



CALL FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS-BASED RESEARCH PROPOSALS FROM ACADEMICS IN NIGERIA'S TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

The Nigerian Communications Commission, the regulator of the telecommunications industry in Nigeria, supports amongst other things, telecommunications-based innovations, inventions and research from tertiary institutions in the country that are practical, locally realisable and have clear potential of developing the telecommunications industry.

Pursuant to this objective, the Commission invites proposals from academics in tertiary institutions that have feasible research ideas, capable of replacing or enhancing foreign technologies in use in the telecommunications industry in Nigeria. It is envisaged that the initiative will help build capacity in the tertiary institutions and promote Nigeria's contribution to the pool of technologies in use in the communications industry.

Requirements

Interested researchers are invited to submit their proposals which must:

- i. Come from teaching academics in Nigeria's tertiary institutions; and
- ii. Have a one-page executive summary of the research proposal to include relevance of the research to the telecommunications industry.

Evaluation Criteria

The criteria for the evaluation of the research submissions include the following:

- i. Adherence of proposal to stated requirements above;
- ii. Clear statement and explanation of the problem;
- iii. Proposed solution to the problem;
- iv. Novelty of the research proposal;
- v. Proposed approach and methodology;
- vi. Proof of concept (feasibility of idea with diagram, algorithm, etc.);
- vii. Clear relevance to the telecommunications industry;
- viii. Evidence of local realisation up to prototype;
- ix. Cost details and reasonableness (cost of actualising the idea excluding furniture and allowances);

- x. Schedule of project organisation;
- xi. Coherent presentation / packaging of concept;
- xii. Integration of research with education (capacity building of students via the implementation of the project in the institution); and
- xiii. Evidence of competence of team in executing the project (include past work and CVs of team members).

Submissions will undergo preliminary assessment. The proposals that are adjudged promising and capable of developing the telecommunications industry will be further evaluated by another level of assessors. Sponsors / authors of research submissions may be invited for defense of their proposals before a decision is taken on whether the Commission will fund their project(s) or not.

Interested researchers are invited to submit both hard and soft copies of their research proposals on or before 30th May, 2015 addressed to:

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