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The 2008-09 Research Support Grant (RSG) Program ([download form](#))

Program Notes and Application Procedures

Purpose of the Grant

The purpose of the Ethiopian American Foundation Research Support Grant (EAF-RSG) program for the 2008-2009 academic year is to offer financial grants to one Ethiopian faculty member and two graduate students for each of them to write publishable papers on the *Problems and Challenges of Higher Education in Ethiopia*. The faculty fellowship is for \$1,000. The graduate student grants are \$500 each. EAF plans to have these papers presented at a forthcoming symposium that EAF is planning on higher education and subsequently published in a periodical or monograph edited by the *EAF Symposium Committee*.

Application to research support grants will be open to all faculty and graduate students in Ethiopian colleges and universities. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. Funds may be used to cover expenses on personnel (student assistants, secretarial help, programmers, etc.) and supplies and services.

Procedures for Application

Faculty and graduate students from all disciplines in Ethiopian colleges are invited to apply for the competitive grants. The following documents should be submitted to the EAF Secretariat as email attachment (preferred) or by postal mail at the address shown above before the deadline shown below. An application packet should include:

1. Completed EAF Research Support [Grant \(RSG\) Application Form](#).
2. Two letters of recommendation (please request letters to be sent as email attachments to mehretu@msu.edu):
 - a. Faculty: one letter from a faculty member with expertise in the area of research and one letter from the unit Dean or Department Chair.
 - b. Graduate Students: one letter from the major faculty advisor and one letter from the unit Dean or Department Chair.
3. A two-page, double-spaced, research proposal.
4. A brief line-item budget for the use of EAF funds.
5. A brief curriculum vita of the applicant.

Review Process

Proposals will be evaluated by an EAF Awards Committee appointed by the [EAF Board of Trustees](#). The Awards Committee may, in certain cases, seek input from outside reviewers who are familiar with the subject matter of the proposed project.

Invitations for Grant Application

EAF will make announcements of research support grants in Ethiopia by the end of April 2008 with dispatch of grant brochures and application forms to the Institute of Development Research (IDR) with copies to all College Deans. We have also requested our colleagues at IDR to help us distribute electronically the Fellowship Brochure to all colleges and academic centers in Ethiopia. Individuals may also obtain brochures and forms from IDR at AAU or by sending an email to the EAF Secretariat at mehretu@msu.edu. Deans, Chairs and Directors in Ethiopian universities are kindly requested by EAF to post and or distribute the announcements to their faculties and graduate students.

Eligibility Requirements

All current Ethiopian faculty and graduate students in good standing in all Ethiopian colleges and universities are eligible to apply for the EAF grant.

Application Deadline

Applications to the RSG must be sent to the EAF Secretariat as email attachments to mehretu@msu.edu or at the address shown on the [application form](#) postmarked before July 31, 2008.

Notification of Awards

Successful applicants will be notified by the end of September 2008. A list of all successful grantees will be sent to the IDR with checks and letters of commendation.

Final Paper

All grantees are obligated to file with EAF the final paper on the approved topic for this fellowship cycle. A short financial report with itemized expenses of the grant funds should accompany the final paper. Both research and financial reports must be received at the EAF Secretariat by December 31, 2009.



Objectives and Functions of EAF

The Ethiopian American Foundation (EAF), established in 1993, is a non-profit, non-partisan organization duly registered as a tax exempt educational organization with the Internal Revenue Service of the US Federal Government. EAF is a membership-based organization and the bulk of its funds are derived from regular membership fees. EAF is open to membership to all individuals who support its objectives.

The principal objective of EAF is to support and enhance the functions of higher education in Ethiopia by bringing to bear the collective effort of Ethiopians, Ethiopian Americans and American friends of Ethiopia. The principal function of the organization is to serve as a medium through which contributions in ideas, time and resources from Ethiopians, Ethiopian Americans, American friends of Ethiopia and others that support its objectives can be channeled to help strengthen Ethiopia's institutions of higher education and enable them to face up to the challenges of the 21st. century. The specific objectives of EAF are:

- To create an institutional framework to enable constituent groups to make sustained financial, material and intellectual contributions in areas of priority needs of higher education in Ethiopia.
- To build capital assets the interest of which will be used to support projects and activities in accordance with approved procedures. Sources of funds and assets shall include pledges from members, membership fees, gifts and endowments, matching grants, fund raising events, and in-kind gifts such as books, periodicals, computers, laboratory equipment and the like.
- To help train students by granting competitive scholarships to be used at any of the accredited institutions of higher learning in Ethiopia and overseas.
- To help finance a variety of academic programs for faculty from constituent groups in such areas as sabbaticals, study leaves, consultancies, conferences, short term residencies, research and publication projects.
- To facilitate collaborative work between academics in Ethiopia and those in the United States in areas such as research, teaching, student training, sabbatical swaps, conferences, seminars, publication projects, summer workshops and similar undertakings.
- To extend grants to supply critical shortages in teaching and research materials with particular focus on books, periodicals, reference materials, manuals, software, computers, laboratory supplies and field research equipment.
- To establish student internship and exchange programs to enable Ethiopian, Ethiopian American and American college students to participate in programs such as junior-year in Ethiopia and the United States, summer field work, dissertation research, language internship, short-term special programs in the humanities and social sciences and similar activities.
- To help organize and support voluntary activities in Ethiopia by constituent groups who would like to make specific contributions in time and resources channeled through technical services projects in such areas as pilot (demonstration) medical procedures, pilot engineering projects, teaching, research and constancy, where possible, in collaboration with counterpart Ethiopian scholars and university students.
- To support any ideas, forums and activities that are deemed relevant and useful to enhance the principal missions of Ethiopian higher education in teaching, research and outreach.

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Research Support Grant Application Form
2008-09 Cycle

Name: _____ Date: _____ email: _____
 Academic Address: _____

Department and College _____

Professor Title (position): _____

Graduate Student: Years in Grad School _____

HMMS:

Academic area: (please check one)

- Arts and Letters (incl. Humanities)
- Social Sciences (incl. Business, Education, Law)
- Science and Technology (incl. Agriculture, Medicine)

Title of research
 project: _____

Brief Abstract of Research Project (about 150 words)

Attach a two-page proposal as described above, letters of recommendation, and short CV with this form.

I hereby agree that, if I get the grant, I will file with the EAF Secretariat a final paper on the results of my research project and a financial report with itemized expenses of the grant funds by December 31, 2009.

Signatures:

 Applicant

 Department Chair or Dean of Faculty