



## Call for applications for Elective Research Grant for Next Generation Non-Communicable Diseases Research Leaders in Tanzania

### Background

Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) is calling for potential applicants from all medical universities in Tanzania to apply for Undergraduate elective research grant. This call targets Undergraduate students with research projects focusing in addressing NCD research gaps and advancing knowledge on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in Tanzania. MUHAS in collaboration with Tanzania Diabetes Association (TDA) will provide undergraduate elective sponsorship of up to one million (1,000,000) Tanzania shillings, and the awards will be given to up to Ten (10) successful applicants. The support in addition to help addressing the dearth of knowledge and local evidence on NCDs in the country, it is also geared at generating the next generation of NCDs researchers in Tanzania.

Applicants should submit full research proposals in a topic related to NCDs that addresses some of the gaps listed in the National NCDs Research Agenda (see Annex 1 for the themes in the national research agenda).

### Requirement

1. The proposal should be in English and must follow the MUHAS format for writing research proposal (available at this [link](#))
2. The proposal should clearly aim at addressing gaps in the National NCDs Agenda (annex 1) and be able to be completed by July, 2023
3. Proposals will be evaluated for originality, impact and for the feasibility of completion within a stated time frame
4. The proposal should have a clear dissemination and publication plan



5. Realistic budget and budget justification
6. Progress report submission after every three months upon receipt of funds

**Eligibility criteria:**

1. Applicants must be Undergraduate students pursuing degree of Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, dentistry and other health related fields from any recognized university in Tanzania.
2. The applicants must have at least 12 months of working on the project before completion of their studies
3. The applicants must demonstrate interest in building their research skills and joining efforts in combating the raising burden of NCDs.

**Applications:**

The application for this sponsorship should be accompanied with the following documents:

Application cover letter:

1. Application cover letter
2. Introduction letter from the Dean of a respective School/unit.
3. One letter of support from potential academic supervisor

**Assessment plan for proposals:**

There will be a two-tier assessment:

- 1) Document review of all proposal to select those that have fulfilled the minimum criteria.
- 2) Secondary review to select best ten proposals eligible for the award

**Submission process:**

Apply through the link below;

<https://forms.gle/fb58CYBWgzt41s6HA>

For queries contact phone: +255 654 010 887 (Dr Davis Amani)

Open Date (Earliest Submission Date): May 13, 2022

**Deadline for Application is Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 5:00pm**

**P.S NO APPLICATION WILL BE PROCESSED IF RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE**



## **Annex 1: Themes in the NCD Research Agenda**

Theme 1: Burden of NCDs

Theme 2: Risk factors for NCDs

Theme 3: Enabling environment

Theme 4: Health systems

Theme 5: Innovative and implementation research for NCDs

Theme 6: Multisectoral approach in addressing NCDs and their related comorbidities