The PASET Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund (RSIF)

RSIF Research and Innovations Grants

Cooperability Grant Webinar Session
April 29, 2021
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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.

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An Africa-led initiative to bridge the skills gap in Applied Sciences, Engineering, & Technology
RSIF Design

RSIF Research and Innovation Grants complement the PhD training; and national research funds

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Grant selection process

1. Launch call & receive proposals
   - Publish call for proposals
   - Grant proposal writing training, when necessary
   - Receive proposals (one stage process)

2. Proposal review process
   - Completeness & eligibility screening;
   - Independent expert evaluation
   - Review & evaluation by Independent Technical Committee (ITC)

3. PASET EB Approval
   - Presentation and approval of ITC recommendations by PASET Executive Board (EB)

4. Grant Award
   - Review workplans & budgets
   - Sign grant agreements & funds transfer
   - Implementation, M&E
   - Reporting to PASET EB

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RSIF Cooperability Grants gives university faculty and innovators an opportunity to partner with industry actors to develop new/improved technologies, create start-ups or spin-off on innovative technologies or products that have passed proof of concept for commercial scale.

Source: https://www.egedeniztextile.com/university-industry-cooperation/
Key features

Overview: Applications that scale up use of digital technologies to address impact of COVID 19 encouraged

Eligible Applicants: Faculty or innovators from RSIF African Host Universities (Lead) in collaboration with Private Sector partner and International Partner.

Exception to collaborations: Partnership with Private sector and Int’l partner may be exempted during proposal submission; However, the proposal should clearly demonstrate how to engage and work with these partners during implementation.

Grant Size: US$ 50,000

Financing mechanism: In-kind or cash matching funding of at least 15%
Expected outcomes

- New Products or enterprises
- Patents/ trademarks filled
- Increased university –industry linkages
How to Submit your proposal

1. Access the full Call for Proposal documents and other attachments: [https://www.rsif-paset.org/grants-scholarships/#innovation-grants](https://www.rsif-paset.org/grants-scholarships/#innovation-grants)

2. Submit online application following the link on the RSIF website: [https://app.rsif-paset.org/](https://app.rsif-paset.org/).

**Required documents to complete application**

1. Complete proposal (Annex 1 template)
2. Project Budget (Annex 2 template), ref. budget guidelines (Annex 3)
3. Workplan and Result Matrix (Annex 4)
4. Letter of support (AHU)
5. CVs of key project team members
6. Copy of private sector partner registration certificate
7. Letter of support (private sector partner)

Deadline for Proposal Submission:
May 31, 2021; 23:59 EAT
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Aiming for a win-win in innovation collaboration

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## Innovation or research?

### Research project
- Focus on scientific impact
- Mostly scientifically motivated
- Activities
  - Studies
  - Experiments
- Results
  - Publications
  - Degrees

### Innovation project
- Focus on societal impact
- Motivated by societal challenge or opportunity
- Activities
  - Co-creation
  - Communication/collaboration
  - Target group definition
- Results
  - Creating value for customers
Mutual collaboration

- Exchanging info for mutual benefit and altering activities

Coordinating

No or limited Resource sharing; Less time commitment/lower level of trust

Networking

- Exchanging info for mutual benefit

Cooperating

- Exchanging info for mutual benefit, altering activities & sharing resources

Collaborating

Significant resource sharing & time commitment, high level of trust

Summary

▪ Team work is critical
  ▪ Other elements to keep in mind:
    • Shared goals
    • Align expectations
    • Commitment

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Questions and Answer session
Thank you

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