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**2014-2015 U.S.-Ethiopian University Linkage Seed Money Competition
Application and Guidelines**

Following successful competition of establishing a total of twelve linkages between U.S. and Ethiopian universities in 2011 and 2013, the U.S. Embassy has decided to issue a call for proposals for a third round of linkage affiliations in 2014-2015. The fields and criteria for 2014-2015 will remain the same as for the previous year. Applicants will find specific details and contact information in the materials below. Dependent on applications and the availability of funds, we expect to offer 3-5 grants.

Ethiopian universities have expanded by more than ten-fold over the last twenty years, both in the number of students and the number of universities. This ambitious undertaking is part of Ethiopia's larger economic expansion plans. University officials recognize the challenges they face and have turned to the United States, and to other countries, for assistance. As part of the U.S. Embassy's effort to respond to this need, we are again offering seed funding for limited-term cooperative projects between U.S. and Ethiopian universities that we hope will lead to enduring partnerships of mutual benefit.

While these seed grants are intended to have specific outcomes, the larger goal is to establish new institutional and personal relationships in support of long-term partnerships. For this reason, universities or academic departments that have not previously worked together will be given preference. Proposals that include Ethiopia's newly-established universities will also be given preference. Newly-established universities, referred to as second and third-generation universities in Ethiopia, often do not have the range of contacts or experience to establish international linkage, yet they can often make excellent partners because of their relative youth and enthusiasm.

Funding for existing partnerships will be considered only in cases where a newly-established Ethiopian university is included as a third partner. In such a case, the proposal must address the specifics of the engagement with the third partner in such a way that it is substantial and beneficial to the third partner's development. For our

purposes, an “existing partnership” is defined as one in which there are demonstrated, significant and sustained activities between two institutions.

Recognizing that Ethiopia’s newly-established universities seek experience and knowledge transfer from both Ethiopian and foreign universities on a broad range of issues, we encourage proposals that propose creative and low-cost ways to share experience as an ancillary activity to the main project. For example, U.S. faculty members and administrators who visit Ethiopia as part of the project might include time to lecture, mentor or share written materials on the following or other related topics:

- 1) strengthening university administrative capacity, governance, strategic planning, curriculum development and personnel management;
- 2) improving university information networks and digital libraries;
- 3) creating greater access and support for young women in university study;
- 4) building English learning programs.

The U.S.-Ethiopian University Linkage Seed Money Competition is intended to encourage the creation of **new**, innovative and mutually beneficial partnerships between U.S. and Ethiopian universities and colleges. Please note that the grant is **not** designed for the continuation or enhancement of an existing linkage, except where a newly-established Ethiopian university is included as a third partner. Proposals may be wide-ranging in scope and format -- from faculty and student exchange programs, to research collaborations, joint degree programs and comprehensive institutional partnerships -- but they must be conceived and prepared jointly by representatives of a U.S. and an Ethiopian institution, and they must have approval of the President or senior official of both institutions.

U.S. universities and colleges interested in establishing new partnerships in Ethiopia may refer to the attached list of Ethiopian universities as possible partners. Ethiopian universities interested in attracting U.S. partners should research U.S. universities working in the region or in their fields of specialty.

Three to five grants of up to \$15,000 each will be made available to winning proposals. Recognizing that face-to-face meetings are vital to building the personal relationships and understanding needed for long-term partnerships, grants may be used partially for travel costs of project participants. However, proposals should address the specific connection of the travel to the overall project. Grant funds may not be used to support the travel of senior university officials for the purpose of exploring or signing partnership agreements. Cost sharing on this and other aspects of the proposal is encouraged. Please note that all participants must follow the “Fly America Act” when conducting international travel.

The final application deadline is September 1, 2014. Grant fund disbursement will begin -at the end of October 2014 in two instalments, of up to \$10,000 and \$5,000 each. The second instalment of funding will not be provided until the partner institutions provide a joint statement of financial accountability and narrative reports (1000 words or

less) on the expenditure of the first \$10,000. The first financial statement and report may be submitted no later than April 30, 2015. Expenditures of more than \$1000 must be documented with copies of receipts. Expenditures of under \$1000 do not require receipts, but must be detailed in the financial report. Recipients of seed money awards must provide final financial statements and narrative reports (1000 words or less) after the second instalment of funding has been depleted; the seed money is expected to be used and final reports submitted no later than August 30, 2015. The final report should include a description of how the project will continue and expectations for further linkages between the partner universities.

