



JOINT RESEARCH CALL FOR PROPOSAL - NAMIBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE

CALL NAME: Joint Research Call for Proposal - Namibia and Mozambique
APPLICATION PERIOD: 16 MAY 2018 TO 16 JUNE 2018
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 16 JUNE 2018 AT 17:00
THEMATIC AREA: *AGRICULTURE WITH FOCUS ON AGRO-PROCESSING*

The National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) of Namibia and The Fundo Nacional de Investigaçao (FNI) Mozambique supported by Theme 3 of the Science Granting Council Initiative (SGCI) are pleased to announce the launch of the call for Joint Research projects on agro-processing.

Purpose of the programme

The programme is aimed at the implementation of joint research projects between Namibia and Mozambique. Researchers affiliated to institutions at a recognised public or private university, research institution or science council.

Area of cooperation

Under this call, joint research proposals can be submitted in the area of Agriculture specifically in the field of agroprocessing focusing on finding technological and scientific solutions for Agroprocessing challenges in Namibia and Mozambique. The overall aim of this call is to find solutions to transform agricultural raw material to final value-added products.

Who may apply

A research partnership that involves at least two organisations (one in Mozambique and another in Namibia) with two Principal Investigators (PIs) (one based in Namibia and the other in Mozambique) must jointly apply for the call. Both PIs must be in possession of a PhD Degree, preferably in Agriculture or related field and be affiliated to a recognised research institution, university, government ministry or public institution dealing with scientific research formally recognised by Mozambique or Namibia. Proposals should be jointly submitted with the formal endorsement (e.g. support letter) of host institutions of the PIs. Namibian applicants are required to find their own research partners in Mozambique and vice versa. A database of researchers can be obtained by contacting the following email address: tripartite@ncrst.na (for Namibia) and dsi@fni.gov.mz (for Mozambique).

Duration of the project

The project will be supported for a duration of 1 year.

How to apply

To apply register at:

- Namibia: www.ncrst.na/calls//
- Mozambique: www.fni.gov.mz

After registration, you will receive a link where you can download the full guideline and application form required to complete your application. Kindly read the General instructions in the application form carefully.

For enquiries contact:

At NCRST, Namibia

Luiza Mazarire or Grace Shihepo at tripartite@ncrst.na or Tel: +264 431 7000.

At FNI, Mozambique

Dirce Madeira or Edson Faria at dirce.madeira@gov.mz and edson.faria@fni.gov.mz or Tel: +258 84 563 3807

JOINT RESEARCH CALL FOR PROPOSAL – NAMIBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE CALL GUIDELINES

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FUNDING PERIOD: July 2018 – August 2019

1. Background and objective of this call

The [Science Granting Councils Initiative \(SGCI\)](#) is a five-year initiative, which seeks to strengthen the capacities of Science Granting Councils (SGCs) in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) to support research and foster evidence-based policies that will contribute to economic and social development. The programme is jointly funded by the United Kingdom’s Department for International Development (DFID), Canada’s International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and South Africa’s National Research Foundation (NRF).

One element of the SGCI is ‘[Strengthening Partnerships among Africa’s Science Granting Councils and the Private Sector \(Theme 3\)](#)’ project. This project seeks to strengthen the capacities of SGCs in SSA. One component of the ‘SGCI Theme 3’ is the ‘Collaborative Grants Initiative (CGI)’, implemented by the African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) in collaboration with the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Research Organization (STIPRO). The project involves funding five bilateral, trilateral or regional projects, which involve two or more Science Granting Councils and research organizations in research areas of mutual interest.

As part of this initiative NCRST and FNI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 15th September 2017 to implement joint projects in agriculture, biotechnology, energy, tourism, infrastructure, information and communication technology, indigenous knowledge systems, environment and climate change social and humanities, health, education, and mineral resources.

The major objective of this call is to implement joint projects in agroprocessing between Namibian and Mozambican researchers affiliated to institutions at a recognised public or private university, research institution or science council in both countries.

1.1 Specific objectives of this call

- To identify and find technological and scientific solutions for Agroprocessing challenges in Namibia and Mozambique;
- To contribute to capacity development in both Namibia and Mozambique;

- To enhance collaboration between Namibian and Mozambican researchers and research institutions;
- To exchange scientific and technological information and documentation, teaching and learning materials arising from cooperation and provide an opportunity for researchers in the two countries to engage.

