



# KAIMOSI FRIENDS UNIVERSITY (KAFU)

Directorate of Research, Innovation and Outreach (DRIO)

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## KAFU INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING 2025/2026

### Call for Research Proposals

Kaimosi Friends University (KAFU), through the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Outreach (DRIO), is pleased to announce the Call for Research Proposals for the 2025/2026 Financial Year. This competitive fund supports innovative, multidisciplinary, and impactful research aligned with the University's vision, mission and national and global development priorities.

### 1. Background

KAFU is committed to fostering a vibrant research culture. The University Research Fund provides seed grant/support to faculty to conduct research that advances knowledge, drives innovation, and addresses societal challenges.

### 2. Priority Research Areas

- Agriculture, Food Security, and Agroecology
- Health, Life Sciences, and Biotechnology
- Climate Change, Environment, and Natural Resource Management
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Innovations
- Social Sciences, Humanities, and Education
- Entrepreneurship, Trade, and Sustainable Development

### 3. Eligibility

- All full-time staff are eligible to apply as Principal Investigators (PIs) or Co-Investigators.
- Applicants can submit a maximum of one (1) proposal as the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Applicants who submit a proposal as the PI can only appear as Co-PI in a maximum of one (1) proposal

- Applicants can only appear as Co-PIs in a maximum of two (2) proposals provided they have not submitted a proposal as a PI.
- Collaborations: Interdisciplinary and inter-departmental collaborations are encouraged.

#### **4. Funding Limit**

The maximum requested budget should be up to KES 300,000

#### **5. Application Guidelines**

##### **5.1 Proposal structure**

Proposals must include:

- Title
- Thematic area (Choose from call priority areas)
- Total budget requested
- Principal Investigator: Name/Department/Designation/Email
- Abstract (max 300 words)
- Introduction
- Objectives and questions/hypotheses
- Methodology
- Expected Outputs/Outcomes
- Work Plan and timelines (include key milestones)
- Budget (itemized, described and justified)
- References
- Ethical considerations
- Alignment with SDGs and national priorities
- Annexes: Team composition and expertise (Provide CVs (max. 2 pages each) of the PI and Co-Investigators, highlighting relevant expertise and prior research.

##### **5.2 Formatting requirements**

- Length: Maximum 6 pages (Excluding references and annexes)
- Font: Times New Roman, 12pt
- Spacing: 1.5
- Referencing style: APA
- File format: PDF

## 6. Submission Procedure

Submit proposals electronically in PDF to [drio@kafu.ac.ke](mailto:drio@kafu.ac.ke) and Cc [vshikuku@kafu.ac.ke](mailto:vshikuku@kafu.ac.ke)

Subject line: KAFU Research Fund Proposal 2025/2026.

Deadline: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 5:00 p.m. EAT.

## 7. Review and Selection

Proposals undergo a two-stage evaluation process:

1. Administrative screening for compliance with guidelines.
2. Peer review by subject based on originality, scientific merit, methodology, feasibility, and potential impact. Final decisions are made by the University Research Board (URB).

## 8. Deliverables and Reporting

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Sign a Grant Agreement with KAFU
- Submit progress report within 6 months of the award
- A final report before the close of 2025/2026 FY
- At least one publication or equivalent output (patent or innovation).
- Present at the Annual KAFU Research Dissemination Seminars and/or internal/external Conference.

## 9. Key Dates

- Call Release: September 2025
- Submission Deadline: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- Review & Notification: October 2025
- Project Start: November 2025

## 10. Contact Information

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