



SUA RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SUPPORT (SUARIS)

**5TH CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTE
COMPETITIVE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION GRANTS FOR 2025/2026
FOR SUA STAFF**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) is a Public University established by Act of Parliament No. 6 on 1st July 1984, which was repealed by the Universities Act No. 7 in 2005. Following the enactment of the Universities Act, SUA was granted the SUA Charter of 2007. Whereas the vision of SUA is “*To be a Leading University in the Provision of Quality Knowledge, Skills and Innovations in Agriculture and Allied Sciences*”, The Mission is “*To Undertake Training, Research in Agriculture and Allied Sciences and Deliver Highly Competitive Outputs that Contribute to National, Regional and Global Socio-Economic Development*”. As Per the 5th SUA Corporate Strategic Plan 2021/22 – 2025/26 Objective No. 4 SUA Aspires to “*Increase the Volume and Quality of Research, Publications and Innovations*”

To further improve position in the global University ranking, SUA has set aside **TZS 1,000,000,000 (One Billion)** during the 2025/2026 financial year to support research, publications and innovations for its staff in particular the young early career researchers through the SUA Research and Innovation Support (SUARIS). In view of the above SUA calls for Concept Notes for the 5th Call for competitive Research & Innovation Grant for 2025/2026.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

1. Researchers, academicians and members of staff of Sokoine University of Agriculture not older than 45 years for early and mid-career grants categories.
2. The Commissioned Grants category, is open to multidisciplinary research teams led by the early/ mid-career researcher supported by senior researchers at SUA.

3.0 RESEARCH CLUSTERS AND FOCUS AREAS

The research clusters and focus areas can be accessed from the SUARIS Guidelines and Procedures.

4.0 BUDGET PREPARATION

Budgets shall be prepared according to the SUA Research Regulations and Guidelines, Fourth Edition of 2019.

5.0 PROJECT DURATION

The maximum project duration shall be 24 months from the date of signing of the agreement Justification for no-cost extension shall be considered only for projects with genuine reasons that contributed to failure to complete project implementation on time.

6.0 APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

- 6.1** Applicants shall fill and submit a **Concept Note** and application form by **Friday, 15th August, 2025**.
- 6.2** Evaluation of Concept Notes will be done as stipulated in the SUA Research Regulations and Guidelines of 2019.
- 6.3** The review of the Concept Notes will be carried out by a panel of independent (SUA and External) experts in relevant research focus areas.
- 6.4** Successful applicants shall be notified and invited to develop full proposal on **15th September, 2025**.

HOW TO APPLY

The Concept Note should be submitted via email to the Director, Directorate of Postgraduate Studies, Research, Technology Transfer and Consultancy, Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), **E-mail:** suaris@sua.ac.tz, and copied to martha.moshi@sua.ac.tz and mdegela@sua.ac.tz.