2. Area of cooperation

Joint research proposals can be submitted in the area of Agriculture specifically in the field of agroprocessing focusing on finding technological and scientific solutions for Agroprocessing challenges in Namibia and Mozambique.

3. Funding information

The total amount of USD 100 000 (One Hundred Thousand United States Dollars, inclusive of all project-related costs) is available for funding this call. A maximum of ONE joint project will be funded for a duration of one (1) year.

3.1 Allocation of funding:

- 70% for direct research activity costs;
- 30% for workshop or conference travel and accommodation, subsistence allowance, and consumables.

3.2 Funds disbursements:

- 30% of funds will be disbursed upon signing of contract;
- 50% of intermediary payment (subsequent instalment upon review of technical and financial reports by FNI and NCRST);
- 20% of final payment (upon completion and approval of final report).

3.3 Payment of funds:

- Funds will be paid to the organisations of the Principal Investigators (PIs).

4. Who may apply?

The call is open to researchers residing in Namibia and in Mozambique. Two Principal Investigators, one based in Namibia and the other in Mozambique, must jointly apply for the call. Both candidates must be in possession of a PhD degree preferably in Agriculture or related field and be affiliated to a recognised public or private university, research institution or science council. Namibian applicants are required to find their own research partners in Mozambique. The same applies to the Mozambican applicants. The Principal Investigators are responsible for the overall project coordination and reporting (technical and financial).

4.1 Eligibility criteria and submission procedure of the FNI

Mozambican researchers who are employed by the following entities:

- a. Accredited private or public research institutions.
- b. Accredited public or private higher education institutions.
- c. Private sector.

The eligibility to submit a proposal follows the *Manual of Norms and Procedures* at FNI available at www.fni.gov.mz

4.2 Eligibility criteria and submission procedure of the NCRST

- a. Namibian citizens or Researchers with a valid work or study permit or permanent residence in Namibia may apply.
- b. The call is open to all researchers and groups of researchers or Namibian citizens who are employed on a permanent or contractual basis and affiliated to the following entities:
 - Accredited Public or Private Higher Education Institutions
 - Private/Public Research Institutions in Namibia
 - Offices / Ministries or Agencies (OMAs) in Namibia
 - Private Sector
- c. Expatriates working under contract with any of the above institutions are eligible to apply. However, the project must have a Namibian co-researcher who is permanently working on the project from any institution in the country, well-versed with the project, to ensure its completion in the event the expatriate's contract is no longer valid.
- d. The applicant's service contract must be valid during the period of the proposed project and contractual documents must be furnished as proof of employment for the period.
- e. Location

Projects funded through this call should be located and carried out in Namibia unless otherwise indicated in the proposal. The project may contain eligible activities that can be carried out abroad when fully justified in addressing the objective(s) of this call.
- f. Principal Investigators may participate in any number of NCRST-funded projects at the same time but can only *lead* one (1) project at a time unless otherwise agreed on with the NCRST.

For additional information on NCRST funding information, the Grant Management Rules and Procedures document is available on request at tripartite@ncrst.na.

5. Eligible actions and supported activities

- This call will fund joint research projects in the area of agro-processing to be conducted in Mozambique and Namibia. The following specific activities under the project will be funded:

- Research activities, including data-collection through laboratory, desk or field research, stakeholders consultations and field visits and any other activity necessary for a proper implementation of the proposed research project;
- Consumables and project indirect cost, which may include stationery, laboratory reagents and telecommunications;
- Subsistence allowance for up to three (3) project members in each country as long as the cost is within the percentage limit provided;
- Exchange visits in case of meetings, research visits and exchanges of scientists, personnel and experts, as well as reciprocal visits are undertaken as part of joint research and the attendance of seminars, symposia and other meetings funded under this agreement;
- Workshops and seminars involving the lead researchers;
- Contingency: contingency reserve not exceeding 5% of all the project cost may be included in the Budget.

