

Application for Research Grant

The competition is opened only to MSc or PhD students who are currently enrolled in a graduate program in 2015 or graduating in 2016, 2017 or 2018. Undergraduates are not eligible.

Instructions: Completed application forms should be accompanied by an admission letter from the University, copies of degree and/or diploma certificates, transcripts and two letters of recommendation (one from either your supervisor or head of department).

Fill in the shaded fields. Use the TAB key on the keyboard or your mouse to move between fields.

Le formulaire peut être rempli soit en français, soit en anglais.

PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1. PERSONAL

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|-------------------------|-------|--|---------------------------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Surname | | | | Gender: | M <input type="checkbox"/> | F <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Given name(s) | | | | | | |
| Nationality: | | | Date of birth: YYYY/MM/DD | | | |
| Correspondence address: | City | | State | Country | Postal code | |
| | Email | | Telephone | | Cellular | |

2. EDUCATION AND TRAINING (*Post secondary only*)

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|--|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------|
| Current institution (name and country) | Period of study | | Major field of study | Degree |
| | mo/yr | mo/yr | | |
| Academic degrees | | | | |
| | Institution | Period of study mo/yr | Major field of study | Degree |
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3. OTHER STUDIES AND TRAINING

| Year (YYYY) | Duration (in weeks) | Place | Topic |
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4. WORKING EXPERIENCE

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| Current position | | | |
| Employing organisation: | | | |
| Your position: | | | |
| Starting Date: (DD/MM/YYYY) | | Permanent | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Temporary | <input type="checkbox"/> Finishing date: / / |
| Your research areas and responsibilities: | | | |
| Name and email of supervisor: | | | |
| Previous position | | | |
| Employing organisation: | | | |
| Your position: | | | |
| Starting Date: (DD/MM/YYYY) | | Permanent | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Temporary | <input type="checkbox"/> Finishing date: / / |
| Your research areas and responsibilities: | | | |
| Name and email of supervisor: | | | |

5. RESEARCH WORK TO DATE

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| Your research areas and responsibilities: | |
| Name and email of supervisor: | |
| Provide below full details of your own publications. Group them as journal publications (including manuscripts in preparation), conference papers, posters, reports and degree theses. Start with the most recent ones for each group. | |
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6. LANGUAGE SKILLS

| Mother tongue | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Language | Read | | Speak | | Write | |
| Skills | Easily | Not easily | Easily | Not easily | Easily | Not easily |
| English: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| French: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Portuguese | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

PART II - RESEARCH PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. SUMMARY OF PROJECT

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| Title of your project: | | | |
| Short summary of project: | | | |
| Link to national research priorities: | | | |
| Give 3 - 5 keywords for your project: | | | |
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2. SIGNATURES

Please **print** this first page. It must be signed by the Applicant and signed and stamped by the Head of national research institution. **Send** a scanned version of signed first page **together** with the filled in application form to IITA at and copy to .

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| Applicant's signature: | | Date: (DD/MM/YYYY) | |
| I, the Head of this Institution, declare: | | National Research Institution's official stamp: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the above research is relevant and linked to national research programs; • that the Institution supports this Application; and • That I have read this Application in its entirety. | | | |
| Head of Institution's signature: | | Date: (DD/MM/YYYY) | |
| Name, title and official position: | | | |

3. PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT

What is/are the problem(s) your research project seeks to address? - Provide a background and justification for your research. Identify relevant stakeholders and potential beneficiaries for your proposed project. Formulate your problem statement(s), citing references. **See guidelines**

What is the current state of scientific knowledge that your research is building on (globally as well as nationally and locally)? **See guidelines**

Publications/literature (provide full details of references – see guidelines)

State your scientific hypotheses or research objective/question(s)

State the expected outcomes of the project. How will your research results be relevant to improve food security? Might your research results be put into use, and if so how?

Summarize your research experience demonstrating your scientific competence, relevant to the proposed research.

4. FACILITIES - List facilities you will need for your research.

5. RESEARCH PLAN

Describe clearly the general structure and organisation of your research approach, including the following: specific details of groups, categories, individuals, organisms or compounds to be studied, description of the study site(s), experimental details and/or sampling design and methodologies used for data analysis and interpretation. **Please see the guidelines.**

6. PUBLICATION PLAN

Provide a list of potential articles and other publications from your thesis arranged in priority order.

Milestones and timelines

Time schedule for your research project

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| How long will your project last? | | months |
| When do you wish to start your project? | | (MM/YYYY) |

Chronological plan of activities: list each significant project activity and indicate when it will take place.

| Milestones | Starting date | Anticipated completion date |
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