

PRESS RELEASE

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Uganda Communications Commission Announces Successful Applicants for the 2025 Research Support to Academia Call

The Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) is pleased to announce the successful applicants under the 2025 Call for Proposals for Research Support to Academia implemented under the UCC Research Support and Collaboration Framework.

The programme is implemented in accordance with Section 5(1)(l) of the Uganda Communications Act, 2013, which mandates UCC to promote research into the development and use of new communications techniques and technologies, including those that enhance access to communications services. Through this initiative, UCC supports academic research that advances innovation, evidence-based policy development, and the growth of Uganda's communications and ICT sector.

Following a competitive evaluation process comprising eligibility screening and technical assessment, nine(9) proposals successfully passed the evaluation process and were recommended for support.

The selected projects reflect UCC's commitment to promoting research, innovation, digital transformation, accessibility, cybersecurity, and evidence-based policy development in Uganda's communications sector

Applicant	Institution	Grant Lot & Category of Support	Research Project	Funding (UGX)
Kawuma Latif	Soroti University	Lot 1: Support to Undergraduate Research	Development of a Credit-Based Electricity Access Scheme for Smart Energy Consumers	Uganda Shillings Ten Million Only (UGX 10,000,000)
Okiria Jobbers	Kampala International University	Lot 1: Support to Undergraduate Research	Artificial Intelligence-Based Real-Time Anomaly Detection in Large-Scale Data Streams	Uganda Shillings Nine Million Six Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Only (UGX 9,625,000)
Mutaawe Enov	Makerere University	Lot 1: Support to Undergraduate Research	Enhancing Automated Waste Recycling and Sorting Efficiency Through AI and IoT Systems	Uganda Shillings Ten Million Only (UGX 10,000,000)
Mayanja Kizito	Soroti University	Lot 1: Support to Undergraduate Research	AI-Powered Medical Translation Tool for Luganda-English	Uganda Shillings Nine Million Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Only (UGX 9,280,000)

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Ignatius Balayo	Busitema University	Lot 2:Support to Postgraduate Research	Privacy Preservation in Mobile Networks Using Machine Learning	Uganda Shillings Twenty-Three Million Thirty-Nine Thousand Only (UGX 23,039,000)
Noah Ahereza	Kyambogo University	Lot 2:Support to Postgraduate Research	Effectiveness of TV Sign Language Interpretation in Enabling Access to Information	Uganda Shillings Twenty-One Million Six Hundred Thousand Only (UGX 21,600,000)
Mabirizi Vincent	Mbarara University of Science and Technology	Lot 2:Support to Postgraduate Research	A Convolutional Neural Network Model for Processing DICOM Files	Uganda Shillings Twenty-One Million Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Only (UGX 21,011,400)
Athanasias Rugasira	Kampala International University	Lot 2:Support to Postgraduate Research	Using Support Vector Machine Models to Examine Household Demographics and Agricultural Productivity	Uganda Shillings Twenty-Nine Million Two Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Only (UGX 29,274,828)
Dr. Hamidah Babirye Nsereko	Makerere University Business School	Lot 4: Support to Research by Academia for Industry	ICT for Youth Development: A Social Media Approach	Uganda Shillings Forty-Eight Million Eight Hundred Thousand Only (UGX 48,800,000)

UCC congratulates the successful applicants and their respective institutions.

The selected applicants will proceed to the grant agreement and project implementation phase in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions under the Research Support and Collaboration Framework.

Through this initiative, UCC continues to strengthen collaboration with academia and support research that contributes to Uganda's digital economy, inclusive access to communications services, innovation, and evidence-based regulation.

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