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Call for Proposals: MUHAS-Sida Research Seed Grants (2025/2026)

**FOR JUNIOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH**

**Submission Deadline:
30th April, 2026**

1. BACKGROUND

The Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), in collaboration with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), is pleased to announce a Call for Proposals for the **MUHAS-Sida Seed Grant for 2025/2026**.

This seed grant is designed to support research across **all disciplines** within the university. The grant aims to bridge the gap for early-career academicians by providing funds to refine research skills, and build track records necessary for securing larger grants.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CALL

The primary objective is to build research capacity among junior MUHAS faculty members. Specifically, the call aims to:

- **Generate Pilot Data:** Enable researchers to collect preliminary evidence to support future large-scale grant applications.
- **Enhance Grantsmanship:** Provide junior faculty with practical experience in proposal writing, budget management, and project implementation.
- **Foster Mentorship:** Encourage multidisciplinary collaboration where junior faculty are mentored by senior researchers.

3. FUNDING INFORMATION

A maximum of twelve projects will be funded under this call, each up to TZS 20,000,000 and running up to 18 months from date of award.

- **Allowable Costs:** Funding may cover fieldwork, data collection, consumables, equipment ($\leq 20\%$ of total budget), and dissemination costs.
- **Exclusions:** This grant does not cover tuition fees, major capital projects, or institutional overheads.

4. SCOPE AND PRIORITY AREAS

This call is open to **all research themes**; Proposals are welcome from all Schools Institutes, and Directorates at MUHAS. Projects may cover, but are not limited to:

- Basic and Biomedical Sciences
- Clinical Medicine and Surgery
- Public Health and Epidemiology
- Implementation Science and Health Systems Research
- Traditional Medicine, Drug discovery and Development
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

Note: Multidisciplinary projects that combine different fields (e.g., Clinical Medicine and Social Science) are highly encouraged.

5. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

To ensure the grant targets capacity building effectively, eligibility is restricted to the following ranks:

- **Lead Principal Investigator (PI):** Must be a MUHAS faculty member (including honorary staff) at the rank of Tutorial Assistant, Assistant Lecturer, or Lecturer.
- **Preference:** Strong preference will be given to more junior faculty (Tutorial Assistants and Assistant Lecturers) to aid their career progression.
- **Mentorship Requirement:** The application must include a senior faculty member (Senior Lecturer or above) as a Mentor/Co-investigator to guide the junior PI.
- **Gender Balance:** Women applicants are highly encouraged to apply.

6. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Submit a single PDF and related details via the link. The Proposals should be concise and clearly articulate the research plan, should include the following sections:

1. **Title Page:** Project title, PI details, Mentor details, and School/Institute/Department.
2. **Abstract:** A brief overview of planned research (max 350 words)
3. **Background and Rationale:** Problem statement and significance of the study.
4. **Objectives:** Specific aims aligned with the budget and timeline.
5. **Methodology:** Study design, sampling, data collection, and analysis plan.
6. **Mentorship Plan:** A brief paragraph describing how the senior mentor will support the junior PI.
7. **Budget and Justification:** Detailed breakdown of costs up to TZS 20,000,000 (*Use this template*).
8. **Timeline:** A Gantt chart spanning no more than 18 months.
9. **Annexes:** CVs of the PI (max 4 pages each), Mentor commitment letter (max 1 page).

Format: The main proposal body (Sections 3–6) should not exceed 8 pages.

7. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be assessed based on:

- **Scientific Merit:** Clarity of research questions and methodology.
- **Feasibility:** Can the project be realistically completed within 18 months and the budget applied?

- **Capacity Building Potential:** Clear evidence of how this grant will advance the PI's career
- **Mentorship Strength:** Evidence of committed support from the senior mentor. **Budget**
- **Realism:** Cost-effectiveness and adherence to the ceiling.

8. APPLICATION PROCESS

Submission Deadline: 31st April, 2026.

Submission Method: Submit the complete proposal package (as a single PDF) to the Directorate of Research, Publication and Innovation through [this link](#)

9. KEY DATES

- **Call Open:** 08th April 2025
- **Submission Deadline:** 30th April, 2026
- **Review Period:** May– June 2026
- **Notification of Award:** Mid June 2026
- **Project Start Date:** Early August 2026 (Tentative)
- **Closure Date:** 1st December 2027 (Last Date)

Contact Information

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