If you have any questions about the grant competition, please feel free to contact U.S. Embassy Cultural Affairs Specialist Yohannes Birhanu (Tel: 011-130-7523; email: Yohannes.Birhanu@state.gov).

Seed Money Competition Objectives:

1. Create mutually beneficial linkages between U.S. and Ethiopian universities and colleges particularly between U.S. universities and newly-established Ethiopian universities.
2. Achieve specific outcomes based on the project proposals.
3. Strengthen the skills and experience of Ethiopian higher education faculty and administrators.

Proposals will be judged on several criteria. Primary criteria include:

1. Creates new linkage. Or, if expanding an existing linkage, a newly established Ethiopian university is included.
2. Linkage is with a newly-established university as a primary partner.
3. Project is sustainable.
4. Project establishes a long-term tie between universities.
5. Proposal contains cost sharing element.
6. Travel related costs are not excessive.
7. Project timeline is reasonable.

Linkage Grant Application
DEADLINE September 1, 2014

1. U.S. University or College:

Principal Point of Contact (name, title and department) for Proposed Partnership:

Address:

Telephone:

Email Address:

Fax number:

2. Ethiopian University or College (may include a primary and secondary partner as described above):

Principal Point of Contact for Proposed Partnership:

Address:

Telephone:

Email Address:

Fax number:

3. Please list any projects involving either the U.S. or Ethiopian partner that have been funded in the past by the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa.

4. Please list other U.S. university partners of the Ethiopian university, the year that the cooperation began and the field of work.

5. Please describe previous travel to Ethiopia or to the U.S. by principle project participants.

6. Is there an existing linkage with the U.S. university partner in this proposal? (Yes/No)

7. If yes, is the linkage proposed here in a new field? Explain.

- 8. Please describe in 600 words or less the proposed partnership or linkage project and the benefits it would bring to both the U.S. and the Ethiopian University.**
- 9. Please provide a detailed budget for how the seed money would be used (i.e.: travel, personnel, material and supplies).**
- 10. Please provide a timeline for use of the seed money, no longer than 12 months in length.**
- 11. Please provide a timeline for the project beyond the depletion of the seed money.**
- 12. Please give a description, in 600 words or less, of the responsibilities of both institutions.**
- 13. What monetary or other resources will the participating institutions contribute to the partnership, in both the initial start-up phase and the longer-term maintenance of the project (cost sharing)?**
- 14. From what sources will additional funding be received once the seed money is spent?**
- 15. How will this partnership project support long-term ties between the two institutions?**
- 16. Please describe in 400 words or less the intended impact that this partnership project will have on both institutions.**
- 17. Please describe in 400 words or less how this partnership proposal responds to the broad objective of increasing mutual understanding and ties between the American and Ethiopia peoples.**

18. Please provide details on how the seed money will be managed (i.e. In a joint bank account managed by both partners? In a bank account controlled by one of the partners in consultation with the other?) Please note that grant recipients will be expected to provide a DUNS number to fulfil U.S. grant making requirements. The U.S. Embassy will provide selected grant recipients with information on how to apply for a DUNS number if they do not already have one.

19. Please provide original letters signed by the presidents of your universities or colleges indicated that the proposed partnership project has the university leadership's full support.

