

TANZANIA VETERINARY LABORATORY AGENCY



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TVLA RESEARCH FUND POLICY

19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

1. Purpose

The TVLA Research Fund aims to promote scientific innovation, capacity building, and professional development among young researchers. The fund supports original research that aligns with TVLA's strategic plan and objectives. The fund supports original research that aligns with TVLA's strategic plan and objectives, especially in areas of animal health, zoonotic diseases, diagnostics, ethno-veterinary, vectors control, development of new biologicals and vaccine; and bio surveillance.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following conditions to be eligible:

i) Employment

Must be a full-time staff member of TVLA with a confirmed appointment.

ii) Career Stage

Must be an early career/young scientist, defined as having a bachelor degree or having less than 10 years of experience post-Master's degree

iii) Previous Funding

Must not have received the TVLA Research Fund more than once in the last 3 years

iv) Supervision

Must have a designated mentor or supervisor who is a senior scientist at TVLA or from TVLA consortium team

v) Compliance

Must comply with TVLA research ethics, biosafety, and reporting requirements.

3. Conditions of the Grant

Successful applicants agree to the following:

i) Research Scope

Projects must be aligned with TVLA's research priorities.

ii) Budget Limit

Funding ceilings may vary per call, but generally will not exceed TZS 20,000,000/=

iii) Use of Funds

Funds may be used for field sample collection, laboratory reagents and consumables and data analysis, publication

iv) Duration

Projects must be completed within 12 months unless otherwise stated.

v) Reporting:

Grant recipients are required to submit:

- a. Quarterly and final progress report
- b. Final technical report

- c. Financial accountability report before requesting for another disbursement
- d. Manuscripts

4. Selection Process

- i) Applications will be reviewed by the TVLA Research Fund Committee composed of senior scientists, Finance section, Monitoring & Evaluation expert, Management representatives and one external reviewer.
- ii) Evaluation will consider:
 - Scientific merit and innovation
 - Feasibility and methodology
 - Alignment with the Agency's priorities
 - Budget realism
 - Potential for publication

5. Disqualification

Applications will be disqualified if:

- Submitted after the deadline
- Contain plagiarized content
- Lack required documentation (proposal, budget, supervisor support letter)
- Violate research ethics or biosafety guidelines

6. Acknowledgment and Dissemination

- All research outputs must acknowledge TVLA.
- Researchers are encouraged to present findings in peer-reviewed journals, conferences and Agency's seminars/monthly presentations.
- Female candidates are highly encouraged to apply