

SOUTH AFRICA – SWEDEN UNIVERSITY FORUM

Call 2 – Collaborative Projects

To strengthen collaboration between Sweden and South Africa in research, education and innovation the South Africa Sweden University Forum (SASUF) and the Department of Higher Education & Training (DHET) in South Africa, as part of its University Capacity Development Programme, is launching a call for short-term collaborative projects between researchers in the two countries. The funds can be used for costs related to internationalization activities; for instance costs of stay and travel for those involved in the project. The funds can also be used for organizational costs for seminars/conferences with an international focus. The funds may not be used for salaries.

Each selected proposal will be funded with a total amount of **100 000 SEK/161 000 ZAR** with 50% of the funds coming from SASUF (50 000 SEK) and 50% of the funds from the Department of Higher Education & Training in South Africa (80 800 ZAR).

In line with South African transformation objectives, partnerships that include participation of historically disadvantaged universities (HDIs) are strongly encouraged¹.

Call deadline: September 4, 2019

Submission: The official application form from www.sasuf.org/funding with attachments in a single PDF to sasuf@uu.se

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for funding the proposal needs to fulfill the following criteria:

- All applicants must be employees at one of the partner universities of South Africa – Sweden University Forum (see <https://sasuf.org/south-africa-sweden-university-forum/> for a full list)
- The project must include participants from at least two (2) South African and two (2) Swedish universities
- At least one of the main applicants must have participated in the second South Africa – Sweden Research Seminar in Stellenbosch, 8-10 May 2019

Selection criteria

The project should be linked to one or several of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. The potential of the project to initiate or further develop collaboration between Sweden and South Africa
2. The potential of the project to strengthen the international prospects of emerging researchers (e.g. joint supervision of PhDs/Masters students, capacity development activities – proposal writing, intercultural communication etc.)
3. A well-defined plan for sharing the results in the project to other stakeholder (i.e. via web, social media, streaming, video-diaries etc.)
4. The inclusion of non-academic actors like NGO:s and industry in the project activities

¹ University of Fort Hare, Walter Sisulu University, University of Limpopo, University of Venda, University of Zululand & University of the Western Cape

Proposal

The proposal should contain the following information:

- Details of main applicants (one per country) and co-applicants in both countries, including short CV:s (max two pages – in PDF)
- Project description, maximum five pages (minimum font size 11, times new roman), clearly describing
 - How the project relates to the SDG:s and the selection criteria (1-4)
 - Planned activities, including timeframe and costs
 - The contribution of each partner
 - Available resources, including existing funding that may supplement the activities in the project
 - Participating persons, events and stays/trips

Selection process

The proposal needs to be approved by both parties (SASUF and DHET) in order to be eligible to be selected for funding. The final decision on funding will be taken by DHET and the Steering Committee of SASUF at a joint selection meeting.

The decision on the selection will be made within one month of the submission deadline.

Project implementation and report

A selected project can start immediately after the grant contract has been signed. Projects can be up to 10 months in duration. A short mid-term report must be submitted to SASUF and DHET halfway into the project. A final report should be submitted to SASUF and DHET no later than two months after the end-date of the project.

All selected projects must be completed no later than August 15 2020.