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## AFRICA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE POWER AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

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### **Approved policy document for Establishment of the Centre's internal institutional seed grants scheme to support innovation development**

#### *Overview*

ACE-SPED seed grants for sustainable energy and power development innovation will provide significant commercialization assistance to African innovators creating scalable solutions to address energy and power problems in the sub-region. The ACE-SPED seed grants for sustainable energy and power development innovation seek to encourage, honor, and promote entrepreneurship and innovation across sub-Saharan Africa

#### *Objectives*

The principal aim of the ACE-SPED Innovation Seed Grants is to furnish monetary backing for research endeavours that correspond with the innovation objectives of the centre, specifically in domains like electric power system development, renewable energy, waste-to-energy conversion, energy conservation, energy management, energy resource assessment and forecasting, and sustainable energy material.

#### *Intellectual Property Developed Under Sponsored Research Agreements*

Ownership of Intellectual Property developed following the seed grant, will be governed by the provisions of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka agreement for university sponsored research and Development.

#### *Implementation Committee*

The policy provides that there shall be an implementation committee with the Terms of Reference as:

- i. Annually call for ACE-SPED Innovation Seed Grants Submissions;
- ii. Screen the submitted applications based on the ACE-SPED Seed grant policy;
- iii. Organize an award ceremony for the successful applicants;
- iv. Periodically monitor the progress of the fund utilization by the seed grant awardees until completion of the project;

Any other relevant issue that the committee might identify to ensure the successful implementation of the grants.



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