

OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL CHAIRMAN

OPEN UNIVERSITY OF KENYA (OUK)

MANDATORY DIRECTIVE: FINAL STRATEGIC VETTING SYMPOSIUM

OUK-NIS Tech Innovation Grants

Date of Issue: December 26, 2025 **To:** All Selected Project Leads, Researchers, and Fellow Students **From:** Office of the School Chairman

This is a **mandatory and time-critical** directive from the Office of the School Chairman regarding our collaborative research initiative with the **National Intelligence Service (NIS)** and the OUK Research Directorate. We have received an urgent mandate to finalize the selection of projects that will be granted access to specialized government resources and institutional research stipends.

Tomorrow's session is a high-level vetting event involving **250 selected participants** from across the university. The NIS liaison and the OUK Committee require a finalized list of projects that demonstrate high strategic value. Selected projects will be eligible for **Research & Development (R&D) grants** and **specialized resource access** (including technical equipment and data repositories) to further their development.

Why Your Presence is Required Tomorrow:

- Competitive Vetting:** With 250 participants, the competition for the limited grant pool is intense. You must be present to defend your project's strategic alignment with the OUK-NIS partnership.
- Resource Allocation:** We will be finalizing the distribution of available research stipends and technical resources. Attendance is required for the final sign-off on budget allocations.

3. **Mandatory Validation:** To be included in the final dossier, all project leads must have cleared the **KES 2,500 Project Validation & Registration Fee** for this semester. This fee covers the administrative and security vetting costs required by the OUK-NIS partnership.

Symposium Details:

Detail	Specification
Date	Tomorrow, December 27, 2025
Time	09:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Full Day Session)
Venue	Nairobi Garage, Kilimani (Pinetree Plaza, 7th Floor)
Expected Attendance	250 Selected Project Leads & Researchers

Financial Note:

Any project lead who has not yet cleared the **KES 2,500 Validation Fee** must do so by **10:00 AM tomorrow** at the registration desk. Failure to clear this fee will result in immediate disqualification from the symposium and the final project submission pool.

Your attendance is **non-negotiable**. This is the final step in securing the resources needed to take your project to the next level.

Prof. Ezra Maritim School Chairman **Open University of Kenya (OUK)** *End of Directive*