

# TETFUND NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND (NRF) GRANTS FOR 2019: CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) wishes to inform the Nigerian research community in particular and the public in general that following the President's approval of N5 billion in April, 2019 from the 2018 TETFund Intervention Fund dedicated to funding applied research under its National Research Fund (NRF) programme, the Fund has reconstituted the National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Committee (NRFS&MC), which has the responsibility to, among others, screen research proposals and recommend awards of grants to deserving researchers. The new process of accessing the NRF grant involves this **Call for CONCEPT NOTE** from all interested researchers to be followed by the submission of full proposals by only those whose Concept Notes contain research projects that are considered fundable.

## 2. THEMATIC AREAS OF RESEARCH UNDER NRF

The twenty five prioritized thematic areas of research are, as presented below, in three categories: Humanities and Social Sciences; Science, Technology and Innovation; and Cross-Cutting.

Category 1	Humanities and Social Sciences
Thematic Area 1	National Integration and National Security
Thematic Area 2	Education and Training
Thematic Area 3	Economic Development
Thematic Area 4	History, Culture and Religion
Thematic Area 5	Languages, Literatures and Media
Thematic Area 6	Social Development and Welfare
Thematic Area 7	Population Studies
Thematic Area 8	Politics, Law and Governance
Thematic Area 9	Tourism
Thematic Area 10	Sports and Recreational Development
Thematic Area 11	Gender, Equity and Social Inclusion
Category 2	Science, Technology and Innovation
Thematic Area 12	Agriculture and Food Security
Thematic Area 13	Health and Social Welfare
Thematic Area 14	Transport
Thematic Area 15	Energy and Power

Thematic Area 16	IT, Computing & Telecommunications
Thematic Area 17	Space Science and Technology
Thematic Area 18	Geosciences
Thematic Area 19	Engineering
Thematic Area 20	Water & Sanitation

### Category 3

### Cross-Cutting

Thematic Area 21	Entrepreneurship & Wealth Creation
Thematic Area 22	
Thematic Area 23	Environment, Housing & Urban Development
Thematic Area 24	Resource Governance
Thematic Area 25	Science, Technology and Innovation System Management
	Cross-Cutting Issues in Sustainable Development Goals

The research focus of each thematic area is available online ([www.tetfund.gov.ng](http://www.tetfund.gov.ng))

## 3. CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES

The Call for Concept Note is also available online ([www.tetfund.gov.ng](http://www.tetfund.gov.ng)). Interested applicants are advised to visit the website for detailed guidance on the format of presentation and the evaluation process.

## 4. TIMELINE

The Concept Note, of not more than 1,500 words, should be submitted in 3 hard copies not later than 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 to:

The National Research Fund Secretariat  
 Department of Research and Development/Centres of Excellence (DR&D/CE)  
 Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund)  
 No 6 Zambezi Crescent  
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**Signed**

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