

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS  
(STEM) AFRICA INITIATIVE

## Collaborative Faculty Seed Grant

**Application Deadline: March 22**

**Award Amount: up to \$10,000**

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Initiative is part of the African Studies Center at the University of Michigan. STEM-Africa is making research funds available to support collaborative research projects being undertaken in AY 2024-2025. Applications are encouraged for projects that promote and enrich existing STEM initiatives in Africa and support new intellectual engagements that extend scientific knowledge and nurture emerging STEM scholars on the continent.

### PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Each proposal must include:

- Completed application cover sheet
- Project description (2-page maximum), addressing:
  - Context of the work
  - Specific activities proposed for funding
  - Rationale, noting originality and significance of the work
  - Partnerships (if any), and expected roles of listed participants
  - Plan for continuation of the proposed project
- Budget (1-page maximum) distinguishing travel, salary, supplies/equipment, and other
- List of any funding requests under review for the same project
- Timeline
- CV(s) of the applicant, listed partners, and students proposed for funding

The cover sheet may be completed via the form below. The cover sheet and additional application materials should be submitted as a single PDF, named "**STEM-AFRICA SEED GRANT [YOUR LAST NAME]**." The PDF document should be emailed to [asc-contact@umich.edu](mailto:asc-contact@umich.edu) **no later than March 22**. Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding. Applications will be reviewed by STEM-Africa Steering Committee members.

### SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

Ranking of applications will be based upon the following criteria:

- U-M based applicants must be ASC Associate or interested in becoming one
- Focus is on Africa
- Projects builds upon existing scholarship, demonstrates originality and innovation, and offers notable academic value
- Project deepens collaborative partnerships with African counterparts
- Scope of work is reasonable for 12 months
- Proposal must demonstrate clear expectation for future expansion / scale up
- Project shows evidence that you anticipate the project being sustained beyond the grant period

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDED PROPOSALS**

A short summary report (maximum 2 pages) should be submitted to ASC no later than 6 months from the end of the grant period. It should summarize achievements with seed funding and list planned or submitted publications and/or grant applications. In addition, grant recipients are required to provide a short summary of results for the ASC website.

### **QUESTIONS**

Questions may be directed to the **ASC** at [asc\\_contact@umich.edu](mailto:asc_contact@umich.edu).

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PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

<b>Title of Proposed Project:</b>
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<b>AFRICAN CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR</b>	
Name:	
Institution:	
Email:	Cellphone:
Signature (electronic acceptable):	

<b>MICHIGAN CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR</b>	
Name:	
Institution:	
Email:	Cellphone:
Signature (electronic acceptable):	

**Additional Co-Investigators:**

Name	Position/Title	Department	Institution

**Signature of U-M Co-PI department chair / dean / administrative representative**

Name (printed):	
Position:	
Signature:	Date:

Project Abstract, including background, methods, anticipated results, and significance  
(Limit to 300 words)