



Insurance Training College
Enhancing Professionalism

CALL FOR RESEARCH CONCEPT NOTES 2020

26TH FEBRUARY 2020

1. Background

The Insurance Training College of Uganda (ITCU) was established in 1964 as the training arm of Uganda's Insurance sector with a mandate to carry out Education, Training and professional development in the Insurance Sector. The above mandate is recognized under the Insurance (amendment) Act 2011, and the Insurance Act 2017 which transformed the Institute into a college as a public institution.

In an effort to promote and use research in the insurance industry, the Insurance Training College of Uganda, as the training arm of the industry, is planning a number of research programmes that will translate into supporting and publishing high quality findings, innovations and papers that can guide more informed scientific academic debate, practice and policy formulation in the insurance industry in Uganda and/or region.

2. Objectives

The Research agenda at the Insurance Training College of Uganda has four principal objectives:

- To generate research results for use by members, policy analysts and policy makers
- To build a credible local capacity for policy-oriented research in the insurance industry.
- To promote links between research and policy in the insurance industry.
- To encourage research writing and publication by members.

3. Areas of research

Research Concept notes should have topics in the areas below:

1. Health Insurance Frauds: Types, Impact and Ways to fight it
2. Challenges and Opportunities in Micro-insurance in Uganda.
3. Bancassurance in Uganda- What is it that is working or not working in the current practice?
4. Property Insurance: Risks posed by Climate Change.
5. Uptake of Insurance by SMEs: What is applicable in the Uganda's insurance sector?
6. Life and Pensions: Current drifts in Uganda's pensions sector
7. Digital Insurance - Digital trends Shaping the Insurance industry
8. Agriculture insurance: What it means for a farmer?

9. Oil and Gas insurance- How can insurance companies harness the opportunities in this sector?
10. Contractors' all risks- What is known or unknown?
11. Any other highly debated areas in the insurance industry in Uganda and/or region.

4. Format of concept notes

Please submit a concept note of no more than five (5) pages including a title page that clearly give:

- i. Motivation of the intended study where the problem or existing gap that you seek to address in the study context as well as study objectives and/or questions are clearly stated (1 page).
- ii. A brief literature review that demonstrates your understanding of: (1) the currently debated and documented issues on the problem that you want to investigate, and (2) possible gaps in this debate that you intend to fill by your intended study. Your reference sources for this review should be from reputable academic journal articles or articles from well established practitioner publications in the area of interest (1 page).
- iii. The methodological choices intended in your study and clear justifications of your specific choices (1 page).
- iv. Expected contribution of the study in terms of promoting better practices and/or policies in your intended study area (1 page).

Additional information:

- One can send more than one concept. However, we encourage collaborative studies
- CVs of the core research team. One of the team members should be a fully registered member of the Insurance Training College
- Anticipated study timeframe
- Indicative budget (with breakdowns of personnel, travel and other expenses).
- Use Times New Roman font 12 and 1.5 spacing
- APA 6th edition referencing style

No additional material will be considered

5. Evaluation criteria

- i. Quality of the concept note and proposed research.
- ii. Relevance and “value added” regarding the insurance sector in Uganda and/or region.
- iii. Value for money.
- iv. Clearly specified policy relevance and potential for impact.

5. Funding

Successful applicants will be required to prepare full proposals that will compete for funding of up to maximum of 10 million shillings after meeting the review requirements of the research committee.

6. Eligibility

One must be a member of the Insurance Training College of Uganda for his or her research concept note to be considered. However, a non-member can be a co-author with the member(s).

7. Timelines

Deadline Submission of concept notes: **Friday March 27th, 2020**

Notification of acceptance of concept to prepare a full proposal: **Tuesday March 31st, 2020**

Round table presentations and discussion of the proposals to support the selection exercise of the proposals that will be eventually funded. This will include attendance of some stakeholders:

Wednesday April 8th, 2020

Decision on the accepted proposal for funding: **Thursday April 9th, 2020**

Please send your concept notes to **Email: research@iiu.ac.ug**

For more information;

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