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FROM: The Director, Research & Innovation

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TO: All Students

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## **<u>RE: REGISTRATION OF INNOVATIONS & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY</u>** <u>INCUBATION</u>

The above subject refers.

The Directorate of Research and Innovation is aware of presence of novel and insightful; yet raw, unregistered and untapped inventions and innovations by Maasai Mara University students. This is oblivious of the numerous opportunities that exist when such innovations are brought into light.

There is need to tap, register and nurture these inventions and innovations into intellectual properties (IPs) that will benefit the students' academic, research and economic viability. To this effect, The Directorate seeks to;

- i. Register all inventions and innovations by students
- ii. Facilitate and support the students in protecting, nurturing, incubating and commercializing the innovations
- iii. Link the students to the concerned industrial players
- iv. Endorse the students as University Students Innovation Champions and link them with Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) to represent students in matters innovation
- v. Facilitate the students to participate in The National Innovation Week (NIW) and similar innovation events

Students submitting their inventions and innovations should have a written draft of the same



comprising of: a Title, a brief summary of the idea/inventions/innovation (max. 100 words), the problems being tackled (listed), Existing methods to solve this problem, The science/principles of the idea/innovation, Potential users, and a drawing/illustration/prototype to support the idea/innovation.

The innovations should be submitted on or before **20<sup>th</sup> September**, **2022**;

- i. Manually to the Directorate of Research and Innovation's Office.
- ii. Via email to <u>director-ri@mmarau.ac.ke</u>
- iii. Via phone/whatsapp to Chaka: +254 705350166

While The Directorate encourages all types of innovations (even those at ideation stage), **priority** will be given to students with tangible prototypes.

Thank you.

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