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HOW TO WRITE A FUNDABLE RESEARCH PROPOSAL

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INTRODUCTION

There are many sources for research grants within and outside the country. These sources include governmental, non-governmental and individual donors and funders. Each source may have its peculiar requirements for the award of research grants to individuals and groups of researchers depending on the motive of the grant and the expected use of the outcome of the project.

INTRODUCTION.....

The formulation of a good research proposal is a *sine qua non* for obtaining appropriate grant from any research grant awarding body. In this presentation, discussion will be built mainly around the requirements of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) for the award of research grants to individuals or groups of researchers in the Nigerian tertiary education system. Concentration will be on those issues deemed as making a research proposal grant-attracting

TITLE

The TITLE of the research proposal must be a concise descriptive essence of the intended project to be carried out

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Executive Summary should effectively cover the introduction, background to the project, statement of the problem, objectives and expected outputs. The innovative aspects and relevance of the study should be clearly summarised

PROJECT TEAM

It is absolutely essential that the research team is composed of such investigators as will provide the expected collaborative ability necessary to carry out the project. The team should have appropriate and relevant previous experience and the Principal Investigator must have record of previous work in the area of study.

Multidisciplinary teams have greater appeal.

PROJECT PROFILE

- Description of the project
- Problem statement
- Objectives

Here, the details of the project description, problem statement and the objectives to be achieved will be given in detail

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT

- Innovativeness
- Impact on current knowledge
- Expected benefits
 - Production of young experts
 - Value in postgraduate research training

STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Project location both geographical and institutional
- Project Collaboration profile (areas of specialisation and mix of project team)
- Methodology
 - Details with appropriate literature review
 - Currency of methods
 - Innovations
- Sustainability considerations (post funding)

TIME FRAME

- Period for the completion of the project with phases and time lines. For TETFUND grants, funded projects are expected to be completed within a period of 24 months.

ENVIRONMENT /OTHER SOCIAL ISSUES

- Environmental impact of the project
- Social impact of the project
 - Challenges expected and approach to their solutions
 - Contribution to social development of area of project and beyond

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- Human Resources
 - Team cognate experience
- Equipment and materials
 - Available infrastructure
 - Available equipment on ground and functioning
 - Access to other facility within the vicinity of the project locus
 - Gaps to be filled
 - Other support facilities
- Financial Budgeting
 - Cost sharing

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS contd

- Institutional contribution
- Other sources of financial resources (commitment?)
- Expected funding from TETFUND with all necessary details and costing (within the limits of advertised limits)
 - Personnel costs (allowances, travels, etc)
 - Equipment costs (laboratory and non-laboratory)
 - Cost that may be incurred for use of facilities outside the location of the project

APPROVALS (ETHICAL COMMITTEE)

- Approvals by Co-Researchers/Collaborators
- Approval by Institution's Ethical Committee (where necessary)
- Approval of the Head of the Institution

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

- Relevance to current national and global social/academic/professional inclinations

CONCLUSION

- FUNDS FOR RESEARCH ARE AVAILABLE OUT THERE
- WE NEED TO INCREASE OUR CAPACITY TO ACCESS THE FUNDS
- IT IS HOPED THAT THIS PRESENTATION AND OTHERS SLATED FOR THIS WORKSHOP MIGHT HELP IMPROVE OUR PRESENTING GRANT-WINNING PROPOSALS
- THANK YOU FOR LISTENING