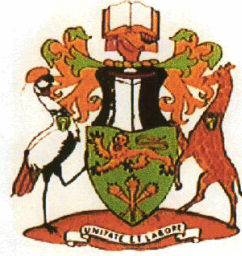




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UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

School of Economics WTO Chairs Research Grant

Call for Research Proposal

The WTO Chair at the University of Nairobi opens a call for Research Proposal for the University of Nairobi WTO Chair Awards, 2012 Edition.

About WTO Chairs Program

The WTO Chairs Program (WCP) seeks to enhance knowledge and understanding of the trading system among academics, citizens and policy makers in developing countries by stimulating teaching, research and public debate on international trade and trade cooperation at the level of tertiary education and research institutions.

The WCP provides financial support for a period of four years to academic institutions, and facilitates continuous interaction between institutions and individuals associated with the WCP, including through an internet-based platform of services and products. It also supports academic institutions and associated individual scholars from developing countries in the following areas: course preparation, teaching, research and information dissemination. The ultimate objective of the WTO Chairs Program is to strengthen the human and institutional capacities of universities from developing countries to support governments in the formulation of sound trade policies. The program also seeks, through the Chairs, to support and facilitate the involvement in the process of other relevant stakeholders, such as the private sector, non-state actors and civil society. Policies that are understood and supported by the public at large are far more likely to succeed than those which are simply imposed, whether by internal or external decision-makers.

One of the main objectives of WCP is to promote research focused on extending specialized knowledge and explaining the policy relevance of existing research. Institutions can support academic cooperation with other institutions of the WCP, in respect of possible joint research, cooperation arrangements on lecturing and visit exchanges.

About the University of Nairobi -WTO Chair program

The WTO is providing annual financial support to the UON for a period of four years to facilitate continuous interaction between the University and other national and international think-tanks. It provides financial support to the UON and associated individual scholars

towards their course preparation, teaching, research and outreach activities. This program is part of the technical assistance and training program that the WTO delivers, with a view to enhancing the quality and level of participation of developing countries in the multilateral trading system. As part of its research agenda, the WCP-UON organizes national conferences on trade related aspects, encourages and facilitates networking for Kenyan researchers, engages in capacity building and also funds research.

Call for Research Proposal

Proposals for research projects are hereby solicited from East African researchers on subject areas in line with the WTO mandates and objectives.

In particular, for the 2012 Edition, we welcome proposals addressing, the following themes:

- 1. Foreign Direct Investments**
- 2. Non-tariff measures to trade**
- 3. Trade in Services**
- 4. Global Economic and Financial Crisis**
- 5. Trade in Agricultural Commodities**
- 6. Non Agricultural Market Access (NAMA)**
- 7. Trade Negotiations**

Award

Awards for Research Grants are up to US\$5,000. A maximum of seven (7) Research Grants will be awarded after the review by a panel of experts.

Submission of Proposals

Proposals designed along the guidelines specified below should be submitted electronically to Prof. Tabitha Kiriti Nganga tkiriti@mail.uonbi.ac.ke or tkiriti@yahoo.co.uk and copied to Mr. Jasper Okelo jaokelo@uonbi.ac.ke or jasperokelo@yahoo.com

Important Dates

The deadline for submitting proposals is 31st July 2012. Selected researchers will be notified by 28th August 2012. A research dissemination workshop will be held on the 15th February 2013 and the final papers should be ready by the 10th of March 2013.

Requirements

It is expected that each proposal will include the following:

- **Background:** The policy context of the proposed research.
- **Objective(s):** A statement of the specific research objectives, the issues to be addressed, and the questions that would be answered.
- **Existing knowledge:** A brief review of the relevant literature, and previous research on the given topic. Also included should be the existing policy of the state of the research topic.
- **Proposed Methodology:** a description of the proposed research methodology – surveys, interviews, econometrics, including a discussion of data requirement and availability (and, where necessary, data collection strategy).
- **Results, value added, and policy relevance:** Anticipated results and how they might contribute to knowledge, future research and especially public policy

Interested Researchers should also submit the following:

- CVs of the researcher and that of the team members;
- Timeline of the proposed research, including a brief description of activities and timeline needed for each activity.

- Estimated budget including expenditure by major line item. Maximum budget per proposal should not exceed US\$ 5,000.