The National Research Fund was established pursuant to the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act 2011 for the resuscitation of research activities in Nigeria’s Public Tertiary Institutions which section 20 of the Act defines as Public “Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education.” It is also aimed at addressing the critical needs of the Nation’s developmental aspirations.

ELIGIBILITY
Every lecturer in Public Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria are eligible. Multi-Disciplinary Researchers comprising of Researchers from various disciplines are allowed. The Lead Researcher will head the research team and will be referred to as the Principal Researcher / Investigator (PI). The PI will be personally responsible and held accountable for the conduct of the research. An added requirement is that the PI must be institution based.

AREAS OF RESEARCH
a. The categories and specialized subject areas for funding are as follows:

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| A. Science, Technology and Innovation | 1. Agriculture, Food Security and Food Technology / Processing  
2. Health and Social Welfare  
3. Transport  
4. Energy and Power  
5. ICT & Telecommunications  
6. Engineering: Construction and Building Technology  
7. Space Science |
| B. Humanities and Social Science | 1. National Integration, National Security and Peace Studies  
2. Education and Training  
3. Economic Development and Tourism |
### Cross Cutting Themes

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### NOMINATION / APPLICATION PROCEDURE

(i) All applications are to be made strictly on the prescribed standardized format / template. This can be downloaded from the TETFund Website – www.tetfund.gov.ng;

(ii) Any proposal that does not follow the prescribed format shall not be considered;

(iii) Only one application may be submitted according to the prescribed format;

(iv) 5 hard copies of the proposals shall be submitted by the Researchers through the Head of the Institution who shall forward them with a covering letter duly signed by him to the address below:

   **The Executive Secretary**  
   **Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund)**  
   **6 Zambezi Crescent**  
   **Off Aguiyi Ironsi Crescent**  
   **Maitama**  
   **Abuja**

   At the left hand corner of the envelope containing the proposal should be written the words “2015 National Research Fund/ the category of the Research e.g Humanities or Social Sciences”

(v) In addition to the above, soft copies of the research proposals shall also be submitted by the Researcher to the email address below:

   ifiokukimo@gmail.com,

   and copy the email addresses below:

   abiodunmisbau@yahoo.com, davidjosiah.e@gmail.com
SELECTION / CONSIDERATIONS

(i) The Principal Researcher / Investigator of the adjudged fundable proposal shall be invited to defend their proposals before the National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Committee (NRFS&MC) before a letter of award is issued by the TETFund, if successful;

(ii) All submitted proposals will be subject to appraisal by the National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Committee (NRFS&MC) who shall make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the Fund for consideration and approval;

(iii) The total budget for each research shall not be above N50 million; and

(iv) All other requirements including a work plan are as indicated in the guidelines.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The deadline for submission of proposals shall be on or before Friday 20th March 2015. For further information please contact:

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