The following costs are not eligible for this call:

- purchases of fixed assets
- currency exchange losses
- direct taxes
- Overhead

6. How to apply and submit

The joint proposal should be submitted in two copies by the two PIs as follows:

6.1 In Mozambique

For Mozambican partners, proposals must be submitted via FNI online system that could be found at the FNI website www.fni.gov.mz. Please note that if you are using the system for the first time, you need to register prior submitting your application by sending your request to submit to dsi@fni.gov.mz (you will need to complete personnel and professional details).

- The Joint Project Application Form may also be found in the FNI website.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. All applicants are requested to use the “Joint Project Application Form”.

6.2 In Namibia

Go to: www.ncrst.na

- Register via our online registration portal for the *Joint Collaborative Research Call - Namibia and Mozambique*.

- Upon registration, application documents will become available for download.
- Complete all compulsory sections applicable to you. Please attach the required documents in PDF format in the following order: CV of partner, budget of partner and the signed page of the partner.
- Submissions are to be made to tripartite@ncrst.na
- Complete applications must go to the host institutions for verification before being forwarded to the NCRST for further processing.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. All applicants are requested to use the “joint project application form”.
- Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be considered.
- For queries, please contact Luiza Mazarire or Grace Shihepo at tripartite@ncrst.na or Tel: +264 431 7000.

7. Evaluation criteria

The scientific evaluation of the joint research proposals will be organised by the FNI and NCRST in form of a joint evaluation. The following will be considered:

Criteria	Score
1. Scientific quality and innovativeness of the joint research proposal	40%
2. Feasibility of the joint research proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Practicality, feasibility and consistency of the proposed activities with the objectives of the call b. Clarity and feasibility of the methodology provided 	10%
3. Added value to be expected from the collaboration	5%
4. Competence, expertise and experience of the principal investigators and scientists/research teams concerned	15%
5. Clear outputs and outcomes	5%
6. Relevance and impact of the research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Industrial development; b. Technology capacity building; c. Commercialization of research results; d. Potential for promoting equity 	15%
7. Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Consistency to the budget ratio or percentage given by the call guideline 	10%

b. Does the proposed expenditure reflect the true cost of the proposed action?	
TOTAL SCORE	100%

8. Project reporting

Progress and financial reporting will be submitted every six months to FNI and NCRST. The project's initial instalment (30% of the total grant) will be paid upon contracting. Thereafter, disbursements will be done upon progress and completion of identified project milestone. Failure to submit reports will result in the withholding of further funds disbursements and be construed as violation of the contract. A final joint technical and financial report will be submitted to FNI and NCRST by both Principal Investigators at the end of the project. A format will be provided for this purpose.

9. Intellectual property

- Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) means any and all patents, patent applications, knowhow, unregistered and registered trademarks, trademark applications, trade names, registered designs, unregistered design rights, semiconductor topography rights, copyright, database rights or any other similar intellectual or commercial rights in Namibia and Mozambique or anywhere in the world.
- Intellectual Property will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions made in the contract agreement between the funding institutions and the awarded grant holder.

10. General information

- All applicants are requested to use the "joint project application form".
- Proposals must be submitted to the respective institutions (FNI and NCRST) in parallel and in accordance with the requirements of each country.
- Applications submitted outside the submission process will not be accepted.
- Only applications endorsed by the research office or its equivalent at higher education or research institutions will be accepted.
- Proposals which have only been received in either Mozambique or Namibia, but not both countries, will not be considered for funding.
- Both the FNI and the NCRST will not be held responsible for non-submission, non-administration or for no evaluation of the application in the partner country.
- The partners must accept the grant offer within two weeks and start the project within 1 month.

11. Submission Date

Proposals should be submitted not later than 16 June 2018, both to FNI and NCRST. Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding.

The following is an indicative timeline of this project.

Key milestones	Date
Deadline for submission of Application Form	16 June 2018
Notification of award	July 2018
Contract signature	July 2018
Disbursement of first instalment	July 2018
First-six month technical and financial reports are submitted to FNI and NCRST	January 2019
Project completion and closeout report	August 2019

Contact details: Mozambique

- For Joint Project application form visit: www.fni.gov.mz

For further information in Mozambique contact:

- Administrative inquiries: Edson.faria@fni.gov.mz
- Project services: dirce.madeira@gov.mz
- FNI website: www.fni.gov.mz
- Assistance for registration must be sent to dsi@fni.gov.mz

Contact details: Namibia

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