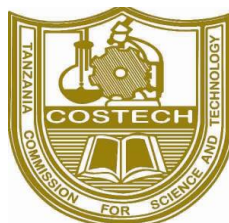


# **TANZANIA COMMISSION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (COSTECH)**



## **CALL FOR OPEN AND COMPETITIVE RESEARCH PROPOSALS**

### **MAIN THEME: POVERTY ALLEVIATION THROUGH THE USE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION & MOTIVATION**

The Tanzania Commission for Science & Technology (COSTECH) with the support of Sida of Sweden wishes to announce and call for submission of research proposals to be considered for funding for two years starting September, 2018. The Commission is cognizant of the pivotal role of research in socio-economic development and human wellbeing hence supported research should therefore be geared towards addressing National development agenda leading to improve people's livelihoods. COSTECH therefore through Sida funding has committed to harnessing the benefits of research and innovation using people-cantered, enabling environment, development agenda approach towards ensuring attainment of the Tanzania Development Vision 2025.

#### **2. REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The Proposal should be written in English following the format provided in our online submission template which can be accessed at COSTECH Research Website (CR Web system) available at [www.costech.or.tz](http://www.costech.or.tz)
- B. All applications should have a clear focus on poverty alleviation development and initiatives as reflected in the Second Five Year Development Plan
- C. The Applicant(s) should be Tanzanian researchers from either Tanzania mainland or Zanzibar engaged in local public and private higher learning, R&D institutions and/or industry.
- D. The Principal Investigator (PI) should hold a doctorate degree. He/she should demonstrate competence in the applied area of research with at least one publication as the principal author appearing in an indexed journal.

### **3. SUBMISSION PROCEDURES**

- A. The Principal Investigator (PI) shall submit their proposals to COSTECH no later than **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at 23:59 hrs (EAT)**
- B. Only online submissions will be accepted through an application form using COSTECH Research Website (CR Web system) available at [www.costech.or.tz](http://www.costech.or.tz).
- C. All sections should be dully filled otherwise it will not be considered for evaluation.
- D. Applicants are required to adhere to the formatting instructions on CR web system.
- E. The text in the form should be typed using Times New Roman font size 12 and 1.5-spaced, excluding appendices if any.
- F. Endorsed letter by the head of host institution, a letter from collaborating institution if any and Curriculum Vitae (CVs - max 2 pages) of team members should be compiled and sent as separate documents (attachments)

### **4. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Applications received before the deadline **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at 23:59 hrs (EAT)** and considered by COSTECH to be compliant with the requirements set out in this Call will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

- Scientific and technical merit of the PI and the research team;
- Novelty and originality
- Scientific quality of the Proposal
- Relevance to the call
- Possibility of making impact to the Tanzanian Society
- Multidisciplinary and gender aspect inclusion
- Capacity building/ mentoring/ coaching
- Feasibility of the entire project

### **5. BUDGET**

Project budgets should include projected expenses per budget category such as laboratory work/facilities, subsistence allowance/salary, accommodation, transport, consumables, publication, equipment amounting and capacity building.

The maximum funding will not exceed **TZs 70,000,000 (seventy million Tanzanian shillings)** for a duration of two years. Expenses for traveling and per-diems should not exceed 20% of the whole budget.

The research funds will be disbursed in installments following comprehensive reporting of research implementation progress. The budgets summary should be itemized and well justified for each year of implementation. The PI through his/her head of the affiliated Institution will be responsible for both the technical and financial reporting of the projects during implementation.

A total of not more than **30 research projects** will be awarded under this Call.