



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR RESPONSIBLE AI POLICY RESEARCH PROJECTS

<b>DEADLINE</b> January 15, 2023 by 23:59 (EAT)	<b>REGION(S)</b> Africa
<b>TOPIC(S)</b> Education, Agriculture, Law, Health, Responsible AI	<b>CONTACT</b> <a href="mailto:cipit@strathmore.edu">cipit@strathmore.edu</a>
<b>DURATION</b> Up to 6 months	<b>BUDGET</b> <b>USD 10,000 – 15,000 for 3 organizations</b>
<b>FUNDED BY</b> CIPIT	<b>STATUS</b> Open
	<b>TYPE</b> Grant

The Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT) is an evidence-based independent research and training housed under Strathmore University in Nairobi, Kenya. Our Mission is to study, create, and share knowledge on the development of intellectual property and information technology, especially as they contribute to African Law and Human Rights. CIPIT invites proposals from policy research organizations based on the African continent that are committed to using research to inform and influence national-level artificial intelligence (AI) policies and laws. This funding opportunity will provide funding to three (3) AI policy research organizations to develop Responsible AI frameworks specific to the African continent in the education, agricultural, health, or legal sector.

### **Key Dates**

Call for proposals release date: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Proposal submission deadline: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Proposal selection deadline: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

### **Eligibility and Requirements**

This call for proposals is open to organizations across the African continent with strong research and policy engagement track records in the subjects that are critical for responsible AI. Only institutions that meet the eligibility criteria outlined here should submit proposals for possible funding.

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have a track record of research and analysis on the governance of digital technologies (experience in AI technologies is a plus), and experience with developing and giving input on digital policies and regulations in a national and/or regional context
- Have subject area expertise in the following AI policy and research areas:
  - Enabling beneficial AI research and development
  - Economic impacts, labor shifts, inequality, and technological unemployment
  - Accountability, transparency, and explainability
  - Surveillance, privacy, and civil liberties



- Fairness, ethics, and human rights
- Diversity and gender equality
- Data capacity, analytics, protection and governance
- Political manipulation and computational propaganda
- Human dignity, autonomy, and psychological impact
- AI safety
- Be legally registered in their country of operation
- Have experience conducting inter – disciplinary, multi – sectorial AI policy research

### **Scope of Work**

CIPIT's mission is to provide a body of evidence-based data to African policymakers so that they have of-the-moment, objective, high quality AI-related policy research that will inform decision-making on key responsible AI policy issues. To this end, CIPIT seeks to provide support to three (3) organizations for broad – based responsible AI policy research. The goal of this research will be to develop a Responsible AI Framework specific to the African continent for AI technologies developed for utilization in either the health, agricultural, legal, or education sector. This framework will,

- Help develop appropriate norms and standards for responsible AI practices based on local environments
- Be ethical and legally justified
- Be politically viable given the local political landscape
- Provide specific strategies for the implementation of the principles outlined in the developed framework
- Be sustainable, and grounded in human rights
- Preserve the potential for social and economic innovation and progress

Researchers must also provide a case study on the utilization of the developed Responsible AI Framework. This will consist of an ethical analysis, informed by these frameworks, conducted within the specific context of the development and deployment of an AI platform in one of the sectors listed earlier in this document.

### **How to Apply**

Proposals should be submitted to [cipit@strathmore.edu](mailto:cipit@strathmore.edu). Applicants should also submit examples of your research and policy work and the CVs of your research team. The proposal and all requested supporting materials must be submitted no later than **January 15, 2023 by 23:59 (EAT)**.