



NIRDA

National Industrial
Research and Development
Agency



INNOVATE FOR COW BIOHACKATHON

**Reinventing Industries
Call for Applications**



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WHAT IS NIRDA?

The National Industrial Research and Development Agency (NIRDA) is a Government of Rwanda's institution that enables a generation of industrial innovators to become competitive through technology monitoring, acquisition, development, transfer and applied research.

Through the Applied Research and Development Foresight Incubation (ARDFI) department, NIRDA is organizing ***"Innovate for Cow Biohackathon"*** for young innovators that seeks to unlock the potential for innovation for cow and cow by-products; especially in leather, medicinal, cosmetic, fertilizer, animal feeds and creative arts.

WHAT SUPPORT DOES NIRDA OFFER?

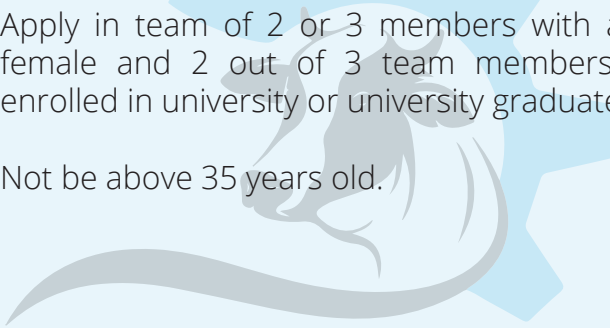
Through Innovate for Cow Biohackathon, NIRDA is ready to collaborate with young innovators in order to improve competitiveness and productivity by enabling them to:

- ✓ Support innovation through cash prize* to upgrade their projects/products
- ✓ Benefit from cost-free 3 month- incubation, which will yield growth of selected projects – improving production and management.
- ✓ Train successful teams on the appropriate technology, Product development, business development and Intellectual property management skills

(Terms and conditions apply)

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION?

- Fit the theme and purpose of the Bio hackathon: life science product such as food, feed and fertilizer and STEM product such as smart hardware responding to cow value chain challenges are encouraged.
- Be a student, graduate, university staff or other innovators working in life sciences and STEM with cow product and by-products related innovations and with an interest technology in cow value chain.
- Apply in team of 2 or 3 members with at least one female and 2 out of 3 team members should be enrolled in university or university graduate.
- Not be above 35 years old.



HOW CAN I APPLY?

- ✓ It is a competitive process through which only the best project proposals will be selected. A **two steps** selection process through which applicants will:
 - For step one, fill the application form found on NIRDA Open Calls portal (www.biohackthon.nirda.gov.rw)
 - If this is approved, you will be invited to submit a full Project Application
- ✓ NIRDA staff shall provide necessary support upon request
- ✓ All proposals must be submitted through the NIRDA : www.biohackathon.nirda.gov.rw.
- ✓ **Deadline for Applications: 20/03/2022.**

WHAT IF I NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Visit: www.nirda.gov.rw or talk to us anytime at Kigali City Tower 3rd Floor or Huye Research Centre, also E-mail:biohackathon@nirda.gov.rw.