

Narh-Bita College Research Grant (NBCReG)

BACKGROUND:

As part of the effort to position Narh-Bita College as a center for higher education and research, the College Council chose to devote a portion of the College's budget to support and promote cutting edge research from faculty members as part of the endeavor to establish Narh-Bita College as an institution of Research and Higher Learning. The Narh-Bita College Research and Development Committee (NBCRDC) is responsible for announcing a Call for Proposals every year as part of the ongoing process of redefining Narh Bita College as a research-driven College and encouraging its faculty members to actively engage in research activities that would enhance the College's image (NBCReG).

In addition to conducting cutting-edge research, it is expected that NBC will be able to support research and initiatives that address important national and developmental concerns and provide recommendations to policymakers and other stakeholders.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ACCESSING NARH BITA COLLEGE RESEARCH GRANTS

LEVELS OF GRANTS

Currently there are three levels of grants available as follows:

1. **EARLY CAREER:** This is for exploratory/small proposals and would normally not exceed **GHC 7,500**. Such grants would be awarded for a period not exceeding one year and are targeted at faculty members at the early stage of their career to enable them to explore new ideas to apply for larger funding or bigger grants in the future.
2. **MID-CAREER:** These grants would normally not exceed **GHC 40,000** and shall be for a period of not more than two years. Grants of this nature would be awarded to multi-disciplinary research project with at least one collaborator from another NBC department/Faculty.
3. **MULTI-DISCIPLINARY GRANTS:** These shall not exceed **GHC 100,000** and are for multi-disciplinary and inter-faculty research projects which specifically address a national developmental issue and are also capable of shaping or influencing policy in Ghana. Grants of this nature shall normally not be awarded for more than 2 years and would be awarded to a multi-disciplinary research team.

ELIGIBILITY

All grant applicants must be Faculty members of the Narh-Bita College. Faculty members applying in the investigator-led and multi-disciplinary categories should have at least **A YEAR'S** service with the NBC. Collaborators from institutions outside of NBC must provide a letter of support from their institution.

NON-ELIGIBILITY

The following faculty members **are not** eligible to apply:

1. Previous recipients of NBCReG whose work are on-going.
2. Previous recipients of NBCReG who have not submitted their final technical and financial reports.
3. Previous recipients of NBCReG who have not published their findings in peer reviewed journals.

Application Procedure

The application process has gradually transitioned from paper applications to email submissions to a pre-defined email address. All applications should be sent to rpc@narhbitacollege.edu.gh.

Frequency Of Calls

A call for proposals is normally made Twice (2) a year (*March and September*)

Submission and Review of Applications

Applications are reviewed using a two-step process.

Step 1: An assessment by the NBCRDC Research Administration Unit for confirmation that each proposal meets all guidelines.

Step 2: Proposals that meet all requirements are coded and independently reviewed by reviewing panels set up by NBCRDC and Research Ethics Committee.

Proposals are reviewed based on the following criteria:

1. **RELEVANCE OF RESEARCH QUESTION**
2. **SCIENTIFIC MERIT OF METHODS, DESIGN AND ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK**
3. **POTENTIAL TO IMPACT POLICY**
4. **JUSTIFICATION FOR RESOURCES**
5. **CAPABILITY OF RESEARCH TEAM**

After the review, feedback from the review is provided to all applicants. The final decision and announcement is subject to the approval of the NBCRDC Management Board.