

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

TVLA Research Fund for Early Career/Young Researchers – 2025/2026

The **Tanzania Veterinary Laboratory Agency (TVLA)** is pleased to announce the **2025/2026 Call for Research Proposals** under the **TVLA Research Fund**, aimed at supporting **Early career/ young scientists** to undertake innovative research aligned with national and Agency's priorities in animal health, ethno veterinary, diagnostics, vector control and bio-surveillance.

This year, the Agency will support research initiatives focusing on animal health, ethno-veterinary practices, vector control and the development of innovative biologicals and vaccines.

1. Purpose of the Fund

This fund is established to:

- Promote a culture of scientific research and innovation at TVLA
- Strengthen research capacity among early career/young scientists
- Generate evidence to support veterinary services, public health, and policy decisions

2. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be full-time TVLA staff with a confirmed appointment
- Qualify as early career/young scientists (Bachelor degree or Master degree (within 10 years post-Master's))
- Have a designated mentor or supervisor affiliated with TVLA senior scientist.

3. Priority Areas

Proposals should focus on, but are not limited to:

- Animal disease detection and surveillance
- Development of biologicals and vaccine
- Ethno-veterinary
- Outbreak investigation and response
- Vector control

4. Funding and Duration

- Maximum funding available per project: **TZS 20,000,000/=**
- Project duration: **Up to 12 months**
- Fundable items include: laboratory consumables, fieldwork expenses, data analysis and publications

5. Application Requirements

Submit the following documents:

- Research proposal following the official format (attached)
- Detailed budget and justification
- CV of the applicant(s)
- Support letter from mentor/supervisor

6. Deadline for Submission

All applications must be submitted by: 15th October 2025

Submit to: research@tvla.go.tz

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

7. Review and Notification

Proposals will be evaluated by the **TVLA Research Fund Review Committee**. Short listed candidate will be required to do public presentations of their proposal.

8. Reporting and Acknowledgment

Grant recipients are required to submit quarterly and final reports; and financial reports before requesting for another disbursement and must acknowledge the **TVLA Research Fund** in all publications and presentations resulting from the funded work.

Women are highly encouraged to apply.

“TVLA is committed to nurturing research excellence and innovation. We encourage all eligible early career scientists to apply and contribute to advancing veterinary science in Tanzania”