RESEARCH GRANT

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**DEFINITION**

**RESEARCH:** Systematic investigative process employed to increase or revise current knowledge by discovering new facts
OR
Careful study of a situation or subject so as to discover new facts or information.

**GRANT:** is a word that has different meaning, it depend on the use. Grant may be “allowed to” e.g Permission to travel was granted a few weeks ago. Nigeria has agreed to grant him a political asylum.

Grant may mean bestow or award e.g “This bill grants us new rights”. “He was granted honourary degree on” In the content of this discussion this definition will be appropriate: “Grant is an amount of money given by Government, Organisation, Institution or Individual to be used for a specific purpose.”
TYPES OF GRANT

• International Grant
• Student Grant
• Individual Grant
• Business Grant
• Research Grant
• Educational Grant
• Minority Grant
• Housing Grant
• Social Grant
Purpose of Grant

• To research into a situation for more information or new facts.
• To assist economically so as to (a) start a new business (b) expands an existing one (c) to secure additional capital investment.
• To provide housing subsidies and low interest loan.
• To provide fund for students in paying their school fees and others.
• To have over seas training for more knowledge, e.g Macarthur grant in U.I where many teaching staff and non teaching staff are given grant to go for one training or the other within and abroad.
• To make provision for disables and less privilege people in education, business, housing etc. (Minority grant)
Who give grant?

- **Government.** e.g S.R.G. (Senate Researcher Grant) D.T.L.C (Direct Teaching and Laboratory Cost).
- **Non Governmental Organizations:** e.g Macarthur Grant, REACH (Research Allied to Combat HIV/AIDS), AGRA (The Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa) A.E.R.C (African Economic Research Consortium) etc.
- **Individual**
- **Company.**
Some common Terminology in Research Grant

(a) Proposal
(b) Donor
(c) Principal Investigator
(d) Application
PROPOSAL
• Is the outline of how a research is to be carried out. The main objective is to describe
• (a) What to do
• (b) Why it should be done
• (c) How to do it
• (d) Result of the Research
• It is the proposal that will help in determining the budget for the project

Basic Proposal Outline.

• (1) Introduction
  • Topic, Aims and Objectives, Scope, Hypothesis, Research questions, e.g.
• (2) Literature Review
  • Previous research work on the topic or project.
• (3) Methodology.
  • Method of collecting data e.g experimental method, oral interview, questionnaire administration, focus group discussion, participatory method, e.t.c.
• (4) Data analysis
• (5) The Result.
• (6) Bibliography or References

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
• He or she is a person that leads a team to investigate or embark on a research.
• He is the one to prepare the proposal, make the budget, and find a donor that will finance the project.
• If it happened that an organization wishes to find out some fact on particular area or event, they will look for principal investigator that will give them proposal.

DONOR
• It is an organization or Institution that provides money for a research

APPLICATION
• A letter of request for fund to carried out research by the Principal Investigator to donor.
• The application will include the proposal and budget.
SOME RESEARCH GRANT IN THE UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN.

• Senate Research Grant.

• Grant for Over-all Development.

• Grant for Specific Research.
Senate Research Grant (S.R.G)

This is from overhead grant from Federal Government. It is a grant mainly for academics research. There is a committee for this grant, headed by Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics) while the Secretary is Deputy Registrar (Administration.)

Any body that wants this grant will prepare a proposal on how to go about the research and budget to the committee.

The committee will look at the proposal, the objective, how it can be useful for academic purpose and humanity.

If the proposal is approved, the amount approve for the research will be given in three installments. The fund released for the first installment must be accounted for before the release of second installment.

The final report on the research must be submitted to the Secretary to the Senate Research Grant Committee.

Grant (S.R.G.) not used within six months would lapse. Any staff employed for the research shall be laid off after the research. All equipments used for the research shall be deposited for the use of the Department of the recipient. The period for the research must not exceed two years.

Grant for Specific Research.

- The person wishes to get this type of grant will write a proposal (The principal Investigator) and the budget. He will look for Donor i.e. those that will finance the project.
- When the donor agreed to finance the research, Memorandum of Understanding will be signed by the Donor, the Principal Investigator and the University, the Vice Chancellor will sign for the University.
- The purpose of the M.O.U is to be sure that the P.I will do the research and that the University will responsible for any defect i.e stand as a guarantor.
- The donor will send the amount of the Grant to the University. An account head will be open for it at Grant unit of Bursary. The money will be disbursed by Bursary as requested for by the P.I. The University will deduct 10 percent of the money as administrative charges. Audit is to audit all the vouchers raised by the Bursary. At the end of the research, a comprehensive financial report will be compiled by the P.I, and send to the donor.
- The report of the research must first send to Vice Chancellor through Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics) before sending it to the donor. Any staff employ for this type of research will be laid off after the research. All equipment will be deposited to the department of P.I.
- Among such grant in the University are: REACH (Research Allied to Combat HIV/AIDS), AGRA (The Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa) A.E.R.C (African Economic Research Consortium).
Grant for overall Development:
This is a grant given by an organization known as Macarthur Foundation Grant. This grant is for overall development of the University. It is not on research grant only. Among areas covered by this grant are:
Staff training and Research capacity building.
University Strengthen e.g Information and Communication Technology (I.C.T), Distance Learning Centre (D.L.C), Academic Links (Office of International Programmes, Academic Exchange Lecture), Library Strengthen, University Advancement Centre, University Curriculum Review Programme, Peer Group Education et cetera.

STAFF TRAINING
• It covers areas of training and research. This is for both teaching and non-teaching staff of the University.
• To obtain grant from Macarthur to attend training in abroad or within, you need to present proposal and budget with where you want to go for the training.

Application to be sent to:
The Chairman
Staff Training and Research Capacity Building,
Sub-Committee.
Macarthur Foundation Grant Implementation Committee.
• This committee will look into your proposal; interview you to ascertain some facts, the benefit to academics, society at large and humanity in general. If your proposal meets their standard, the grant will be given.
• During your training or research, your trainer or supervisor will send report on you to M.G.L.O and after the training, the beneficiary will give account of how he spend the money given, organize a seminar on his training, where MGLO and other people will present.
AUDITING OF RESEARCH GRANT.

In auditing research grant the following should be considered.
Budget: Is the request by the P.I. part of the budget?. Does the Bursar or Vice Chancellor or both approve?.
If the above are met, Inspection of the items or construction or repair can be carried out.
Arithmetic Accuracy.

CONCLUSION
Audit as a body can come together to write a proposal, find a donor. Also individual can do to enjoy the Macarthur Grant.

I implored each one of us that if we are fortunate to win any grant, we should judiciously use it for the benefit of our society and to dignify our name.

I thank you all for listening to this scanty lecture of mine. Once again thank you and God bless.