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NCRST Awards Research Grants to the University of Namibia

The National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) has awarded grants to researchers at the University of Namibia (UNAM) under the Namibia/South Africa Joint Bilateral Collaboration Research Programme.

NCRST, as the authority responsible for coordination and development of research, science, technology and innovation in Namibia has given researchers from the University of Namibia grants for a total of seventeen research projects to the value of over N\$ 3 million over the period of two years, 2013/14 and 2014/15.

“Our partnership with the NCRST is critical because they recognise and appreciate the quality research and leadership of the University of Namibia, as most of the senior management of the Commission are products of UNAM. We congratulate all researchers who were awarded a grant today and encourage you to do your work around improving governance, products and services that will impact the Namibian nation”, said UNAM Pro-Vice Chancellor: Academic Affairs & Research, Prof. Osmund D. Mwandemele

The grants were awarded to successful Namibian researchers and scientists in partnership with South African researchers from institutions of higher learning - who submitted research project proposals to the NCRST for funding under the Namibia/South Africa Bilateral Collaboration Research Programme - following a call for proposals.

“The number of proposals submitted under this call, showed us the serious interest and potential of research in Namibia. We are thus more committed to our mandate of strengthening research and development that will promote innovative products and services.” Said NCRST Manager: Resource Mobilization and Grant Management, Mrs Alushe Nditya.

The purpose of the research calls was to provide opportunities for joint, collaborative research between researchers in the two countries, thereby establishing the foundation for building a critical mass of researchers and scientific capacity for both countries.

Research proposals from the following areas or disciplines are considered for funding:

- Biosciences (with focus on food, agriculture and health technologies)

- Space Science (with emphasis on astronomy and earth observation)
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems
- Mathematical sciences
- Mineral Resources (with focus value addition)
- Laser Sciences
- Energy (with emphasis on renewable energy and efficiency)

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