://grantsportal.nrf.go.ke>.

The deadline for submission of research proposals is **6<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at **23:59hrs EAT**. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

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