

University of Dar es Salaam Institute of Resource Assessment Tanzania Partnership Program (TPP)

MSc. Research Completion Scholarship

Call for Proposals – Self-Sponsored Tanzanian Post-Graduate Students August 2026

1. Introduction

The goals of the Tanzania Partnership Program (TPP) research initiative are to generate new scholarly knowledge, improve development interventions in Naitolia and Milola villages within Monduli District and Lindi Municipal, respectively, and support the timely completion of MSc research projects for self-financing students, especially those facing financial difficulties.

The student proposal application for TPP research funds is **OPEN by 7th August 2026**. These grants are intended to support fieldwork and other research expenses related to your Master's dissertation.

2. Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Submitted proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

No.	Criteria	Points
1.	Research conducted within TPP implementation villages, surrounding wards, or landscapes	20
2.	Contribution to TPP development interventions	30
3.	Potential to generate new scholarly knowledge related to TPP Core Programs	30
4.	Soundness and feasibility of the proposed methodology	20
	Total	100

Successful applicants will also be required to:

- Submit a community feedback report summarizing research findings.
- Comply with all applicable Government of Tanzania regulations and institutional research requirements of UDSM and DUCE.

3. Priority Research Themes

Preference will be given to proposals that address one of the following thematic areas and collect data from TPP implementation sites.

Theme 2: Community Education, Economic Development and Youth Empowerment

Research should contribute to improving education, livelihoods, entrepreneurship, and youth development. Potential areas include:

- Science education and student performance;
- Entrepreneurship development;
- Financial literacy;
- Youth employment and livelihoods;
- Life skills education;
- Leadership and communication skills;
- Youth participation in community development;
- Community economic empowerment;
- Small business development and innovation.

Theme 3: Water Resource Management and Environmental Sustainability

Research under this theme should address sustainable natural resource management and environmental resilience. Priority topics include:

- Climate change impacts on water resources and livelihoods;
- Water governance and water policy;
- Indigenous knowledge in water resource management;
- Rural sanitation and hygiene;
- Human-wildlife conflict mitigation;
- Biodiversity conservation;
- Landscape restoration;
- Sustainable natural resource management;
- Environmental resilience in wildlife management areas;
- Water security in Naitolia, Mswakini, and Milola landscapes.

4. Proposal Requirements

Proposals must comply with postgraduate research guidelines of the applicant's respective institution (UDSM or DUCE).

Each proposal must include:

- Research title;
- Background and problem statement;
- Research objectives;
- Literature review;
- Research methodology;
- Work plan and timeline;
- Budget;
- Expected outputs;
- Names and contact details of academic supervisor(s);
- Written approval or endorsement from the supervisor(s).

5. Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be self-sponsored Master's students enrolled at UDSM or DUCE;
- Have an approved research proposal and permit or evidence that the proposal has been endorsed by their academic supervisor(s);
- Demonstrate that the proposed research can be completed within the required timeframe;
- Conduct research within TPP implementation areas; and
- Address one or more TPP priority research themes.

6. Financial Support

Each successful proposal may receive funding of up to **USD 4,000**. The grant may be used to support:

- Fieldwork;
- Data collection;
- Research-related travel;
- Research materials and supplies;
- Other approved research expenses directly related to the Master's dissertation.

For the 2026 funding cycle, TPP expects to support **four (4) Master's students**, distributed as follows:

- Two (2) students from the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM);
- Two (2) students from the Dar es Salaam University College of Education (DUCE);

7. Proposal Review and Award Process

All applications will undergo a competitive review process. The TPP In-Country Faculty Review Committee will evaluate proposals in collaboration with the TPP team at Michigan State University (MSU) to ensure compliance with TPP objectives and institutional research standards.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome within **three weeks** after the application deadline.

Funding will be disbursed in **two installments** following the signing of a Scholarship Award Agreement.

The scholarship is intended to support research activities for a maximum period of **six months**, during which all funded activities should be completed.

8. Reporting Requirements

Upon completion of fieldwork, each funded student must submit the following to the TPP In-Country Office:

1. Technical Report

A report summarizing the research findings, conclusions, and implications for TPP development interventions. The report must be submitted within **six weeks** after completion of fieldwork.

2. Final Thesis and Publications

An electronic copy of the approved Master's dissertation and copies of any journal articles, conference papers, or presentations arising from the research. All outputs must acknowledge financial support from the Tanzania Partnership Program (TPP).

3. Community Feedback Report

A non-technical summary (maximum **three pages**) suitable for dissemination to participating communities and publication on the TPP website.

4. Financial Accountability Report

A complete financial report documenting the expenditure of grant funds, accompanied by supporting documentation where applicable.

9. Application Submission

Applications must be submitted electronically.

Application Deadline: 31st August 2026

Applications should be emailed to both:

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Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.