Research Clearance process

1. Submission made to Research Ethics Committee (REC)/Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA)/National Forestry Authority (NFA)/National Biosafety Committee (NBC) or other relevant organization for approval.
2. Once approval is obtained, submission is made to UNCST for registration and final clearance. The requirements are as follows:
   2.1. The Principal Investigator (PI) makes an electronic research application by following the link, [https://research.uncst.go.ug/](https://research.uncst.go.ug/) or filling 1 UNCST/RC 1 form and submitting it together with:
   a. A copy of the stamped research proposal from either of the organizations in 1 above. Please note that the stamp applies to those studies which go through a REC.
   b. A copy of stamped data collection instruments
   c. A copy of stamped informed consent documents, where applicable
   d. Approval letter from Research Ethics Committee or Institutional Review Board/Committee (for research involving humans as research participants only)
   e. Letter of introduction/recommendation from the organization of affiliation in Uganda (for foreign investigators only)
   f) Three (3) copies of RS 6 forms for the principle investigator and the core research team
   g) Four (4) recent passport size photographs for the principle investigator and the core research team

2.2 Additional information

a) The proposed research project should at the minimum have a title, introduction, objectives, study design and methods, version, date, budget and the estimated duration.
b) A researcher or any other person, who wishes to export and import plant or animal specimen for further investigations abroad, must obtain special export and import permits from the UNCST.
c) The Uganda National Council for Science and Technology reserves the right to reject any research proposal.
d) Review meeting is held (review schedule available on the website)
e) A notice of approval is sent by the end of the review week. This includes payment details.
f) UNCST makes submission of forms to president’s office for security clearance to study districts
g) Submission to NDA is made where applicable.