



# Africa Centre of Excellence on New Pedagogies in Engineering Education (ACENPEE)

## SEED GRANT 2024 - Call for Applications

The Africa Centre of Excellence on New Pedagogies in Engineering Education (ACENPEE) welcomes application for its seed grants on entrepreneurship/start-ups within the mandate of the Centre. The seed grant would be awarded to eligible researchers and students in Ahmadu Bello University. Through the ACENPEE seed grant, the ABU community can facilitate the establishment of innovative start-up companies from engineering education research outputs.

### Objectives

The call seeks to provide seed grants for entrepreneurship endeavors and establishment of start-ups to address any challenge in the areas of engineering projects and engineering education. This is expected to motivate staff, students and researchers to conduct relevant preliminary research that targets entrepreneurial and innovative start-ups.

### Grant Amount

The seed grant shall be the sum of **two million naira (N2,000,000.00)** as a one-time grant for one year and covers support for design, models, experimental results, and prototypes for the proposed start ups or entrepreneurship activities. A total number of 3 awards will be given.

### Criteria for Selection

- **Only** Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria researchers and students are eligible to apply for the Seed Grant.
- Proposals for the Seed Grant are invited based on an "Application Call" released by the Centre and advertised in the Centre's and University websites
- Applicants will submit their proposals as per the Templates (Appendices I & II) with an approval from their Heads of the Department/Research Center.
- The seed grant shall be a grant for one year and covers support for design, models, experimental results, and prototypes towards obtaining a commercialisable product.
- All applications will be screened by the Core and Expert Committee for selection of eligible applicants and proposals. Selected applicants will be invited to make a presentation to the Core and Expert Committee

### Grant Deliverables

- Development of prototype for entrepreneurship and/or scientific enterprise.
- Establishment of start-ups, spin-offs or any business venture for solving problems for the society.
- Patents and/or publication(s) in high impact journals. Awardees are strongly encouraged to apply for the patenting of their inventions and discoveries.
- Submission of a hard bound copy of report of the project on completion and published article(s).

### Submissions

Submissions are to be made via email to **acenpee1@gmail.com**; **acenpee@abu.edu.ng**

For more detailed information, visit the Centre's official website at **www.acenpee.abu.edu.ng**

### Deadline

- Opening Date: August 1st, 2024
- Closing Date: August 30th, 2024

