

## **DIRECTORATE OF GRADUATE STUDIES, RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS**

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The Government of Uganda (GoU) has allocated special funding to Busitema University to support high impact research and innovation towards commercially viable products. In the financial 2025/26, UGX 1 billion shillings (USD 268,000) is set aside to support research, research publication and innovations leading to university visibility geared towards the attainment of the Uganda Vision 2040. With the funding from the GoU, the BURIF grant will have the following outputs:

- I. Over 250 Publications per annum.

Increased research capacity and increased number of professors. As previously managed, the BURIF will be driven on the foundation of the national research and innovation strategy and the approved University Research Agenda.

### **CATEGORY I JOURNAL PUBLICATION INCENTIVE**

The incentive is designed to encourage and reward researchers for publishing high-quality research papers in reputable impact factor journals. The grant of UGX 500,000 is available for each eligible journal paper published during 30th April to 30 June 2025/26 academic year.

- (i) The published paper must be in a journal with either an impact factor issued by Thomson Reuters or indexed by Scopus.
- (ii) The impact factor of the journal must be current and verifiable.
- (iii) The applicant must be either the first author, corresponding author, or project principal investigator (PI) of the published paper.
- (iv) In cases where the paper has multiple authors, only one author can be the beneficiary of the grant. The beneficiary must provide a signed agreement from the co-authors acknowledging the selection of the grant recipient if applicable.
- (v) The applicant must submit proof of the published paper, including: - A digital or hard copy of the paper. Page 5 of 11 - - -
- (vi) The DOI number of the paper. A link to the paper on the journal's official website. The publication date must be within the current academic year.
- (vii) The grant is non-transferable and cannot be claimed by another author once disbursed.
- (viii) The researcher is eligible for multiple grants if they publish more than one paper meeting the criteria.
- (ix) 3.5 All decisions made by the review committee are final.