

Junior Faculty Small Grants Program



Program Overview

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Eligibility & Requirements

To be eligible to apply, the applicant must be one of the following:

- Tutorial Assistants at MUHAS
- Assistant Lecturers and Lecturers at MUHAS
- Medical Officers at the Tanzania Red Cross Society

In your application submit the following documents:

1. **Cover Letter** (max 1 page, font size 11)
 - a. Provide a brief narrative of your background/qualifications, necessity of the project to study site, mentorship plan, and how project fits into your current career goals
2. **Project Proposal** (max 3 pages, excluding references, font size 11)
 - a. Should include background, proposal aims and their relevance to the partner/project site, methodology/analytic plan, outcomes of interest, proposed timeline, and anticipated budget (itemized)
3. **Curriculum Vitale** (max 2 pages, font size 11)
4. **One Letter of Recommendation from faculty mentor/advisor**
5. **One Letter of Support or Project Endorsement from your project site or community partner** (as applicable)
6. **Copy of IRB approval or plan for obtaining IRB approval** (if required for your project)

The application deadline is **December 15, 2023**. Apply by submitting your documents to empowertz@muhas.ac.tz

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General

1. Objective

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2. Eligibility (Applicants must be currently affiliated with MUHAS)

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3. Requirements

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4. Amount

- a. Up to \$3,000

5. Expectations if Awarded

- a. Necessary IRB/ethics approval prior to data collection
- b. Mid-award cycle project update in the form of a written report (template to be provided)
- c. Written summary (report) and oral presentation at EMPOWER-TZ annual symposium

- d. Acknowledgement of EMPOWER-TZ grant in all project presentations and/or publications
- e. Completion of project within 24 months of award date

Criteria for Evaluating Proposals

- Relevance to the study site (i.e., project seeks to address issues of importance to the study site)
 - Clear research questions/objectives
 - Feasibility and sustainability of research objectives within the context and potential constraints of study site
 - Rigorously developed methodologies for data collection and analysis
 - Relevant research experience
 - Strong letter(s) of support from mentors
- Multidisciplinary proposals are encouraged

Submission

- Please direct all questions to the JHGSi email (empowertz@muhas.ac.tz)
- Please merge all application materials into a **single PDF file** and submit the application as an email attachment to the JHGSi email (empowertz@muhas.ac.tz). Letters of support may be included as part of the single PDF attachment or emailed separately by the letter's author (per mentor/mentee preference)