



Call for Megaproject Concept Papers (2018/19 fiscal year)

Application deadline: May 31, 2018

Background

The Research and Development Directorate (RDD) of College of Medicine and Health Sciences (CMHS), Bahir Dar University was established in May 2017 under the new structures for Medical Colleges and teaching hospitals in Ethiopia with directives from the Ministries of Health and Education.

The Directorate includes research conduct and development, utilization of research findings, Research Ethics Review Board, and Field Research Centers.

In the area of research, the RDD operates to develop research plans for each fiscal year, planning budget needs, support and follow-up of researches conducted by faculty. Additionally, the office coordinates and delivers research capacity building trainings to its staff researchers based on the needs that emerged from different schools.

The research directorate strengthens and implements research dissemination and utilization through annual research conference, preparation of proceedings and if applicable policy briefs. This is further realized by identifying key issues and bringing them to discussions on the way forward to implement. The website of the College will be used to disseminate research findings as well.

Objective of the call

The specific objectives of the call are to:

- Strengthen research rigor and team collaboration at the College of Medicine and Health Sciences
- Enhance advances in research work as result of team work between senior and young researchers
- Encourage multidisciplinary research
- Strengthen nation and College capacity in management of staff and student research and enhance self sufficiency
- Gather mega project proposals on essential research issues and investigate
- Encourage thematic and/or megaproject research

Therefore, the purpose of this call is to gather and execute megaproject proposals on the following major thematic areas:

1. **Maternal, child and neonatal health**
2. **Infectious and communicable diseases**
3. **Non-communicable diseases**
4. **Quality, accessibility and equitability of health care**
5. **Impacts of environment and development on health**

The detailed contents of each thematic area can be accessed at: <http://www.bdu.edu.et/cmhs/node/65>

Eligibility criteria

A full time teaching and research faculty of the College of Medicine and Health Sciences is eligible to apply. The following criteria shall be considered:

- Multiple (at least four) applicants per protocol is mandatory
- Mix of senior and young faculty is encouraged
- Multidisciplinary applications will be given priority
- Intention to involve graduate students and young researchers is of great value
- Only one application as a principal investigator
- Students (Master's, PhD or Specialty) working as a fulltime faculty can apply as co-investigators but shall not apply as principal investigator due to the intensity of work demanded by the project that collides with their learning process.

Application Process

Applicants shall submit their concept note in both 1 soft and 2 hard copies directly to the office of RDD (Felege Hiwot Referral Hospital Campus, new CMHS Administration Block, Office #2).

Submission form: applicants shall submit their concept notes by using the [submission form](#) of the RDD.

Assessment and selection criteria: concept papers will be screened for adherence to guideline and themes of the CMHS. Eligible papers will be reviewed by a designated expert panel according to relevance, rigor, transferability, capacity and feasibility.

Additional information: more information can be sought directly from RDD via: e-mail: bewassie@yahoo.com, or Tel: +251588229943.