



THE GOVERNMENT OF KADUNA STATE

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR RESEARCH IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR IN KADUNA STATE

1.00 INTRODUCTION:

The Ministry of Education, Kaduna State is pleased to announce a call for expression of research interest to build on the gains in the education sector. Many reforms have been undertaken in the education sector by the administration of Malam Nasir Ahmad El-Rufai, including restructuring of the educational system, increase in annual budgetary provisions, replacement of 20,000 unqualified teachers with 25,000 qualified teachers, building of additional schools and classrooms, provision of free feeding and free uniforms etc.

The research grant has three broad aims in the education sector namely (a) promoting access, (b) enhancing quality and (c) ensuring that the education sector is relevant to the state as an instrument of addressing the developmental challenges facing the State. Furthermore, it is the aim of this administration that the research outcome will help expand access to educational opportunities and improve quality of teaching and learning at basic, post basic and tertiary levels.

2.00 PROGRAMME STATEMENT

The research grant supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education for projects ranging from twelve to eighteen months. The goal for this programme is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education in the State. We seek to support efforts that develop new foundational knowledge and techniques that may have a lasting impact on educational outcomes and discourse in the state. Importantly, the grant is targeted at action research, and must be policy relevant. The programme is intended to be "field-initiated" in that proposal submissions will not be in response to a specific request for a research topic, discipline, design, or method.

Grants will be awarded to, but not limited to the following areas:

- i. New teaching and learning techniques to improve learning outcomes,
- ii. Deploying ICT as a tool for teaching and learning to improve education outcomes,
- iii. Deploying Social Media as a tool of teaching and learning,
- iv. Education, Virtual Classrooms and Research
- v. Comparative analysis of learning outcomes of students with access to modern technology and those without access to ICT,
- vi. School Governance for better performance,
- vii. Governance of the Education sector,
- viii. What qualities are required for modern teachers,
- ix. Teachers Education,
- x. Education as a means to peace,
- xi. Education for Development,
- xii. Enhancing education quality assurance,
- xiii. Education and motivation of pupils: methods and techniques in the 21st century
- xiv. Education beyond jobs: how to mainstream emotional intelligence in the education sector in Kaduna State,
- xv. Promoting critical thinking in pre-school and primary school,
- xvi. Higher Education: moving beyond theory to Research and Development,
- xvii. Multi-disciplinarily: Integrating humanities and STEM in Kaduna Education sector,
- xviii. The role of the private sector in providing education in Kaduna State: potentials and challenges,
- xix. Guidance and Counselling,
- xx. Gender and education,
- xxi. Mainstreaming indigenous languages, music, and literature, folklore in education,
- xxii. Education in post COVID-19 period.
- xxiii. Impact of the current e-learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3.00 ELIGIBILITY

Proposals to the research grants must be for **operational or action research** projects that seek to promote access, quality and relevance of the education sector. Proposals for activities other than research are not eligible (e.g., programme evaluations, professional development, curriculum development, scholarships, capital projects). Additionally, proposals for research studies focused on areas other than education, are not eligible. Research proposed may not be longer than 18 months duration.

The proposal may be submitted by an individual, a group or an organization from all over the world. But the research projects must focus on Kaduna State. Where a research project is comparative in nature, the aim of the comparative analysis should be aimed at drawing lessons for the Kaduna State Education Sector.

4.00 PARTNERSHIP

Partners that are interested in providing additional funding all over the world are also invited to indicate interest in the relevant areas outlined above or engage the Ministry in a new research environment in the Sector for consideration. Consultants to manage the research projects are also invited to apply for engagement. However, applicants interested in applying for the grant cannot be eligible for management consultancy.

5.00 METHOD OF APPLICATION

Interested persons should mail their proposals and all necessary documents to education@kdsg.gov.ng, not later than Tuesday, 3rd November 2020.

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