



CALL FOR THE 2026/2027 UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FUND (URF) AND INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH FUND (IRF) APPLICATION

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) call for application for 2026/2027 University Research Fund (URF).

THE CALL IS IN THREE (3) CATEGORIES:

1. Open to all MMUST senior researchers to obtain preliminary data is applicable and aiming to apply for a **bigger grant**-a budget not exceeding KSH one million (KSH 1000000).
2. Open to junior or upcoming researchers (here meaning those that obtained their PhD in the last four years, or one is still an MSc or a PHD student) to cover some objective(s) of their work and with a proposal **aiming for a bigger grant application**- a budget not exceeding KSH 500000.
3. Open to MMUST Researchers within the following areas of specialization- a budget not exceeding KSH one million (KSH 1000000); (i) Cash crop growing and enhancement i.e., Coffee, Avocado etc. (ii) Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET), (iii) Inclusivity and Diversity (iv) Mental Health (v) Sustainable Aviation Fuel, (vi) Artificial Intelligence

NOTE

Successful applicants will receive the money in at least two instalments. The second and subsequent instalment(s) will be disbursed after submission of a progress report and clearance from the Grants Accountant's office.

The project must come to an end, be duly disseminated, and the final report submitted by 15th May 2027.

Applicants must include in their budget an item for **Monitoring and Evaluation**, where the respective cost centre will evaluate the work.

Only applicants who presented their proposals and concepts in the proposal writing workshops held every Thursday are eligible to apply.

Previously awarded URF/IRF proposals will not be considered.

For previous awardees, those who disseminated their findings at the MMUST conference and submitted reports of their previous URF and IRF awards are eligible.

Eligibility check

Before you begin filling the URF application, ensure you meet the following criteria.

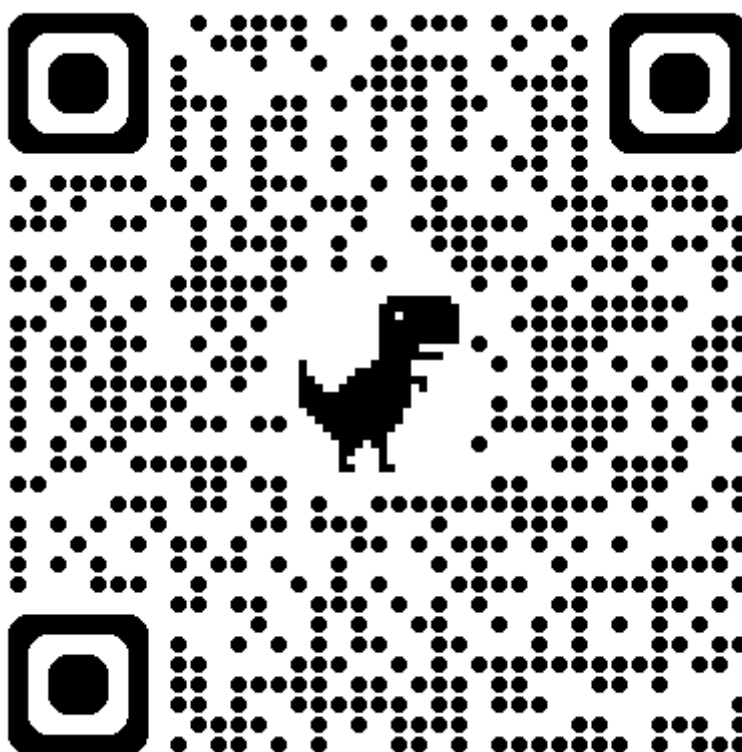
1. You must be a MMUST staff member with a valid P.F. Number or a registered student with a valid Registration Number.
2. You are eligible to serve as a Principal Investigator in only one application, either URF or IRF, but not both.
3. Your proposal must have been presented during the Thursday proposal-writing workshops held between July 2025 and the end of July 2026.

Added advantage

1. If your proposal has a multidisciplinary element, and adheres to diversity and inclusion considerations.
2. If you published paper(s) in a peer reviewed journal in accordance to the MMUST Publications Committee advice, you applied for a Patent, IP etc., or you have evidence of application or submission of your escalated proposal for a bigger grant, from your previous URF proposal(s).
3. Demonstration that you will escalate the URF proposal and apply for a bigger grant.
4. If your research profile is on MMUST website and is well positioned within MMUST Research themes (for MMUST staff only).

The call for application is on the MMUST website at the Directorate of Research and Postgraduate Support or can be accessed using the following: Link or QR Code

<https://directorrel.limesurvey.net/795769?lang=en&newtest=Y>



Submit your proposals by the 9th October 2026

For any other inquiries concerning the call, you can address it to urfirfcall2026@mmust.ac.ke and copy to directorrel@mmust.ac.ke

Certificate of Compliance

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, has been audited by KPMG Kenya and certified as working in compliance to the requirements of the Gold Tier of the ARS 1651:2018 Good Financial Grant Practice.