

A. LEADERS IN INNOVATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME - 2019

The Leaders in Innovation Fellowship (LIF) Programme is a collaborative programme between the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KENIA), the National Research Fund (NRF) and the Royal Academy of Engineering (RAEng)-UK. The programme is implemented under the umbrella of Kenya-UK Newton Fund Programme.

The purpose of the programme is to nurture Kenyan technological innovators and support commercialization of innovations. The programme entails capacity building on entrepreneurship and intellectual property right issues, as well as support for commercialization.

KENIA is inviting **researchers with technological innovations** and have developed or are in the process of developing business proposition for their innovations to apply for the Leaders in Innovation Fellowship Programme – 2019.

To apply for LIF Programme, innovators need to meet the following selection criteria.

- i. Be a Kenyan citizen;
- ii. Have a technological innovation based on research, from a technological field including but not limited to: agricultural technology, biotechnology, chemical engineering, civil engineering, electrical and electronic engineering, ICT, materials science, mechanical engineering, chemical and Biological sciences, and medical engineering.
- iii. Be affiliated to an institution - either a research institution, a university or an innovation/ incubation Centre;
- iv. The technological Innovation should have expected benefit(s) in line with Kenya's National Development Agenda, the Big Four Agenda.
- v. The primary application of the innovation **must NOT** be in defense or military sector.

Selected candidates will be invited to attend a two-week residential capacity building Programme in the UK sponsored by RAEng under the Newton Fund.

After the training, the candidates should submit their innovation business plans to KENIA within fourteen (14) days for evaluation and possible consideration to be granted a commercialization seed grant of up to a maximum of Kenya Shillings Five Million through their affiliate institutions for purposes of product development and commercialization of the innovation.

Interested persons should submit their applications online by signing in to the KENIA application link: <https://forms.gle/Vk5uaYzUTumG57TA9> or RAEng system: <https://www.raeng.org.uk/login>. The links can also be accessed through the website: www.innovationagency.go.ke.

The Closing Date for all Applications is **Friday, 27th September, 2019 at 5.00pm (East Africa Time)**

Leaders in Innovation Fellowship Programme Partners:

**B. NATIONAL INNOVATION AWARD - 2019**

The Kenya National Innovation Agency (KENIA) wishes to announce a call for the National Innovation Award – 2019. The purpose of the Award is to stimulate and encourage innovation in national priority areas. The Award therefore plays a critical role in strengthening the national innovative capacity through motivation, recognition and support of innovators. This year's call will focus on innovations in key areas of National Development Agenda, which will be as per the following themes:

Theme 1: Medical Technologies and Health Solution;

Theme 2: Built Environment and Housing Technologies;

Theme 3: Agricultural and Food technologies;

Theme 4: Energy Systems; and

Theme 5: Manufacturing, Engineering and ICT.

A Finalist will be selected in each thematic area. Each finalist will receive an Innovation Award worth Kenya Shillings Eight Hundred Thousand (KES. 800,000.00) through affiliate institutions for purposes of product development.

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