

## Research Associate for the Special Interest Group in Medicine

Kenya Education Network (KENET), in its role as the National Research and Education Network, engages faculty and researchers through Special Interest Groups. As of March 6, 2026, KENET operationalized three SIGs in the following academic areas:

1. **Computer Science and Information Systems:**
2. **Computational Modelling and Materials Science.**
3. **Engineering.**

Each SIG is coordinated by a part-time Research Associate, a senior faculty member or researcher in the SIG area. The Research Associate helps KENET to build a human network of faculty members and researchers in a particular SIG academic area. They also prepare Calls for Proposals for KENET community-funded research and/or educational technology innovation grants to early career full-time PhD faculty and/or researchers employed by member institutions.

KENET plans to operationalize a **Special Interest Group in Medicine (includes Surgery)** in the FY 2026/2027 that starts on July 1, 2026. The idea is to advance medical education and research by leveraging digital technologies, including Artificial Intelligence by supporting early career PhD faculty and/or researchers (i.e., PhD was awarded within the last five years). KENET will need to appoint a part-time research associate who will be a senior faculty member or researchers at one of the member universities or medical research institutes in Kenya.

KENET therefore invites nominations of research associate in medicine candidates who will be selected using the following criteria:

1. Is recognized by his or her colleagues as an academic leader in Medicine with demonstrated passion, for example, in formation of research groups, leadership in national thematic groups, adoption of blended learning practices in their specific areas of medical education, and mentoring the next generation of junior researchers and faculty in medicine.
2. Has earned PhD in any area of medicine and is a full-time employee in one of the member institutions of KENET – university, medical research institute or teaching and/or research hospital.
3. Has five or more years of experience of teaching and/or research experience in a Kenyan School of Medicine on a full-time or part-time basis and with time to promote the advancement of research in medicine at a national level.
4. Is an active researcher who has supervised graduate students and is aware of the emerging research areas in the SIG area and medical ethics.

5. Has attracted grants from national/international organizations to support research and is willing to prepare Calls for Proposals for early-career faculty in medicine and application of educational technology in teaching medical courses in any of the different areas of medicine or surgery.

Selected research associate in medicine will sign a 3-year research associate agreement with KENET at competitive daily rate based on the deliverables of developing Calls for Proposals, organizing forum, building a network of expert reviewers for the grants, and monitoring and evaluation of the grantees.

Kindly use the nomination link below to nominate one candidate research associate by May 29, 2026.

<https://events.kenet.or.ke/event/137/>

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