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## **[NRF] Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP) Concept Notes for Large Integrated Team Projects 2018**

### **INTERNAL DEADLINE – 25 MAY 2018**

Please adhere to the internal deadline for feedback from our internal administrative review.

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Die NNS het onlangs hul oproep vir **konsepvoorstelle** vir groot, geïntegreerde span projekte geadverteer. Daar is tans geen befonding beskikbaar vir die ontwikkeling van konsepvoorstelle nie. Jy kan wel aansoek doen vir tot R20 000 (beperkte fondse) vir die ontwikkeling van die 'n volle voorstel [Full Proposal]. Let wel: In hierdie rondte word slegs konsepvoorstelle oorweeg. Aansoekers wat deurdring na die volgende rondte moet dan 'n volledige aansoek indien teen September 2018.

<b>Fokusareas wat oorweeg sal word in hierdie rondte:</b>	<b>Kriteria:</b> Raadpleeg ook bl.15-16 van die 'Framework Document' asb.	<b>Algemene NNS riglyn:</b>	<b>Voornemende aansoekers word versoek om:</b>
1. Resolution of taxonomic problems, and documenting distribution and abundance of plant and animal species used for medicinal purposes in South Africa. 2. Biological control: identification of potential biocontrol agents through being able to identify the	1. Befonding sal slegs toegeken word aan projekte wat ten minste vier instellings insluit, maar spanne moet gelei word deur 'n geïdentifiseerde Hoofondersoeker (PI) 2. Projekte moet 'n minimum van vyf (5) spanlede van 'n minimum van vier (4) instellings insluit 3. Projekspanne moet ten minste	Aansoekers moet voltydse personeellede of kontrakaanstellings van die universiteit wees. Kontrakpersoneel moet aangestel wees vir (ten minste) die tydperk van die projek waarvoor daar aansoek gedoen word. Kontrakpersoneel wat namens 'n derde party by die universiteit aangestel is om 'n baie spesifieke funksie te verrig, kwalifiseer nie vir befonding nie.  Na-doktorale genote, studente, tegnisi en ondersteuningspersoneel <b>kwalifiseer nie</b> vir hierdie geleentheid nie.	1. Die riglyne (aangeheg) sorgvuldig te bestudeer, insluitend die Keurkaart vir die Beoordeling van Aansoeke. 2. Voltooi asb. 'n voorlopige begroting vir 2019, 2020 en 2021 – u moet slegs die totale in te vul op die aansoek (aanlyn) en; 3. <b>Heg 'n uiteensetting</b> (MS Excel formaat) aanlyn aan tot die aansoek vorm. Die begroting word tot tussen R500,000 -R2.1 miljoen per jaar beperk (insluitend nagraadse studente). Lees asb. die instruksie riglyn dokument. 4. Hul CV's op <a href="https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za">https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za</a> op te dateer, insluitend huidige nagraadse studente.

<p>pest / pathogen / alien and its origin, the identification of natural predators / pathogens of it, and close relatives of the host and potential agents.</p> <p>3. Biodiversity functionality. Better understanding of key functional attributes of different species in ecosystems, and the key interactions between them, focusing on terrestrial regulatory services systems. Regulatory services include invasion resistance, pollination, climate regulation, carbon sequestration, soil fertility, pest and disease control in agricultural systems.</p> <p>4. Multi-taxa surveys of strategic geographic areas (e.g. new or proposed protected areas, areas targeted for development, areas with</p>	<p>twee jong navorsers insluit (jonger as 40 op aansoekdatum)</p> <p>4. Projekte moet nagraadse opleiding insluit</p> <p>5. Projekte moet bydra tot ekwiteit; en spesifieke gebruikers van die gegenereerde kennis identifiseer</p> <p>6. Sien asb volledige lys op bl.15-16 van die 'Framework Document'</p>		<p>5. Hul aansoeke teen 10:00 op <b>25 Mei 2018</b> op <a href="https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za">https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za</a> in te dien ('submit').</p>
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<p>high levels of dependence on biodiversity for livelihoods, areas of importance for providing ecological infrastructure) that produce all of the following: species pages, DNA barcodes, species occurrence and abundance data. Mobilization of existing records for the species recorded or for the area could also be included in the project.</p>			
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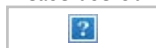
The NRF recently advertised their call for **concept notes** for large integrated team projects. There is no funding available for the development of the concept note but you could apply for approx. R20 000 (limited funding available) for the development of the full proposal. The current call is for concept proposals only. Successful applicants will be required to submit full proposals by September 2018.

