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SUESCA PROJECT

Call for Innovation concepts in the maize-based agro-food ecosystem value chain

Deadline: 04 April 2026

Kabale University in collaboration with Uganda Martyrs University, Bugema University and Uganda Christian University is implementing a project, “**Strengthening University Delivery of Entrepreneurship Skills for Community Engagement and Action Research in Uganda (SUESCA)**”. The project encompasses research and development along the maize-based agro-food ecosystem value chains. The project will enhance entrepreneurship skills, climate adaptive technologies for young people to generate self-employment and job creation through effective engagement in the innovation and scaling adoption of adaptive technologies.

What the project will offer you

- Space at the Kabale University Innovation and Business Incubation Center (KABBIC)
- Funding to support your innovation.
- Support for Intellectual Property protection.
- Capacity building in entrepreneurship

What we want from you

- A high-level 1–2-page concept note that defines your idea, states the problem, solution, and the innovation that will solve the problem, and the implementation budget.
- **The innovation should be on either the maize plant (e.g. corn flakes, breads, baby food, animal feed, drinks, fertilizer, non-food products) or within maize-based value chains (e.g. vegetable value-added products).**
- Your readiness (with the project support) to develop the innovation to a commercial enterprise/ business. **The project will also support your business start-up**
- Your readiness to pitch your project idea in a five-minute presentation to a panel of experts

Who is eligible?

KAB students at all levels (Certificate, Diploma, Bachelors, Postgraduate).

Special consideration

- Concepts submitted by a group/team stand higher chances of being funded. The team may have youth members from outside KAB (encouraged)
- Females stand a favourable advantage

Submission: The concepts shall be submitted to **Senior Grants Officer on e-mail grants@kab.ac.ug**