

**INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANCY ARUSHA**  
**INTERNAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER COMPETITIVE RESEARCH**  
**GRANTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18**

**Introduction and context**

One of the mandates of the Institute of Accountancy Arusha (IAA) is to arrange for the research, consultancy, publication and general dissemination of materials produced in connection with the work and activities of the Institute. Cognizant of this mandate, IAA introduced internal mechanism of funding academic staff research projects under competitive arrangement. The funds are aimed at promoting research culture at the institute, building research capacity among junior academic staff as well as contributing to the available body of knowledge in strategic areas in line with the national interests.

In order to support academic staff research projects, IAA has set apart some funds to sponsor academic research projects in financial year 2017/18 as part of implementation of Strategic Plan 2017/18 to 2022/13. The funds are expected to contribute to the attainment of the fifth strategic objective which intends to strengthen research and consultancy services.

**Research theme and topics**

The theme for this year is **EXPLORING INDUSTRIALIZATION ENVIRONMENT IN TANZANIA**

The focus of this theme is to question the industrialization environment in Tanzania. Three specific topics of interest are:-

- (i) **Matching the available skills with actual demands in the new wave of industrialization:** The focus of this topic is find out whether the available technical skills acquired by the Tanzanian through training can adequately support the national ambition for industrialization.

Researchers can also probe into current curricular of higher learning institutions to assess extent to which their contents match with demanded skills for industrialization

- (ii) **Institutional frameworks and industrialization:** This topic focuses on the extent to which available policies and regulations provide conducive environment for investment in the industrial sector in Tanzania. Researchers may also carry out enquiries about extent to which institutional setups in different central and local government authorities attract or encourage investments in the industrial sector in Tanzania.
- (iii) **Gender and industrialization:** The focus of this topic is to investigate gender dynamics in the current new wave of industrialization. Studies under this topic should be able to come up with findings which can influence policies on how to mainstream gender in the ongoing government initiatives to revamp industrial economy in Tanzania
- (iv) **Public accountability and industrialization efforts in Tanzania:** Researches under this topic should seek to find best solutions to enhance public accountability in the national endeavors towards sustainable industrial economy. Specific attention should be paid to financial management capacity in the Local Government Authorities (LGAs) in Tanzania.

### **Team composition**

A research team should comprise between three to five members. The composition of research team should take into account gender balance. Each team should include at least one senior researcher i.e. a person with recognized prior research experience.

### **Nature of research**

Only research proposals with national coverage will be funded. Researchers must ensure that they adopt sampling techniques which will allow the results to be generalized in the context of Tanzania. Researchers must demonstrate how the findings of their studies will contribute to the attainment of national development frameworks, including the Tanzania Development Vision 2025 and the second National Five Years Development Plan (FYDP II)

### **Budget**

IAA intends to offer up to **TZS 15,000,000 (fifteen million shillings)** to a team of researchers whose proposal will qualify. Researchers must submit a concise cost breakdown for all activities that will be involved in accomplishing their respective research projects. Costs per units should be realistic and must be guided by the current government seculars.

### **Projects' duration and time plan**

All research projects which will be funded under this internal competitive arrangements must be accomplished within **six months** after approval of proposals and disbursement of the initial costs. Researchers should present detailed time plan showing how different research activities will be fitted in the allowed period of six months.

### **Proposal submission**

Researchers should submit two hard copies of detailed research proposals by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 before the end of working hours to Head of Research and Publications of IAA in room number 14 in the main administration block. Late submissions will not be accepted. All proposals should follow the IAA proposal write-ups as stipulated in the IAA Research and Publications Policy.