



2020 CALL FOR MASTERS GRANT RESEARCH PROPOSALS

1. BACKGROUND

The Environmental Management Agency (EMA), under the auspices of the Ministry of Environment, Climate, Tourism and Hospitality Industry has taken an initiative to engage local universities in environmental research. The Agency is mandated to regulate, monitor and promote sustainable management of natural resources and the protection of the environment with stakeholder participation. In this regard, EMA invites research proposals for funding from local University Master's Degree Students.

By supporting postgraduate students who will be conducting research in these thematic areas, EMA intends to advance its evidence-based policy for the benefit of the country. The purpose of this Call for Proposals is, therefore, to support 10 eligible University Master's Degree students in their research projects. The research grant will be awarded on a competitive basis.

2. RESEARCH THEMES

The Agency will consider for funding, researches addressing current and emerging environmental issues in Zimbabwe as outlined in Annex 1: EMA Masters Research Grant Topics, 2020.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS FOR SUPPORT

To be eligible, applicants should be able to conduct environmental research and demonstrate knowledge of topical environmental management issues being experienced in Zimbabwe. The call is open to all students from local universities. Both MPhil and MSc students are eligible to apply and the latter should have passed their coursework. The research must have been approved by the University and have an allocated research supervisor. Female candidates are strongly advised to apply.

The following conditions will apply:

- a) Co-ownership of the research results;
- b) Evidence that the student is registered with a local University supported by an approval from the student's institution to carry out the research; and
- c) Endorsement of the research proposal by the supervisor and commitment that the supervisor will be ready to supervise the student's research.

4. PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

The proposal should be presented in a clear structure guided by the following headings:

- i. Research Title
- ii. Introduction
- iii. Statement of the Problem
- iv. Research Objectives



- v. Research Questions/Hypotheses
- vi. Significance of the Study
- vii. Research Methodology
- viii. Timeframes
- ix. Budget and Budget Justification

5. PROCESSING OF PROPOSALS

- The evaluation and selection of proposals will comprise verification of the proposal eligibility.
- Confidential peer review of the proposals by experts.
- Short listing of reviewed research proposals.
- Communicating results and funding decisions to applicants by 15 April 2020.
- The decision by EMA will be final.

6. RESEARCH GRANT

The research will be sponsored as per budget submitted, discussed and agreed with student. This budget will cover field work, laboratory analysis or data processing and analysis activities as well as printing and binding. The grant is in Zimbabwean dollars (ZWL).

7. SUBMISSION

All documents (application form, full research proposal, annexes, etc.) have to be submitted as PDF and MS Word files to simbiso.pedzisai@ema.co.zw and copied to ntando.nondo@ema.co.zw with the following email subject line "**2020 EMA MASTERS RESEARCH CALL FOR PROPOSALS**". The deadline for submission of applications is 31 March 2020 and results will be communicated by the 15 April 2020.

8. CONTACT INFORMATION

Visit www.ema.co.zw to access the detailed Application Guidelines and Application Form. For any queries or additional information contact EMA Research Office: Tel. 08677006244 ext 1010