HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT FOR POST GRADUATE RESEARCH

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Application deadline: **October 2, 2020**

The Government of Jamaica, through the Universal Service Fund, is advancing this transformation by collaborating with local tertiary institutions to promote research in technology and innovation. The USF recognizes that the higher education sector is an incubator for Jamaica's innovation and this collaboration will see local tertiary institutions (faculty and students) conducting research, funded by the USF, into ways ICT can transform and improve Jamaica's socio-economic landscape.

The Call is open to research students and/or groups who are enrolled/attached to a higher education institution in Jamaica. The 2020/21 Research Grant Award is seeking to support research and innovation in areas of information communication technologies in support of the Universal Service Fund's thrust to support a knowledge-based and technology-enabled society. As part of this thrust, the USF is seeking to empower researchers to find solutions across the following priority areas:

1. Creating digital enabled services to foster digital transactions
2. Strengthen openness, inclusiveness and access of country's digital ecosystem
3. Creating smart cities through information communication technologies

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant are to be Jamaican nationals enrolled in a Post Graduate Programme or named Research Group
- All applicants are required to submit an Application Form with a Concept Note/Abstract on the proposed research to be conducted. The Concept Note/Abstract will be reviewed and a determination made on concepts to be advanced to Request for Proposal stage. The Concept Note/Abstract should describe succinctly the direction the research will take.
- Applications must be submitted via email to projects@usf.gov.jm and copied to sgraham@usf.gov.jm by October 2, 2020.
- Applicants are required to complete a Declaration Form

1. GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Date of Application	/ /		
	Day month year		
Principal Investigator (The Principal investigator should be the Supervisor of the Post-graduate student submitting the application or the research group.			
Surname	First Name	Position	
Address	Telephone	Email Address	
Co-investigators			
Surname	First Name	Position	
Address	Telephone	Email Address	
Surname	First Name	Position	
Address	Telephone	Email Address	
Surname	First Name	Position	
Address	Telephone	Email Address	
Surname	First Name	Position	
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Name of Student/named Research Group Applying for the Grant Award:			
Institution to which Applicant is affiliated:			

Research Area to be covered:
Grant request amount ($JA)
Project Duration

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

DECLARATION FORM

The form is to be completed by the Applicant, Principal Investigator and Head of Department

1. Principal Investigator and Applicant

By signing this form, I confirm the following:

    i. I understand that this application will be reviewed

    ii. I understand the reporting requirements required

    iii. The information contained in this application is correct

Principal Investigator/Supervisor (Accountable to the project)

Name:	
Title	
Signature	
Date	

Applicant/ Named Research Group (All members of the named research group must be included on the Application)

Name	
Title	
Signature	
Date	