

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/> 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.