

CARISCA Centre for Applied Research
and Innovation in Supply Chain – Africa

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About the Grant

The Centre for Applied Research and Innovation in Supply Chain - Africa (CARISCA) with funding from LEARN Logistics by Kühne foundation is pleased to invite applications for a Research Grant. This grant is designed for MPhil students undertaking empirical research in supply chain management, logistics, and related fields by supporting the data collection phase of their studies.

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Eligibility Criteria

Applications are open to candidates who meet the following requirements:

- Currently enrolled as an MPhil student at the Department of Supply Chain and Information Systems at the KNUST School of Business
- Research focus in supply chain management, logistics, or a closely related discipline
- At the data collection phase or approaching the data collection phase of their research

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit a **two-page (2-page)** research brief that covers each of the following sections:

1. Research Topic and Background

- Provide a clear statement of the research topic and a brief background explaining the context and relevance of the study.

2. Research Gaps

- Identify the specific gaps in existing literature or practice that the research seeks to address. The gap statement should clearly justify the need for the study.

3. Research Objectives

- State the specific objectives of the research in clear.

4. Expected Contribution to Literature

- Describe the anticipated theoretical and/or practical contributions of the research.

5. Methodology

The methodology section must be detailed and precise. It should clearly describe:

- **Research design:** The overall approach (e.g., qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods)
- **Scope of data collection:** Geographic scope, industry sector(s), and the scale of data to be collected
- **Target respondents / data sources:** Clearly specify who or what will be sampled (e.g., firms, managers, supply chain practitioners, secondary data sources), including estimated sample size and sampling strategy
- **Data collection instruments:** Surveys, interviews, observation protocols, or other tools to be employed
- **Analytical approach:** How the collected data will be analysed

How to Apply

Submit your two-page research brief to cdankwa@carisca.knust.edu.gh on or before April 30, 2025, 11:00 p.m, GMT. Submissions should be sent as a PDF and must include the applicant's full name and student reference number.

About CARISCA

The Centre for Applied Research and Innovation in Supply Chain - Africa (CARISCA) is a Centre of Excellence at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology supported by LEARN Logistics by Kühne Foundation

CARISCA's key objective is to support higher education institutions in building the capacity necessary to provide best-in-class research, degree programs and training; facilitate research translation and utilization; and engage stakeholders in best practices and policy changes that strengthen supply chains.