

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

Science, Technology and Innovation Grant 2012/2013

Incentives for Scientific Publications

Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I) has been identified as an important foundation for the Kenya Vision 2030, The Country's long term development blue print. The Kenya Vision 2030 recognizes the critical role played by ST&I in accelerating economic development in the country. The National Council for Science and Technology (NCST) is the Government lead agency on ST&I with the legal obligation under Cap 250 Laws of Kenya to promote, coordinate and advice the Government on policy matters relating to national research and ST&I. In an effort to promote generation of local technologies that informs policy, production processes and improve way of life, NCST has since 2008 been funding research and innovations projects. In addition to over 900 research and innovations projects funded under Government ST&I grant which is administered by NCST, there are other research that goes on in R&D institutions in the Country.

Dissemination of research findings is a critical factor in the scientific research process as it enables the benefits of the research to be passed on to other researchers, professional practitioners and the wider community for the intended impact. Publishing research results is one of the fundamental ways of disseminating scientific work to enhance uptake and adoption of knowledge. Through publications the scientific community and the public with knowledge in the area confirm the results or point out possible mistakes/inaccuracies.

According to UNESCO science report of 2010, African continent only contribute 2.0% of the world's knowledge as manifested in research publications and less than 0.1% of the world's Inventions. While most African countries could not produce 100 publications in the fields of natural sciences, Kenyan contribution constituted about 6.6% of all sub-Saharan African publications, third in position only after South Africa and Nigeria. The NCST is therefore pleased to advertise for the awards to Scientists who publish their works in internationally recognized peer reviewed scientific journals. The aim of this award is to encourage Kenyan scientists to increase their contribution to generating global knowledge by disseminating their research findings through publications. This will promote communication between the scientific community and their audience, comprising of consumers of ST&I products and services through online and other approaches.



Important features of this award:

- The award is of monetary in nature and is available to Kenyans who publish their work in internationally recognized peer reviewed scientific journals.
- Only full (peer-reviewed) journal articles are eligible for rewards. Book chapters, editorials, comments, brief communications and editor's notes are not eligible.
- Claim for award should be submitted to NCST within three (3) months after publishing the article(s).
- Claim forms for the award can be filled any time of the year, but awards will only be considered on quarterly basis.
- Articles received by NCST will be classified into four categories in line with internationally recognized journal ranking systems.
- The reward value attached to an article published in each class of journal will range from US\$50 to US\$200.
- NCST reserves the right to change the reward values without prior notice.

Procedure for claiming award

Claim forms are available on our websites (www.ncst.go.ke and www.scienceandtechnology.go.ke). The completed claim form and the published article should be emailed or delivered to the addresses provided below. The NCST will validate the publications and inform claimant(s) accordingly.

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