Applications must be submitted in hard and soft copies by **September 1, 2014 to:**

**Hard Copy:
Public Affairs Section
ATTN: Yohannes Birhanu
Embassy of the United States of America
P.O. Box 1014
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

Soft Copy: Yohannes.Birhanu@state.gov

List of Ethiopian Public Universities

* First-generation university

N o.	Name of university	City	E-mail	Website
1	Adama Science & Technology University	Adama	jgl0238@gmail.com or president@adama-university.net or PSecretary@adama-university.net	www.astu.edu
2	Addis Ababa Science & Technology University	Akaki	tarekegntt@gmail.com or nutefera@gmail.com	www.aastu.org.et
3*	Addis Ababa University*	Addis Ababa	poffice@aau.edu.et or admasuhr@yahoo.com	www.aau.edu.et
4	Adigrat University	Adigrat	znegashz@yahoo.com or alemmeb@googlemail.com	www.adu.edu.et
5	Aksum University	Aksum	tatomchik@yahoo.com or akililu64@yahoo.com	www.aksumuniversity.com
6	Ambo University	Ambo	mitikudr@yahoo.com or lakew2462@yahoo.com	www.ambou.edu.et
7*	Arba Minch University*	Arba Minch	vpaa@amu.edu.et	www.amu.edu.et
8	Assosa University	Assosa	thirpa2000@yahoo.com or ismaelmohamed6@gmail.com	www.asu.edu.et
9*	Bahir Dar University*	Bahir Dar	bayliedamtie@yahoo.com or firewtegegne@yahoo.co.uk	www.bdu.edu.et
10	Bule Hora University	Hagre Mariam	b_galechu@yahoo.com or halakehor@yahoo.com	
11	Debre Birhan University	Debre Birhan	getsion2005@yahoo.com or tamire06@yahoo.com	www.dbu.edu.et
12	Dibre Markos	Dibre Markos	theodrosbekaffa@yahoo.com or	www.dmu.edu.et

	University		yilikalkefale@yahoo.com	
13	Dibre Tabor University	Dibre Tabor	alemayehukk2003@gmail.com or get716mel@yahoo.com	
14	Dilla University	Dilla	tariku_b@yahoo.com or fikredessalegn@yahoo.com	www.dillauniversity.edu.et
15	Dire Dawa University	Dire Dawa	wagayehu_bekele@yahoo.com or fekadulemessa@yahoo.com	www.ddu.edu.et
16 *	Gondar University*	Gondar	kalmeng59@gmail.com or desmen96@yahoo.com	www.uog.edu.et
17 *	Haramaya University*	Haramaya	girma_an@yahoo.com or Chefigu@yahoo.com	www.haramaya.edu.et
18 *	Hawassa University*	Hawassa	yosefmam@yahoo.com or	www.hu.edu.et
19	Jijiga University	Jijiga	abdinasir786@yahoo.com or seid514@gmail.com	www.jju.edu.et
20 *	Jimma University*	Jimma	lemessaf@yahoo.com or Fikre.lemessa@ju.edu.et or tayetolaa@yahoo.com	www.ju.edu.et
21	Madawolabo University	Robe	daddiketema@gmail.com or awol.ahamed@yahoo.com	
22 *	Mekelle University*	Mekelle	kindeyagl@yahoo.com	www.mu.edu.et
23	Metu University	Metu	mekonendinko@yahoo.com or kitessachemeda@gmail.com	
24	Mizan Tepi University	Mizan	shuniiti.yeri@yahoo.com or wondimugebre@yahoo.com	www.mtu.edu.et
25	Samara University	Samara	gilihisa_adem@yahoo.com or emrua67@yahoo.com	www.su.edu.et
26	Wachamo University	Hossana	ashamo69@yahoo.com	www.wcu.edu.et

27	Wolaita Sodo University	Sodo	mottatamirat@yahoo.com or mailto:kibre_yesu@yahoo.com	www.wsu.edu.et
28	Woldiya University	Woldiya	yalew_em@yahoo.com or	
29	Wolkite University	Wolkite	admasukeraga@yahoo.com or mektmm@yahoo.com	www.wku.edu.et
30	Wollega University	Nekemet	fekadu.beyene@yahoo.com or eba.mijena@gmail.com	www.wuni.edu.et
31	Wollo University	Kombolcha	assefanegwo@yahoo.com or eba.mijena@gmail.com	www.wu.edu.et
32	Civil Service University	Addis Ababa	hailem@excite.com	www.ecsc.edu.et
33	Ethiopian Defense University	Debre Zeit		www.dec.edu.et