The PASET Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund (RSIF)

Research Award
RSIF RCU
Webinar Session
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The PASET Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund

Builds the capacity of core African Host Universities to establish international-quality PhD training, research and innovation for the benefit of the region.

Funds doctoral training, research and innovation in priority fields of Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology.

Develops partnerships and networks between Host Universities, international and regional research centres, universities, private sector and industry.

Increases participation of women in PhD programs, research and innovation in ASET fields in sub-Saharan Africa.
RSIF Design

Permanent (Endowment) Fund (US$15 million by 2024) → General Fund (US$50 million by 2024)

Window 1: Scholarships, institutional capacity building, partnerships & networks

Window 2: Research Grants

Window 3: Innovation Grants and creation of innovation environments
Key features

Overview: Supports research activities that respond to key local and regional developmental challenges for SSA. Projects should involve RSIF PhD scholars.

Eligible Applicants: Faculty or mentors from RSIF African Host Universities (Lead) in collaboration with International Partners.

Grant Size: U$90,000,

Financing mechanism; 20% In kind, of which at least 5% Cash contribution from International Partners.

Duration: 3 Years

Eligible thematic areas:
- ICTs including big data and artificial intelligence
- Food security and agribusiness
- Minerals, mining and materials engineering
- Energy including renewables
- Climate change
Selection Criteria

▪ Scientific quality of the project;
  ▪ Originality, feasibility and suitability of the project;
  ▪ Potential contribution to country strategies and STI goals,
  ▪ Gender considerations

▪ Mentoring potential of applicant
  ▪ Excellence of accompanying publications
  ▪ Previous success with mentoring Ph.D students
  ▪ Potential for professional development

▪ Quality of the team composition
  ▪ Quality of partnering institutions and potential for mentoring
  ▪ Scientific quality of partnering researcher
Expected outcomes

- Solutions to key local and regional developmental challenges in SSA countries
- Novel research outputs with potential for commercialization
- Scientific research excellence for faculty and scholars participating in RSIF PhD programs
- Increased publications and manuscripts
- Increased networks and partnerships
How to Submit your proposal

1. Access the full Call for Proposal documents and other attachments: https://www.rsif-paset.org/calls/research-grants/#1559913151447-f9140ffca7a

2. Submit online application following the link on RSIF website: https://www.rsif-paset.org/apply/

Deadline for Proposal Submission: Jan 6, 2020
Thank you

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