RSIF/ MozSkills Grants Call for Proposals
Information Webinar

October 21, 2021
RSIF RCU
Introduction

RSIF Research and Innovation Grants complement the PhD training; and national research funds
Standard practice for grant management

1. Transparent & efficient Call Process

2. Scientific excellence & high technical quality

3. Cost-effective financial and admin management

4. Effective monitoring, evaluation & learning

5. Stakeholder engagement & collaborations with private sector & international partners
Expected benefits to Mozambique

1. Enhanced retention of PhD graduates
2. Increased opportunities to translate research outputs into commercial products;
3. Increased university-industry cooperation, networks & partnerships building;
4. Better qualified and skilled scientific workforce.
Mozambique government contribution to RSIF - Proposed grants program design

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Call Application Documents
Tips for budget preparation

- Use the right template
- Comply with the Call guidelines
- Use realistic costs per unit
- Harmonise the budget and proposal (very important)
- Check for accuracy
Budget guidelines- Allowable Project Costs

- **Personnel costs**: RSIF is providing $100 p.m as coordination allowance for up to 3 research team members only.

- **Capital Asset**: Asset of a value of USD 1,000 and above per unit. Computers will be classified as capital assets regardless of their value. Equipment costs must be justified.

- **Renovations and Minor Civil Works**: Renovations to existing facilities and, or minor civil works…etc Should not exceed 10% of the total budget.

- **Research Supplies and Services**: Project consumables, consultancy for special out-sourced services, casual labour (wages), publication costs etc.
Budget guidelines - Allowable Project Costs (2)

- **Travel and Transport**: Vehicle fuel, repairs and maintenance. Travel tickets, ground transfers, accommodation, subsistence allowance (per diem) for project related activities…etc

- **Operational costs**: Office print, copy, scan, telephone, internet connectivity charges, bank charges directly related to the project

- **Overheads**: Not more than 10% of direct project costs
Matching Funding Guidelines

- Can be in **cash** or **in-kind**

- **In-Kind contribution:** This is the **computed value** of any services and/or resources provided by a university or a collaborating partner in support of the project.

- Should be clearly outlined in the budget.

- Fair valuation of the matching funding.

- Matching funding committed to the proposal is auditable.

- Costs contributed as matching funding must be considered “allowable”.

- Costs should be verifiable from the partner’s records.
Matching Funding Guidelines (2)

- The following can be considered in-kind contribution:
  1. Indirect costs (overheads) not charged or subsidized to the project
  2. Rent for office space,
  3. Machine hours (for equipment use) / labour costs, utilities
  4. Volunteer services furnished by partner’s professional and technical personnel, consultants, and other skilled and unskilled labor that are key to activity implementation

- Applicants **should not be** recipients of another grant from **any other source of funding** for the same project activities proposed to the Call unless it is for complimentary support e.g matching support
### Proposal Outline

#### Research Award
- Project overview
- Introduction and Problem Statement
- Alignment to country strategies
- Objectives, expected outcomes and Outputs
- Description of Activities
- Methodology
- Gender
- Mentorship and Capacity Building of PhD students (outline topics)
- Risk Analysis
- Ethical Considerations
- Team composition and Partnerships
- Budget and Matching Support

#### ICBP
- Project overview
- Background
- Development objective
- Alignment to country strategies
- Expected outcomes and outputs
- Description of activities
- Methodology
- Ethical considerations
- Gender
- Risk analysis
- Partnerships
- Budget and matching support

#### Cooperability Grants
- Project overview
- Introduction
- Description of the Innovation/technology
- Link to business
- Objectives, expected outcomes and Outputs
- Description of activities
- Methodology
- Gender Considerations
- Risk analysis
- Ethical considerations
- IP Management
- Team composition
- Budget and matching support

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# Structure of RSIF Results Framework

## RESULTS MATRIX/LOGICAL FRAMEWORK*

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## Project purpose

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Proposal Evaluation Process
Overview of Grant selection process

1. Publish call for proposals
2. Grant proposal writing training
3. Receive proposals (one stage process)

Proposal Review Process

1. Completeness & eligibility screening;
2. Independent expert evaluation
3. Review & evaluation by Independent Technical Committee (GITC)

Presentation and approval of ITC recommendations by PASET Executive Board (EB)

Grant Award

1. Review workplans & budgets
2. Sign grant agreements & funds transfer
3. Implementation, M&E
4. Reporting to PASET EB

Duration: 5 to 6 Months

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# Key Proposal Evaluation Criteria

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<td>1. Scientific/technological quality of the proposal (40 Mrks)</td>
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<td>4. Quality of International Collaborations (10 Mrks)</td>
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<td>5. Capacity of project team (10 Mrk)</td>
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How to Apply!
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| 6. Letter of support from collaborating international institution indicating support for project | 6. Letter of support from private company/incubators indicating support for project | Documents from private company:  
- Copy of certificate of registration  
- Support letter showing commitment for support to project |

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Complete the online application and submit with required documents

Research Award: [APPLICATION FOR RSIF RESEARCH AWARD - MOZSKILLS Sub-project (rsif-paset.org)]

ICBP: [APPLICATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INNOVATION CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM (ICBP) GRANTS - MOZSKILLS Sub-project (rsif-paset.org)]

Cooperability Grants: [APPLICATION FOR COOPERABILITY GRANTS - MOZSKILLS Sub-project (rsif-paset.org)]

Ensure you submit your application to the right Call link to avoid disqualification

Proposal Submission Deadline: Nov 18, 2021
Thank you

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