**EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE**

Evaluation of submitted expression of interest (EoI) applications by UNCST will be guided by the following five criteria:

* The value-add in continuing the funding for submitted projects.
* Capacity of research team to implement the proposed project.
* Research team’s plan for implementation of the projects throughout the lifespan of a project.
* The co-funding contribution by the main applicant’s Institution.
* The expert review outcomes of the researchers’ project proposals.
* Gender considerations within the research team

The Researchers’ Project Proposals on the other hand shall be submitted for remote/ virtual reviews by experts in their fields and shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. **Scientific excellence of the project:**

* Strong potential to generate new knowledge, insights and/or innovations; disciplinary and/or interdisciplinary value add; and sufficient complementarity to other research programmes.
* Adequacy of the research approach including the robustness of the conceptual framework and experimental set-up and the coherence of the hypotheses, research questions and methods.

1. **Expected impact of the project:**

* Clear rooting of the proposal in the demands of the private sector (industry) partners and/or stakeholders, including appropriate integration of gender and quality and feasibility of the research impact indicators.
* Adequate potential for uptake/application of results including quality of the knowledge sharing approach with appropriate stakeholder engagement, capacity development and communication strategy.
* Clear impact on national development challenges, including youth unemployment, industrialization, human capital development etc.

1. **Quality and efficiency of the implementation:**

* Complementarity, range and level of integration of the Academia-Industry research team, appropriate for implementing the proposed research project.
* Adequacy and feasibility of the research methodology/approach and activities, in relation to research questions and objectives as well as the related work plan.
* Adequacy, feasibility and coherence of the various activities to enhance impact, in particular by influencing research results uptake and commercialization.
* An explanation of how industry engagement in the project will contribute to the exploitation and deployment of results.

The EoI Application Form should be completed by the Principal Investigator (PI) (see ANNEX II for the form). This application form should be accompanied by relevant attachments. All sections of the form, as highlighted below, should be completed in full:

* Summary of the original research project. Over and above providing a brief summary of the original research project, the applicant (PI) should also attach the final/ recent project report submitted for the project under SGCI-I.
* Justification for requesting continued support. Over and above providing a motivation for continued support, the PI should attach a completed Project Proposal. The Researchers’ Project Proposals should indicate the following information (see ANNEX II for the form):

**o Part 1: General Information**

(Title of the project, project acronym, keywords, project contribution to national/ regional priorities, and a publishable summary of the project)

**o Part 2: Project Team Members**

Full details on project team members and their roles in the projects. CVs of the partnering researchers including the industry project contact person must also be attached

**o Part 3: Project Description**

* 1. Problem statement, aims and objectives, rational and literature review, methodology and proposed research plan, anticipated outputs and outcomes, and potential impact

**o Part 4: Detailed Budget**

* Budget overview for the whole duration of the project – i.e. 2 fiscal years
* Outline of how the renewed project would enhance impact and contribute to commercialization of the research results.
* Highlight of challenges and/or potential risks that might be experienced by the PI.
* Summarized budget including contribution by the main applicant’s host institution.

**FUNDING REGULATIONS**

The following applies regarding this call:

* The total budget for this call amounts to up to UGX 130 million.
* Applicant’s host institution will be required to co-fund (in cash) the total budget of the project and is expected to commit in writing.
* With the available total budget, the UNCST aims to support One (1) PPP project for a period of 18 months.

**TIMELINE**



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**ANNEX III**

**Application Form for Researchers’ Project Proposals**

* *All text in blue are guidelines to complete a section and will assist the assessment of the application.*
* *Researchers (and/or research teams) should ensure that all sections of the application form are completed in full.*
* *Incomplete forms will not be submitted for review.*

**PART 1:**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Title of the project |  |
| Project acronym |  |
| Keywords (*Not more than 5 words*) |  |
| Contribution to national and/or regional priorities |  |
| Publishable summary of the research project (*not more than 200 words*) |  |

