



**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: NATIONAL
RESEARCH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**



SOUTH AFRICA – NAMIBIA JOINT SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH

3rd Call for Project Proposals-2013

Closing date: 28 February 2013

In March 2005 an agreement on collaboration in Science and Technology was signed between the governments of South Africa and Namibia. This was followed by a Programme of Cooperation (PoC) aimed at implementation of the agreement. The PoC sought to facilitate scientific and technological cooperation between the two countries by supporting researchers from universities, universities of technology, science councils and public research institutes on an equal and mutually beneficial basis.

Under the terms of PoC, joint research project proposals shall be submitted to the relevant authorities in both countries for evaluation (the National Research Foundation in South Africa and the Research Science and Technology Directorate of the Ministry of Education in Namibia) against the following criteria

- Scientific and technical merit
- Response to social dynamics of both countries(Social Sciences proposals only)
- Impact on bilateral science and technology relations;
- International and national significance for both countries;
- Potential for creating research and development of capacity/student involvement;
- Quality and clarity of project presentation;
- Methodology;
- Suitability and feasibility

For the purposes of this call, research projects falling within the following areas/disciplines will be considered:

1. Biosciences (with focus on food, agriculture and health technologies)
2. Space Science (with emphasis on astronomy and earth observation)
3. Indigenous Knowledge Systems
4. Environment (with focus on climate change)

5. ICT

Wireless communications-future wireless technology (quality, broadband, rural, digital inclusion) Broadband services infrastructure (usage of freed-up spectrum, digital dividend, TV white spaces)

Mobile application development- education, health, agriculture, mobile enhancements for crime reporting.

ICT in Earth observation-Environmental monitoring (disaster, fire, global change, flooding, land use)-alerting and forecasting.

ICT in Health –rural health services improvement (logistics, diagnostics, and telemedicine)

E- Government services- interoperability of governments' services.

6. Social sciences (poverty alleviation, STI governance/policy, and human environment)

South Africa and Namibia will fund successful projects up to a maximum amount of R200,000 per project per year. **Researchers should therefore note that two separate budgets would be required from each side.**

In the case of meetings, research visits and exchanges of scientists, personnel and experts, as well as reciprocal visits undertaken as part of joint research projects and the attendance of seminars, symposia and other meetings funded under this agreement, *the sending side will be responsible for financing international travel, while the receiving party will be responsible for financing the accommodation and subsistence of their international partners.* Local travel and fees relating to the organisation of events (venue, catering, audiovisual equipment etc.) will be the financial responsibility of the host investigator which is to be paid from his / her allocation of the joint funding.

The following may NOT be funded from the NRF allocation: consultant's fees, educational expenses (scholarships, bursaries, etc.), insurance and medical care, equipment, project management fees, publication costs, salaries, temporary staff fees.

Funding may only be utilized for the following items:

- Flight tickets;
- Accommodation;
- Subsistence;
- Consumables;
- Publication costs;
- Organization of a Workshop/Seminar/Symposia

The joint application for funding must include two Principal Investigators, a Namibian and South African and researchers must be employed at a recognized higher education or research institution such as a university, university of technology or science council in South Africa. At least one principal investigator should be in possession of a PhD. The Principal Investigators will be responsible for the scientific and financial reporting, as well as other

technical and administrative co-ordination of the project. They will also be required to submit an annual and final report to their respective funding agencies upon completion of the project. **Researchers employed at private companies will not be allowed to apply under this programme.**

Application forms for proposal submission may be obtained from the Ministry of Education, National Research Science and Technology Directorate for Namibian applicants and from the National Research Foundation in South Africa (www.nrf.ac.za) for South African applicants. Submissions should include Curriculum Vitae of the Principal Investigators and must be received by **28 February 2013 via e-mail. Signatures may either be signed electronically or scanned.** Please ensure that the partner's signed page is attached which may be a faxed or a scanned copy.

Electronic copies must be submitted to the e-mail addresses below, to the respective country of the researcher. The application, together with the scanned signature page must be emailed directly to Seymour@nrf.ac.za.

Kindly note that budget availability and proposals with a high evaluation rating are extremely important factors in determining the success of an application.

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i.e., researchers must submit their applications to their respective countries only. Applications that do not adhere to this criterion will be disqualified.

Kindly insist on an acknowledgement of receipt when your submission is complete as the NRF will not be held responsible for the loss/non submission of applications.

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