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To: **All Deans and Directors**
Associate Deans for Research and Technology Transfer

From: **Tadesse Fetahi (Professor)**
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Subject: **Call for Thematic Research Proposals**

The Office of the **Director for Research** hereby announces the **12th round call** for Thematic Research (TR) proposals for possible funding. The TR proposal should:

1. Address a national problem with an overarching goal;
2. Be in line with the research priority areas of the university;
3. Be multi-disciplinary (involve more than one college/department /institute/school);
4. Incorporate at least three sub-themes addressing different aspects of a common problem;
5. Incorporate Ph.D. and/or Master's thesis topics.

The review process has two phases. The first phase scrutinizes the format, completeness of the proposal, priorities, and other predetermined screening criteria. Then, the Proposal Review Committee will conduct the second and final phase of the evaluation, and the results will be communicated to all applicants.

Please submit your proposal using AAU CONVERIS at converis.aau.edu.et portal and RMS <https://rms.aau.edu.et/>. TR application form is available on the AAU website at the Research Director Portal. In parallel, applicants are advised to submit their proposal for IRB evaluation. Communicate with biniyam.amsalu@aau.edu.et (ICT Team Leader) for technical assistance.

Re-applicants should indicate the inclusion and/or improvements suggested by the reviewers and submit a separate paper with questions/comments and responses.

Important notes:

- Organize a proposal-review workshop in mid-January 2024 and submit the list of proposals presented
- Deadline for Proposal Submission – 15 February 2024 at 20 hr.
- Project starts on 01 September 2024.

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