

Request for Proposal (RfP)

For Research Grant to MSc Student from Agri-Botany and Conservation Ecology, Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU) Rampur, Chitwan

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Improving Food Security and Nutrition of Smallholder Farmers through Agroecological Approaches (FSAN) II Project is a collaborative project of Fastenaktion and Helvetas implemented by Group of Helping Hands (SAHAS) Nepal, aimed at improved and resilient livelihoods of marginalized and smallholder farmers through mainstreaming of suitable agroecological practices and socially inclusive policies. FSAN II project has initiated the Research Grant aimed at assisting the students from Agri-Botany and Conservation Ecology Department in Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU) of their master's program who are working on thesis proposal.

The program serves a dual purpose; not only offers financial grants to the students but also immerses them in comprehensive research guidance and mentoring initiatives. In this context, FSAN II project invites eligible student to apply for the grants, the specific details for the application are outlined as follows:

Details of the Research Grant:

1. Eligibility
 - Master's students - from Agri-Botany and Conservation Ecology Department of AFU, Rampur - completed their first semester.
 - Dissertation should be done in the project area as Barekot Rural Municipality in Jajarkot or Raskot Municipality in Kalikot. The research proposal should be in the 'Assessing Traditional Good Practices in Agriculture for Agroecological Resilience, Sustainability and Productivity in Rural Hilly Nepal' heading.
 - Emphasis should be given to women and candidates from marginalized/disadvantaged groups and from project working locality/Karnali Province.
2. Grant amount:

The grant is capped at a maximum of NPR 100,000.00 (in words: one lakh rupees)
3. Required documents:
 - Cover letter
 - Motivational letter
 - Thesis proposal
 - Scanned Academic Mark sheets and their certificates only starting from 10+2, undergraduate and ongoing post-graduate levels
 - Scan copy of Student ID and Citizenship
 - Recommendation letter from the thesis supervisor or the department for the application with consent for applying for the grant.
4. Application submission:
 - Application should be submitted at SAHAS Nepal email address info@sahasnepal.org.np
 - Please ensure that all the necessary documents listed above in section 3 are signed and compiled in a single PDF file attachment.
5. Submission deadline
 - All the documents must be submitted by 10 Nov 2025
 - Any proposal received after the given deadline will not be considered for evaluation.
6. Notification:

Result of the successful applicant will be notified via email by 17 Nov 2025

The Terms of Reference (ToR) and relevant documents are made available at **Agri-Botany and Conservation Ecology Department of AFU, Rampur**. Telephonic inquiries are not entertained. FSAN II project reserves the right to reject any or all proposals without assigning any reasons.