**PART 2:**

**PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Research Team Member 1** | | |
| Title + Name + Surname + Gender |  | |
| Country + Institution + Department |  | |
| Contact Details (*telephone e-mail, physical address*) |  | |
| Role in Project |  | |
| Curriculum Vitae (CV) attached? | **YES / NO**  (*please tick*) | (*if* **NO***, please provide reason here*) |

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| **Research Team Member 2** | | |
| Title + Name + Surname + Gender |  | |
| Country + Institution + Department |  | |
| Contact Details (*telephone e-mail, physical address*) |  | |
| Role in Project |  | |
| Curriculum Vitae (CV) attached? | **YES / NO**  (*please tick*) | (*if***NO***, please provide reason here*) |
| **Research Team Member 3** | | |
| Title + Name + Surname + Gender |  | |
| Country + Institution + Department |  | |
| Contact Details (*telephone e-mail, physical address*) |  | |
| Role in Project |  | |
| Curriculum Vitae (CV) attached? | **YES / NO**  (*please tick*) | (*if* **NO***, please provide reason here*) |
| **Research Team Member 4** | | |
| Title + Name + Surname + Gender |  | |
| Country + Institution + Department |  | |
| Contact Details (*telephone e-mail, physical address*) |  | |
| Role in Project |  | |
| Curriculum Vitae (CV) attached? | **YES / NO**  (*please tick*) | (*if***NO***, please provide reason here*) |
| **Research Team Member 5** | | |
| Title + Name + Surname + Gender |  | |
| Country + Institution + Department |  | |
| Contact Details (*telephone e-mail, physical address*) |  | |
| Role in Project |  | |
| Curriculum Vitae (CV) attached? | **YES / NO**  (*please tick*) | (*if* **NO***,**please provide reason here*) |

**PART 3:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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| Problem statement |  |
| Aim and objectives |  |
| Rational and literature review |  |
| Methodology and proposed research plan |  |
| Anticipated outputs and outcomes |  |
| **Potential impact** | |
| **Research uptake activities**  *(The research conducted in this renewed project should have relevance and potential for impact beyond the academic world, such as in societal, technical, economical or cultural realms. Briefly outline those activities to be undertaken by the research team as well as tools to be produced (such as radio programmes, videos, training modules, policy briefs) as a way of demonstrating the results of the research and elaborating on the potential for adaptation and options for up-scaling.)* | |
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| **Gender and inclusivity within the research project**  *(Clearly articulate ways in which your team will ensure that renewed research proposals address and promote gender and inclusivity within the research activities).* | |
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| **Ethical considerations**  *(Describe briefly how the research team will ensure the highest regard for ethics and respect for the subjects involved in the projects).* | |
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| **Data management and utilisation**  *(Researchers should describe how the data collected would be ordered and categorised so that it can be made freely available. Describe measures to be taken for data storage and dissemination).* | |
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| **Applicant’s challenges and risks:**  *(Describe to your best knowledge the main challenges (e.g., research team members’ time commitment, collaboration with other research institutions and or research partners, uptake of the results of the funded research projects) and risks (e.g., availability of expertise, equipment financing risks) which you anticipate during implementation of the research projects and associated processes, and how these will be mitigated).* | |
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| **Reasons for continued support:**  *Briefly explain the relevance of this research project in your industry partner by clearly articulating the social and economic development issues addressed in the selected project research focus, and how they are in line with national (and/or regional) priorities.* | |
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**PART 4:**

**DETAILED BUDGET**

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| **Year 1** *(activities + costs)* |
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| **Year 2** *(activities + costs)* |
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| **Overall total requested from UNCST** |
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| **Host Institution contribution** |
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**Declaration**

We declare that:

* We have read and understood the terms and conditions of this call.
* We are aware that submission of the application does not guarantee funding.
* The information contained in this application has been verified by all the undersigned.

**Signatures of the research team**

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|  | Full Name of the Principle Investigator (PI): |  | | |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Signature: |  | Date: |  |

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|  | Full Name of the Industry based Researcher: |  | | |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Signature: |  | Date: |  |