Focus areas identified for support in this round:	Eligibility requirements please refer to p.15-16 of the 'Call Framework' document:	General NRF guideline:	Prospective applicants are requested to:
1. Resolution of taxonomic problems, and documenting distribution and abundance of plant and animal species used for medicinal	1. Funding will only be allocated to projects involving at least four institutions, but teams must be led by an identified Principal	Applicants must be full time or contract staff members of the university. Contract staff must be appointed for (at least) the duration of the	1. Study the guidelines (attached) carefully, including the Scorecard for the Assessment of Proposals 2. Please complete a provisional budget for 2019, 2020 and 2021 – you are only required to complete the totals for the application form (online template) 3. <b>Attach</b> a detailed breakdown

<p>purposes in South Africa.</p> <p>2. Biological control: identification of potential biocontrol agents through being able to identify the pest / pathogen / alien and its origin, the identification of natural predators / pathogens of it, and close relatives of the host and potential agents.</p> <p>3. Biodiversity functionality. Better understanding of key functional attributes of different species in ecosystems, and the key interactions between them, focusing on terrestrial regulatory services systems. Regulatory services include invasion resistance, pollination, climate regulation, carbon sequestration, soil fertility, pest and disease control in agricultural systems.</p> <p>4. Multi-taxa surveys of strategic geographic areas (eg. new or proposed protected areas, areas targeted for development, areas with high levels of dependence on biodiversity for livelihoods, areas</p>	<p>Investigator (PI)</p> <p>2. Project must include a minimum of five (5) team members from a minimum of four (4) institutions</p> <p>3. Project teams must include at least two young researchers (younger than 40 at time of application)</p> <p>4. Projects must include postgraduate training</p> <p>5. Projects must contribute to equity and identify specific users of the knowledge generated</p> <p>6. See full list of eligibility criteria on p.15-16 of the 'Framework Document'</p>	<p>project applied for in the submission. A contract researcher appointed at the university on behalf of a third party to fulfil a very specific function for the latter does not qualify for support.</p> <p>Postdoctoral fellows, students, technical staff and support staff <b><u>do not qualify</u></b> for <u>this</u> funding opportunity.</p>	<p>(MS Excel) to the online application. Budgets will be restricted to R500,000-R2.1 million per annum - including postgraduate bursaries. Please read the instruction guideline attached.</p> <p>4. Update their CV's on <a href="https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za">https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za</a>, including current postgraduate students.</p> <p>5. Submit their applications on <a href="https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za">https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za</a> by 10:00 on <b>25 May 2018</b></p>
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CALL  
Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP)  
Concept Notes for Large Integrated Team Projects  
2018

The primary focus of the Programme is to generate, mobilize, co-ordinate and make accessible foundational biodiversity knowledge in line with the needs of society, the Department of Science & Technology (DST) Global Change Programme and the bio-economy. The main approach is to fund large, collaborative / integrated team projects which align with knowledge needs, or which involve participants along the entire value chain from knowledge generation to application for decision-making. These projects will also include postgraduate students and emerging researchers, and the up-skilling of researchers and practitioners who use the data generated. The projects will generate or mobilize species occurrence data, DNA barcode data, and descriptive information on species, and will ensure that the knowledge is co-ordinated, managed and disseminated through appropriate structures and systems. Monitoring of the uptake and impact of the knowledge generated will allow the development of an understanding of best practice for ensuring that research outputs do have an impact on global change understanding and decision-making relating to biodiversity and sustainable livelihoods. More details of the programme and call are provided in the Programme Framework document.

Concept notes for large integrated team projects that address at least one of the research focus areas below are invited. Concept notes will be assessed by a panel and a limited number will be selected for further development into full proposals.

Research focus areas include:

1. Resolution of taxonomic problems, and documenting distribution and abundance of plant and animal species used for medicinal purposes in South Africa.
2. Biological control: identification of potential biocontrol agents through being able to identify the pest / pathogen / alien and its origin, the identification of natural predators / pathogens of it, and close relatives of the host and potential agents.
3. Biodiversity functionality. Better understanding of key functional attributes of different species in ecosystems, and the key interactions between them, focusing on terrestrial regulatory services systems. Regulatory services include invasion resistance, pollination, climate regulation, carbon sequestration, soil fertility, and pest and disease control in agricultural systems.
4. Multi-taxa surveys of strategic geographic areas (eg. new or proposed protected areas, areas targeted for development, areas with high levels of dependence on biodiversity for livelihoods, areas of importance for providing ecological infrastructure) that produce all of the FBIP target outputs - species pages, DNA barcodes, species occurrence and abundance data. Mobilization of existing records for the species recorded or for the area could also be included in the project.

Funding details and duration of project

- ◆ Application for funding for the large, integrated team projects is a two-step process:
  - i. Concept document call, evaluation and selection for full development (2-4 concepts selected);
  - ii. Development of full proposals for selected concept documents, evaluation, selection of 1 to 2 full proposals for funding for a three-year period.
- ◆ No funding is available for the development of concept notes. Limited seed funding is available as a once off payment in order to assist successful applicants to develop full proposals (R20, 000 per team).
- ◆ Two new projects will be selected in 2018 for funding in 2019-2021. For the full projects the range of funding available is R500, 000 to R2.1 million per annum for a three year period (R1, 500,000 - R6, 300,000 in total per project with a maximum of R2.1 million in any one year). Awards are subject on availability of funds and the quality of proposals.

Call application and assessment process

- ◆ Detailed information about the application and assessment processes are provided in Section 4.3 of the

Programme Framework document.

Applications must be submitted electronically via the NRF's Online Submission System at <https://nrfs submission.nrf.ac.za>. All applications must be endorsed by the research office of the principal applicant before submission to the NRF. Institutions must set their own internal closing date for DAs to validate applications by the closing date. Incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted.

Successful concept note applicants will be invited to submit full proposals by September 2018

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