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Notice:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS — MASTER'S *THESIS* RESEARCH GRANT
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The Directorate of Research and Extension (DoREX), Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU), announces a **competitive call** for *M.Sc. Thesis* research proposals under the Master's *Thesis* Research Grant Program. This initiative aims to strengthen the research culture among postgraduate students by supporting high-quality, innovative, and problem-oriented research in agriculture, animal science, veterinary science, fisheries, forestry, and related fields in Nepal. The program encourages students to engage in research that contributes to knowledge generation, enhances academic excellence, and supports evidence-based practices across sectors linked to agriculture and forestry.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be **Master's level students enrolled in any faculty under Agriculture and Forestry University**:
- Students must propose *thesis* research aligned with their academic program and departmental focus.
- Proposals should be prepared under the supervision of a designated **major advisor** (and co-advisor, if applicable) *as well as endorsement from the respective department*.

Thematic Areas

Proposals are invited under broad areas relevant to AFU's academic mandate. The *thesis* research themes may include, but are not limited to:

- Sustainable agriculture, crop science, soil science, and food security
- Livestock, animal health, veterinary science, and fisheries development
- Forestry, wildlife management, biodiversity conservation, and ecosystem services
- Natural resource management, climate resilience, and environmental sustainability
- Agri-business, value chains, rural development, and socio-economics
- *Any other department-specific research areas relevant to the student's academic program*

Ethical Considerations

Research involving human subjects, live animals, hazardous materials, or environmental interventions must be approved by **AFU Ethical Review Board** prior to the beginning of research works.

Research Duration and Location

- The proposed research must be **feasible for completion within the students' Master's program timeline**, typically within the thesis research period.
- Research may be conducted within AFU's laboratories, farms, departments, constituent colleges, or relevant field sites justified by the student and advisor.

Funding and Budget Provisions

- Budget ceiling will be of NPR. 50,000 (In words: fifty thousand Rupees only per research project).
- Total number of grants available: 20 (Twenty)



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- Allowable budget categories may include:
 - Field research activities
 - Laboratory analysis
 - Data collection and processing

Documents Required

Each proposal must include:

- Cover letter with a declaration of originality
- Endorsement letter from respective department head *or major advisor*
- Duly filled proposal form including estimated budget (form available at: <https://afu.edu.np/directorates/dorex/formats-and-guidelines>)
- Updated CV of the student applicant

Submission Deadline

Deadline: **January 15, 2026**

Submission Procedure

- Proposals must be submitted electronically as a **single PDF file**.
- Email submission to: vacancy.dorex@afu.edu.np with a subject line “**M.Sc.Thesis Research Proposal**”

Note: Students who have not received thesis research fund from any other sources are highly encouraged and prioritized.

Further Information

For clarification or support, applicants may contact the Directorate of Research and Extension (DoREX), Rampur, Chitwan, or email: dorex@afu.edu.np.

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