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THE RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS CHALLENGE

The Research and Innovation Department, in partnership with the Gary Magadzire School of Agriculture believes innovation is critical in addressing most of our current problems as a nation. We endeavor to: encourage innovation, entrepreneurship, successful business development, and community revitalization, ensuring a local economy that generates wealth and shares prosperity in line with our National Development Strategy (NDS 1 & 2). In this regard, we are holding the “1st Research and Innovation Challenge 2022”.

About the Challenge

We are challenging all students to embrace our culture and heritage in coming up with innovative and creative concepts and prototypes based on traditional / indigenous grains as a way of addressing issues of value addition and beneficiation of local produce to give high value goods and services in-line with Education 5.0. In this challenge, students, working with their supervisors will be required to develop innovative products prototypes using traditional grains as the major ingredient.

Eligibility Criteria

The Research and Innovations challenge is open to all registered students. For good guidance, each student must work with a mentor but the ultimate reward will cover both. However, it must be clear that the idea came from the student with the mentor providing guidance.

A webinar will be held to clarify key issues pertaining to this challenge as well as unpack the concept of innovation to all aspiring participants. **Participation in this webinar is a must to be eligible for this Challenge.** Please constantly check our website (<https://www.gzu.ac.zw/research-and-innovation/>) for the webinar details.

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