The National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI), is established under the Science, Technology and Innovation Act, 2013. It is mandated to regulate and assure quality in the Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I) priority areas for national development. The Fund has so far supported a total of 1,546 research and innovation projects throughout the country in both public and private institutions.

In order to have maximum impact, the grant has been structured to support specific targeted categories in line with the medium term plans. Some of the key strategic funding programmes the Commission has put in place are: support for Postgraduate research and Innovations across all sectors.

The Commission is pleased to invite eligible Postgraduate students and Innovators to submit their proposals for funding consideration during this 2015/2016 financial year for these highly competitive grants.

1) THE 7TH CALL FOR MSc/MA & PhD RESEARCH PROPOSALS

This is one of the key strategic funding programmes the Commission has put in place for capacity building. This programme is intended to support research projects across all Universities. It is envisaged that continued support of this programme will greatly contribute in generating adequate trained human resource required to drive the agenda of Kenya Vision 2030. To date, NACOSTI has funded a total of 433 PhD and 394 MSc/MA research projects across all Universities. It is envisaged that continued support of this programme will greatly contribute in generating adequate trained human resource required to drive the agenda of Kenya Vision 2030.

This research grant supports only the research component of the PHD and MSc degree programmes. Proposals to be submitted for consideration must have been defended and approved by the respective Universities. A letter from the respective Board of Postgraduate Studies/Schools must be attached as proof of University approval.

The successful PhD proposals will be funded up to a maximum of Kenya shillings one million two hundred thousand (Ksh 1,200,000) for a period not exceeding three (3) years while MSc/MA proposals will be up to a maximum of Kenya Shillings one hundred thousand (Ksh 100,000) for a period of one (1) year. Kenyans registered in foreign universities may apply but will be required to get affiliation in local institutions and must conduct their research work in Kenya.

2) THE 5TH CALL FOR INNOVATIONS

This programme is intended to contribute in generating adequate trained human resource required to drive the agenda of Kenya Vision 2030. To date, NACOSTI has funded a total of 125 innovation projects which have been funded, some of which have been completed and resulted in business start-ups for the innovators.

This is an opportunity for Innovators/Inventors and particularly the youths to participate in solving societal challenges and creating wealth. The ideas/inventions to be submitted should have a potential to lead into new ideas through the National agencies in charge of IPRs in the country. These include:- Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI), Copyright Board and Plant Breeders Rights office. Non-disclosure forms will be signed by the external reviewers who will be engaged to review submitted projects to enhance confidentiality.

The role of ST&I in socio-economic transformation is well recognized worldwide. The Kenya Vision 2030 is a critical mass of skilled manpower and innovation to accelerate socio-economic development.

The National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI) recognizes the critical role to be played by innovations in the country’s economic growth. Support of innovations in all sectors geared towards job creation and improving the quality of life is a priority programme. This programme is therefore aimed at nurturing creativity and harnessing the potential of innovations that are geared towards creating wealth and driving up the country’s economic growth. A letter from the respective Board of Postgraduate Studies/Schools must be attached as proof of University approval.

The successful innovation projects will be supported up to a maximum funding level of Kenya Shillings one million (Ksh 1,000,000). The project period should not exceed two (2) years.

3) HOW TO APPLY & SUBMISSION DEADLINE

All applications both in hard and soft copies to be submitted to the following Emails:-

• PhD and MSc/MA (postgraduates@nacosti.go.ke)

• Innovations (innovations@nacosti.go.ke)

Soft Copies of the applications to be submitted to the following Emails:-

PHD and MSc/MA (postgraduates@nacosti.go.ke)

Innovations (innovations@nacosti.go.ke)

NOTE:

• Any proposal that is being funded by other donors should not be submitted.

• Only original works should be submitted, plagiarism is highly discouraged and will lead to automatic disqualification.

• Successful applicants with research proposals using human participants and/or animals will only receive their funding after ethical approval by an accredited Institutional Ethics Review Committee.

• Applicants who have been funded under Endowment Fund with on-going projects are not eligible.

• People with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

• Female innovators are encouraged to apply.

• Postgraduate students from both public and private Universities are eligible.