

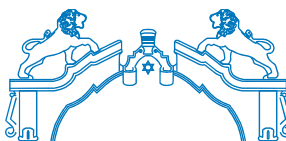


Date: **22 June 2026**

2019 F.Y Call for Evidence Based Community Engagement Proposals

Recalling that AAU is established as an autonomous university through which it will be entrusted to contribute a robust teaching-learning, research and knowledge-based community engagement duties for the economic development of the country and its people. In relation to this, for the past five years we successfully awarded 129 finalist community engagement projects through competitive basis. For the upcoming 2019 fiscal year (F.Y.) also we plan to support **32 novel community Engagement proposals** (team based or department initiated) planned to be implemented elsewhere in Ethiopia, each worth of 150,000 ETB. Besides our intent of supporting 28 proposals we also planned to support 4 more proposals [for **Batu (#2) and Butajira (#1)** and **Yerer area (#1)**] with small grant which is not more than 100,000 birr from the general fund of the university. Regarding the later sites, supporting eco-tourism, community-based forest management, bio diversity management, health, agriculture and training targeting tour operators of the selected sites Beware that

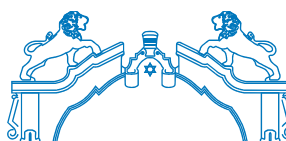
- 1) For this round we focus on untapped research outputs as AAU has undertaken several **thematic researches, collaborative researches, previous female research grants, PHD dissertation, incubators** (technology business incubation centres), **transfer of technology/services to community**. Hence the university will only support community services relied on such **evidence- based research output and ready to reach the community** other than a mere outright professional engagement.
- 2) Also, we commend the proposal to base a visible output (be it **technology, working procedure, norms, services, policy brief, behavioural change, etc.**) to eventually reap the real impact on the community other than rendering one way (outright) training for the beneficiary. Also, along with other submissions, we desire to receive proposals on **road safety, school support and mental health**.
- 3) Community Engagement Projects shall not involve any professional payment to staffs (such as trainer fee, professional fee, manual preparation and others). Though costs such as per diem in regions other than Addis Ababa, accommodation, publishing other items shall be included





within your budget proposal. However, purchasing of properties are not permitted. Added to that, the budget proportion shall exert a balance between direct project cost (70 %) and administrative costs (30 %).

- 4) The budget can be extended to 200,000.00 ETB only if it involves purchasing specimens, regents, etc. (without human related costs)
- 5) Competitive proposals are expected to be interlinked to the priority areas of the university; namely, **Health, Basic Science research, Agriculture, Mining, ICT, Education and Tourism.**
- 6) Notwithstanding selecting the abovementioned 28 proposals, the separate category from which we intended to finally select 2 proposals to support the communities found adjacent to AAU satellite community engagement centres found in **Batu, Butajira** . The proposals can include, but not limited to, supporting bee keeping, fishery development and tourism development.
- 7) **Applicants should apply to their respective college VED for Research and Engagement or the research institute director and each applicant should attach a support letter from their respective school/department/center or the research center, as the proposal submitted is in line with the college/institute priority.**
- 8) College VED for Research and Engagement or the research institute director have the responsibility to organize this call and after collected the proposals from their respected staff, they will send it to OIE by cover letter.
- 9) Applications that showcase **inter-college collaboration** are highly encouraged other than a mere team of experts drawn from a single college.
- 10) To bear in your mind the assessment gridlines found within the last page of this call so as to orient your preparation of proposal. So your proposal ought to be informed of the criteria of assessment.
- 11) Final Awardees will only be notified after the review process based on the criteria outlined below and the approval of the AAU Senate- Research and Publication Committee.



