The PASET Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund (RSIF)

RSIF Research and Innovations Grants

Research Award Webinar Session
April 28, 2021
RSIF RCU
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.

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
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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Key features

Overview: Supports research activities that respond to key local and regional developmental challenges for SSA.  
- Projects should propose topics for RSIF PhD scholars (at least 2)  
- Solutions to COVID 19 aligned to thematic areas

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

Grant Size: US$ 90,000

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

Duration: 2 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
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 by faculty
How to Submit your proposal

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

2. Submit online application following the link on the RSIF website: 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. Letter of support (International partner(s))
6. CVs of key project team members

Deadline for Proposal Submission: May 31, 2021
Questions and Answer session
Thank you

For more information contact

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