



NETWORK OF UGANDAN RESEARCHERS AND RESEARCH USERS (NURRU)

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

NURRU is calling for the third round of research proposals for 2008. Funding is from the Department for International Development (**DFID**) under the Civil Society Umbrella Programme (**CSUP**).

The National Policy Research (NPR) priority areas for 2008 are:

- 1. Environment**
- 2. Agriculture**
- 3. Science and Technology**

Interested applicants should note the following:

1. Obtain research proposal guidelines from the NURRU Secretariat. Requests can also be made through e-mails.
2. The research proposals to be submitted should focus on only one of the above priority areas.
3. Each proposal should be submitted by a team of 2 researchers.
4. Only one proposal should be submitted per team.
5. Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.
6. Proposals submitted beyond the deadline will NOT be received.

Deadline for submission is **Friday, 18 July 2008**, at **5:00 p.m.**

For further details please contact:

**The Executive Director,
NURRU.**

Plot 4A, Kimera Road, Ntinda.

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**GUIDELINES TO WRITERS OF RESEARCH PROPOSALS
FOR THE
NETWORK OF UGANDAN RESEARCHERS AND
RESEARCH USERS (NURRU)
RESEARCH COMPETITIONS**

JUNE 2008

INTRODUCTION:

The Network of Ugandan Researchers and Research Users (NURRU), was formed in 1994. It is a registered non – governmental organization (NGO) whose fundamental aim is to spearhead demand – driven, participatory, action – oriented research and research output utilization to address some of the poverty and socio- economic problems in Uganda. NURRU follows the Multi- annual, Multi – disciplinary Research Program (MMRP) model, which emphasizes three main principles; (i) demand – driven, participatory and action – oriented research, (ii) capacity development in research, (iii) dissemination and use of locally generated research findings to solve local problems. NURRU has gradually developed skills in managing research, and its strategic competences are embedded in its values and approach to participatory research utilization. NURRU’s research approaches involve customization of research processes to peoples’ needs and problems, capacity building for research and utilization, and, advocacy and networking.

OBJECTIVES OF NURRU:

The objectives of NURRU are;

- i. To promote demand-led, participatory and action-oriented research at the local level essential for local development.
- ii. To stimulate the dissemination and use of locally generated research findings in policy formulation and implementation.
- iii. To strengthen relevant local research capacity.

NURRU RESEARCH GRANTS:

NURRU is currently receiving the third round of research proposals since 2006, when it accessed funding from the Department for International Development (**DFID**), under the Civil Society Umbrella Programme (**CSUP**).

GRANTS PROCEDURE AND ELIGIBILITY:

1. The applicant should submit four (4) sets of completed proposals with all the supporting documents to:

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2. Senior and junior academics and professionals from academic, research, government, NGOs, private sector and other institutions, experienced or inexperienced, citizen and resident in all parts of Uganda, are eligible to participate in this competition.
3. The research proposals should have the following attachments:
 - (a) Letter of support from the collaborating institution (s). The letter should be written in the organization's letterhead. It should contain the following information: their approval of the proposed research project, their role and commitments to be undertaken on behalf of the applicant, and the information on how the applicants proposed research relates to their needs.
 - (b) Curriculum Vitae of the proponent(s), maximum of five pages.
 - (c) Proof of citizenship, i.e a copy of passport, certificate of naturalized citizenship, landed immigrant status, or birth certificate.
 - (d) For applicants who are students;
 - Proof of acceptance into recognized academic program.
 - Letter from a supervisor indicating plans on how she / he will provide guidance, direction and support to the students, information on why the applicant is a good candidate to implement the proposed research.
4. The research grants will be **Five (5) Million** Uganda Shillings only.
5. The disbursement of funds will be according to the following schedules:
 - 50% upon signing of the contract.
 - 50% at submission of the final research report.
6. Applicants are encouraged to secure funding from other sources if they see a need to do so.
7. No part of the grant may be spent on purchase of equipment, e.g computers.

8. The grants are to cover all the research – related expenditures.
9. Applicants will be subjected to review of a committee constituted for the purpose. The committee will evaluate the research proposals and submit the recommendations to the NURRU Executive Director.
10. Final decisions will be communicated to the successful applicants within two weeks, after the deadline for submission of the proposals.
11. NURRU shall own the copyright to the work and any of the publications which may result from the funded research projects.
12. The maximum length of the research proposal should not exceed 20 single – spaced pages.
13. Proposals must be submitted in English.
14. The successful researchers will participate in the Progress Review Workshop (to present the draft report), and the Dissemination Workshop (to present the final findings of the research), any other dissemination forum deemed necessary.
15. Instructions regarding specific items in the research proposal are listed below:
 - **Thematic areas:**
Specify one research thematic area.
 - **Duration of the Research project:**
The project completion date shall not be later than three (3) months from the date of signing the contract.
 - **Total Budget:**
The total budget should include portions to be funded from sources other than NURRU.
 - **Support from other sources:**
Indicate support from sources other than NURRU; specify whether the support is in cash or in kind.
 - **Research monitoring:** This will be done by the NURRU Secretariat.

PROPOSAL FORMAT:

1. Name of the project proponent and the Research Collaborator.
2. Contact Addresses (Tel, Email, Fax, Box no., etc) for the researchers.
3. Title of the Research
4. Research Site
5. Thematic Area
6. Duration of the research (Year, Month, Day)
7. Total budget and portions to be funded by NURRU and other sources.
8. The Research Proposal
9. Supporting Documents for the researchers (Curriculum Vitae, letter (s) of support from institutions of affiliation, etc.
10. Schedule of activities (proposed work plan)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- 1. Abstract:** This should be very brief (at most one page) defining the research problem, objective, methodology, credibility of researchers and their institutions of affiliations.
- 2. Introduction:** Background of the research problem, problem statement, objectives, Hypothesis or Research Questions, Significance of the study.
- 3. Literature Review:** This should link the study to previous research work. This section should bring out the gap in existing literature, which the research will cover.
- 4. Methodology (procedure):** This section should show what is to be done, where, why and how.
- 5. Expected Output:** Outputs can be research reports, manuals, workshops proceedings, etc.

- 6. Dissemination:** This section should provide a scheme for disseminating information about the project and its findings to the policy makers and the general public.
- 7. Budget and work plan:** Both the financial and time / activity budget should be well outlined.
- 8. References and / or Bibliographies:** For details.
- 9. Appendices:** These should include any other detail not shown in the main body of the proposal, for example questionnaires and other data collection instruments.

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