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## Call for application for Support to pay Journal Fee, April- June 2022

### 1. Introduction:

The University of Rwanda Directorate of Research and Innovation (UR-DRI) gives support to UR researchers to pay fees for publishing Journal Articles. This grants scheme is funded under the Research Management Sub-Programme of the UR-Sweden Programme for Research, Higher Education and Institutional Advancement through the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida). Its aim is to support researchers who wish to publish their research results in credible journals that charge fees to publish articles.

### 2. Funding conditions:

- (i) Any academic staff whose peer- reviewed article has been accepted to be published in a credible Journal can apply to be funded based on the following:
- (ii) Senior staff (PhD holders at level of Senior Lecturer and above) will get the subsidy if the article is accepted in a Journal with a middle level to high level impact factor in the concerned discipline
- (iii) For co-authored articles, each UR author will be given the subsidy or the exact amount if it is less than the combined subsidies upon presentation of individual application letters but applications should not exceed 2 per article.
- (iv) Partial funding is also possible provided proof of payment of top up is presented.

### 3. When to apply:

Applications are invited all the time from 25<sup>th</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Any applicant who meets the criteria will be supported immediately on first come first served basis until funds are exhausted.

### 4. Who is not eligible:

Since the grants are limited, the following will not be supported this year:

- (i) UR staff who got supported with a Research Grant since they have funds to pay journal fees they will not be supported.
- (ii) Authors who already will have paid the journal publication fees will not be supported

### 5. How to apply:

- (i) Any applicant who meets the criteria will send her/his application to the College Director of Research and Innovation with a copy to his/her respective Head of Department. The College Research and Innovation Committee under the C-DRI as a chairperson will recommend the application for support and inform the applicants in writing. The College DRI will send the selected applications with proceedings of their selection meeting to the UR-DRI for further processing. The procedure can also be done online during which each applicant will send his/her application to the College DRI who will finally send the report to the UR-DRI.



(ii) Send your application to: [urresearchdirectorategmail.com](mailto:urresearchdirectorategmail.com) and copy to: [research.kaminuza@gmail.com](mailto:research.kaminuza@gmail.com) and [alicedukuze2022@gmail.com](mailto:alicedukuze2022@gmail.com).

(iii) After attending the event, the applicant should submit a brief report to the UR-DRI about the conference with a copy to the DVC AAR, and College DRI.

**6. Budget Ceiling:**

This funding gives a subsidy of RWF 300,000frw (three hundred thousand Rwanda francs) per article, per applicant.

**7. Attachments**

Before the release of funds, the office of the UR DRI will require the following from the selected applicants:

- vii) Application letter(s)
- viii) Minutes/ proceedings of the meeting that recommended the application
- ix) Approval of the department/School/College (i.e. it may be done digitally)
- x) Letter of acceptance from the publishing journal
- xi) An invoice from the publishing journal
- xii) Proof of payment of top up in case of partial support
- xiii) An abstract of the paper and the complete draft of manuscript

**Note: Applications will be supported based on the first come, first served basis.**

Done at Kigali on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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