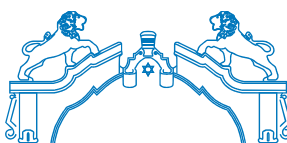


Therefore we request either academic units or interested staffs to share their community engagement proposals of not more than a **2000 word** limit directly via **your respective college's vice dean for research and engagement** or **Institute director** until August 22, 2026 (as per below)

Name of college/ institute	The relevant VED for Research & Engagement/ Dean or Research Institute Director	Email
CSSAH-Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities	Dr Alemu Azmeraw	Alemu.azmeraw@aau.edu.et
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CoBE- Business and Economics	Dr Dakito Alemu	Dakito.alemu@aau.edu.et
CTBE-Technology and Built Environment	Dr Getasew Tadesse	Getasew.tadesse@aau.edu.et
CNCS-Natural and Computational Sciences	Dr Zeweter Abebe	Zeweter.abebe@aau.edu.et
CHS-Health Sciences	Dr Lemelem Beza	Lemlem.beza@aau.edu.et
CVMA-Veterinary Medicine and Agriculture	Dr Abdi Feyissa	Abdi.feyissa@aau.edu.et
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IEWCR-Institute of Environment, Water and Climate Research	Prof Yilma Sileshi	yilma.seleshi@aau.edu.et
IAST- Institute of Advances Sciences and technology	Prof Nurelegn Tefera	Nurelegn.tefera@aau.edu.et
IPSS-Institute of Peace and Security Studies	Dr Mercy Fekadu	Mercy.fekadu@aau.edu.et

Note: for your submission, make sure to receive your confirmation from the relevant VED/Dean or Research Institute Director.

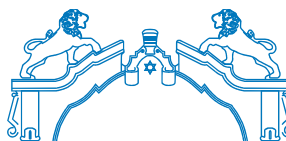
We will only accept applications submitted via the college or research institute level officers, not directly from individuals, to verify that applicants are active staff members. This process also aims to strengthen the research and innovation offices at the college or institute level and establish a strong connection with the respective officers over the nature and number of applications under their college/institute.**Inquiry for Information:** For any inquiry you may call **0111544030**





The Proposal/ Application shall consist of the following:

- Background and Justification/ Introduction
- Objectives
- The intended activities to undertake.
- The participant fellow academic staffs within the program.
- Stakeholders participated in the Program (Governmental Agency, NGO's, etc..)
- The link of the proposed activities with the previous research output.
- The type and number of beneficiaries within the Program.
- The outcome of the community service within the program.
- Budget timeline





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V/President for Research and Innovation
Office of Innovation and Engagement Director

ASSESSMENT GRID FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROPOSAL ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY

NAME OF PROPOSAL: -

CORRESPONDING AUTHOR: _____
NO. _____

COLLEGE/INSTITUTE: _____

PROPOSAL ID

NO	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	WEIGHTS	POINTS				
			1	2	3	4	5
1	Title						
1.1	The proposed project reflect a national priority area/AAU Community Engagement priority area /for addressing the needs of end users.	15%	3	6	9	12	15
2	Investigators /co-investigators						
2.1	The qualifications and experience of the investigators/co-investigators, team members are appropriate to implement the proposed community service project.	6%	1.2	2.4	3.6	4.8	6
3	Objectives						
3.1	The proposed objectives of the Community Engagement project lead to the idea indicated in this title.	8%	1.6	3.2	4.8	6.4	8
4	Modality						
4.1	The proposed modalities are appropriate for the goals, and objectives of the Community Engagement project.	10%	2	4	6	8	10
4.2	The proposed project modalities are adequately relevant to address the needs of the community (not outdated)	6%	1.2	2.4	3.6	4.8	6
5	Outcome						
5.1	The proposed Community Engagement project proposal has a clear impact path way?	10%	2	4	6	8	10
5.2	The proposed outcomes of the Community Engagement project are designed in a way to be visible to the community.	10%	2	4	6	8	10
5.3	The proposed Outcomes of the Community Engagement project are in favor of knowledge transfer for the community.	6%	1.2	2.4	3.6	4.8	6
5.4	The proposed Outcomes of the Community Engagement project are in favor of contributing to the development of the culture of university community engagement.	9%	1.8	.6	5.4	7.2	9
6	Beneficiaries						
6.1	The beneficiaries stated are appropriately matched with the proposed community engagement project.	8%	1.6	3.2	4.8	6.4	8
7	Feasibility of Budget						
7.1	Generally, the proposed Community Engagement project budget is feasible and realistic to be supported.	12%	2.4	4.8	7.2	9.6	12
Total score			/100%				

Please would you present your comment on the overall status of the proposed Community Engagement Proposal?

Reviewed by: _____ Signature: _____

