



Directorate of Research and Innovation

CALL FOR APPLICATION ON GRANT WRITING TRAINING.

1. Background

Sub-Saharan Africa continues to face a high burden of poverty-related diseases (PRDs) such as malaria, TB, HIV, and neglected tropical diseases. Despite notable progress, emerging and re-emerging diseases such as COVID-19, Ebola, and Dengue further strain regional health systems. In response to these challenges, the Eastern Africa Consortium for Clinical Research (EACCR3) is committed to building sustainable research capacity to conduct high-quality research and clinical trials in the region.

As a key partner in the EACCR3 consortium, the University of Rwanda plays a central role in building regional research capacity. Through the Mentorship and Training Work Package (WP3), the University of Rwanda is organizing a Regional Training on Scientific and Grant Writing for junior and mid-level researchers actively engaged in PRD research across East Africa.

2. Objective.

The main objective of the training is to strengthen the capacity of regional researchers in scientific and grant writing to enhance their ability to publish high quality research articles and secure competitive funding opportunities. The training will integrate practical sessions where participants actively be working on developing their grant proposals as per their respective groups under the guidance of experienced mentors, with individualized support.

Specific Objectives.

- To enhance participants' knowledge of the principles and structure of scientific manuscripts.
- To provide practical guidance on preparing competitive grant proposals.
- To improve understanding of the grant application process, including identifying funding opportunities.
- To foster regional collaboration in research and scientific writing.

3. Description

This 5days, in-person training workshop will focus primarily on grant writing, with participants working on real grant calls of interest. Each participating group will bring a specific call and research idea and develop a grant proposal throughout the training, under direct personalised mentorship.

The training combines interactive lectures, hands-on writing sessions, one-on-one mentorship, peer feedback, and case studies of successful winning grants proposal. By the end of the training, all teams are expected to submit fully developed proposals, thereby translating learning into action.

4. Financial support

The training is fully funded by EACCR3 project under the University of Rwanda. Selected participants from the EACCR3 network will receive support covering:

- Travel
- Accommodation
- Daily stipend
- Meals and refreshments during the workshop
- Training materials
- Certificate of participation

Rwandan participants will receive the following support:

- Meals and refreshments during the workshop
- Training materials
- Certificate of participation

5. Application Requirements

- Applications must be made by a group of 2-3 researchers.
- Each group must identify an active, relevant grant call to which they intend to respond.
- The group should come with a draft idea or concept that fits the selected call.
- The research topics have to be related to global/public health or healthcare.
- All group members must commit to attending the full 5days, in-person training in Kigali.

6. Required Documents for Application

Each group should submit:

1. A brief concept notes (max 1 page) outlining the proposed idea and the selected grant call.
2. CV of the group Team Lead.
3. A signed recommendation letter from their Institution. Allowing them to take part for the full 5-day training period.

7. Selection Criteria

A balanced representation from across the East African region will be ensured. Applications will be scored on:

- Problem statement (20 points)
- Research objectives (20 points)
- Methodology (20 points)
- Eligibility of team and project proposal to the grant (20 points)
- Profile and experience of team (20 points)

8. How to Apply and Key Dates

Interested teams are kindly requested to appropriately complete the online application form available at: <https://ggle.in/dB6Mz>

Deadline for application submission: **23/05/2025**

Notification of selected participants: **30/05/2025**

Training dates: **23-27/06/2025**

Venue: Nobleza Hotel, Kigali – Rwanda

9. For any additional information, Inquiries or clarifications.

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