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Notice:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS UNDER FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT | 7th CALL
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The Directorate of Research and Extension (DoREX), Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU) serves as the central coordinating body to promote high-quality research, knowledge generation, and evidence-based decision-making within the university. DoREX aims to strengthen research and publication culture by supporting faculty-led initiatives that address emerging issues in agriculture, animal science, veterinary science, forestry, aquaculture, fisheries, natural resource management, agri-business development, and rural livelihoods in Nepal. In line with its mandate to advance applied and policy-relevant research, DoREX invites proposals from interested faculty members for research funding under the Faculty Research Grant Programme [Fiscal Year: 2082/83].

Thematic areas:

Proposals are invited under the national priorities set by the Government of Nepal or broad thematic areas set by Agriculture and Forestry University, Research and Extension Council, AFU. Specifically, the thematic area could be but not limited to:

- Sustainable agricultural production and food security
- Veterinary science, livestock, poultry, and fisheries development
- Natural resource management, climate resilience, and environmental sustainability
- Agri-business, value chain development, and rural livelihoods
- Forest management, wildlife, and biodiversity conservation
- Policy research, socio-economics, and gender inclusion in agriculture and forestry

Eligibility/priority considerations:

- Applicants must be faculty members of FAVF, FOA, FOF, and constituent colleges under AFU.
- Each faculty member may submit only one proposal as Principal Investigator (PI) or two proposals as Co-PI.
- Proposals involving the faculty members from multiple departments, faculties, and constituent colleges are strongly encouraged.
- Projects that strengthen linkages among teaching, research, and extension functions at AFU will be prioritized.
- Researches proposed by early career faculty members considering postgraduate students as research assistants (RAs) are strongly encouraged.

Ethical considerations:

All approved research proposals involving human subjects, animals, or environmental interventions must obtain ethical clearance from the AFU Ethical Review Board under DoREX before implementation.



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Research duration and location:

The proposed research project must be feasible for completion within three years from the date of agreement. Research must be conducted at the central faculties, departments, constituent colleges, AFU farms, or relevant field sites as proposed and justified by the research team.

Budget and Funding Provisions:

- The maximum funding size per project will be NPR 500,000/- (In words: Five hundred thousand Rupees only). The budget should be proposed as per the provision in the Research Program Management Directives, 2082 as follows:
 - Field research activities: Minimum 70%
 - Travel and DSA: Maximum 15%
 - Registration and participation in conferences: Maximum 15%
 - Institutional overhead: Minimum 10 % of the total budget
- The 'Central Research Program Management Committee' formed as per the Research Program Management Directive, 2082 reserves the right to select (or reject) the proposal and determine the final budget based on proposal merit and availability of funds.
- Matching or co-funding from the applicants themselves or departments or external funding institutions is highly encouraged where applicable.

Required documents to be submitted:

Each research proposal must include:

- Cover letter with the self-declaration of the originality of proposed research.
- Letter of endorsement from the concerned institution (Dean/Asst. Dean/Principal)
- Duly filled research proposal along with estimated budget (format provided at: www.afu.edu.np/directorates/dorex/formats_and_guidelines/proposal_format)
- Updated CVs of PI and Co-PIs

Submission deadline and procedure:

Interested faculty members should submit a complete research proposal using the prescribed format, by **January 15, 2026**. Proposals must be submitted electronically (single PDF file) to vacancy.dorex@afu.edu.np. Incomplete submissions/applications will not be entertained.

For more information regarding proposal submission, please contact at the Directorate of Research and Extension (DoREX), Rampur, Chitwan either in person or virtually via dorex@afu.edu.np.

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