Call for Proposals

Kathmandu University School of Management invites proposals from academicians, students (Graduate, MPhil, and PhD), independent researchers, and practitioners for funded research projects under the WTO Chairs Programme – Nepal. Please send your proposals to WTO Chairs Programme - Nepal through the link provided below on or before the extended deadline of **September 30, 2023,** under the following research topics.

1) Digital transformation and trade: The way forward for Nepali businesses.
2) 20 Years of Nepal's Accession to WTO: Achievements and future prospects.
3) Nepal Trade Integration Strategy (NTIS) 2023 - Product-specific research for enhancing trade competitiveness.
4) Trade in Services: Tourism, labor services, and education.
5) Sustainability in trade: Incorporating environmental and socio-cultural dimensions into trade.
6) The WTO and Food Security.

This scheme is aimed at supporting academicians, students, independent researchers, and practitioners to carry out the research. The duration of the research will be **6 months (i.e. by end of January 2024)** including writing the proposal. The proposal has to be prepared with a budget up to NRs. 2,00,000.00 (Subjected to deduction of Tax and KUSOM contribution). However, any important contribution intended by research may get additional funding support.

The proposal for the research project should include the following contents managed accordingly into the chapters:

1) Title
2) Background of the area of research
3) Problem statement including phenomenon under study, research question as-is situation of the objectives
4) Rationale of the research indicating a need of this inquiry to address pertinent problems
5) Brief literature review and conceptual sketch or theoretical framework (Whether qualitative or quantitative in nature)
6) Planned methodology with possible inquiry tool/s to be used and probable source of empirical data
7) Expected findings and their potential contribution
8) References
9) Work plan of the research project work
10) Budget

Link to submit the proposals: https://forms.gle/UAgyP6r9gQ8BB3KN9