

CAPE HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM / WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENT

JOINT TASK TEAM

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

AUGUST 2015

1. INTRODUCTION

As in 2014, the Joint Task Team of the Cape Higher Education Consortium (CHEC) and the Western Cape Government (WCG) invite researchers in the four universities to submit applications for funding for research projects.

The partnership between CHEC and the WCG, as formalised in the Memorandum of Understanding in October 2006, has provided a structured framework for engagement where expertise, research and innovative practices can be shared for the benefit of both the Province and the universities.

Two broad types of research projects have been identified for funding in 2015 – institutional projects and collaborative projects.

2. PURPOSE AND OUTCOMES OF RESEARCH PROJECTS

This call for proposals provides opportunities for university researchers (and their postgraduate students) to identify research projects in line with Provincial priorities and identified thematic areas.

Project outcomes should consider **both** the interests of the universities and those of the WCG. While universities may be more focused on knowledge generation and the awarding of qualifications, the WCG is particularly interested in research that may be taken up through policy and / or the development and implementation of activities in line with Provincial priorities.

Wherever possible, we urge researchers to identify partners in the relevant Western Cape Government departments as such partnerships will enhance the likelihood that research findings be shared with and taken up by staff in these departments.

3. THEMATIC FOCUS AREAS FOR 2015

The thematic areas for 2015 have been re-aligned following a consideration of the recently developed strategic goals of the WCG as presented at a Strategic Planning meeting on 25 February 2015. Thus, the four focus areas for the current period in the Joint Task team's Programme of Action are:

1. Resilience, Human Settlements and Climate Change
2. Digital Innovation for Inclusive Development
3. Social Inclusion, Youth and Skills Development
4. Knowledge Partnerships.

4. INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS and BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

The Joint Task Team calls for applications for institutional allocations of up to R 100 000 per university for projects that relate to the first three thematic areas listed above (i.e. a total of R 400 000 will be allocated). In submitting the call internally, each university will stipulate the maximum project budget and the internal deadlines for submission.

All proposals should:

- Include research approaches, activities and methods
- Align the project outcomes to both supporting the advancement of knowledge in the field, and the WCG's strategic priorities.

5. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESSES FOR INSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS

Institutional researchers interested in applying for this funding need to complete the relevant application template attached and submit it to the institutional representatives on the Joint Task Team for internal review.

The names and email addresses of the institutional representatives are given below:

CPUT – Shaun Pather (Pathers@cput.ac.za)
SU – Antoinette Smith-Tolken (asmi@sun.ac.za)
UCT – Judy Favish (judy.favish@uct.ac.za)
UWC – Lois Dippenaar (ldippenaar@uwc.ac.za)

Selected proposals will be presented for final review and approval at the meeting of the Joint Task Team on 30 October 2015. Applicants will be notified of the outcomes of the review and successful applicants will be requested to submit an invoice for the approved amount to CHEC.

6. COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS and BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

The Joint Task Team also calls for proposals for collaborative projects that relate to the first three thematic areas listed above. A collaborative project is understood as one that involves more than one of the CHEC member universities. The allocated budget is R 100 000.

7. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESSES FOR THE COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

The lead researcher needs to submit the relevant application template attached and email it to Eileen@chec.ac.za by Monday 26 October 2015. This should also be copied to the institutional representatives from the participating universities.

The names and email addresses of the institutional representatives are given below:

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Please note that the application template for the collaborative proposals requires the names of researchers at all the participating universities as well as those partners identified in the Western Cape Government.

Proposals will be presented for review at the meeting of the Joint Task Team on Friday 30 October 2015. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the review process. The lead researcher of the successful proposal will be requested to submit an invoice for the approved amount to CHEC.

8. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A project report will be required by the end of November 2016. As this will have a broader audience than researchers in universities, it is suggested that the guidelines attached be considered when drawing up this report.

In the unlikely event that no final report is received, the researchers will be expected to repay the monies allocated.