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Call for Concept Notes for Regional Innovation Collaboration Projects in eastern Africa
25 May 2022 - 19 July 2022

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What are the minimum academic requirements for eligible applicants?

There are no minimum academic qualification requirements for this call. However, all eligible applicants should be qualified scientists who meet the definition of "scientist" described in the detailed call guidelines.

2. Is it mandatory for eligible applicants to be affiliated with an organisation to qualify for this call?

Yes. Eligible applicants should be employees affiliated with either a university, research institute, private firm, or government agency to qualify for this call.

3. Can an eligible applicant participate in more than one application either as a team leader or partner in a concept note?

An eligible applicant can participate in ONLY ONE application or concept note in this call. The same individual may participate in other future calls of BioInnovate Africa. Further, there can be several applicants from one organisation, provided they are in different projects.

4. Are international organisations eligible to participate in this call for concept notes?

Organisations that are eligible to participate in this call are those that are legally recognized/registered in any of the 8 (eight) eligible countries in Eastern Africa, and their scientists should be resident in and actively involved in work in Eastern Africa.

5. Can an applicant from one of the eligible countries solely participate in the call i.e., without involving any partners from the other countries?

An applicant should participate in the call as part of a team of individuals from at least three (3) and not more than five (5) organisations in at least three (3) eligible countries.

6. What advice would you give to applicants looking for suitable partners in other countries?

We encourage applicants to look for suitable partners through their own existing networks such as universities, research institutes, private firms, or government and non-government agencies, among others.

7. Can two organisations from one of the eligible countries and another from a different eligible country qualify as a project team?

No. A project team shall comprise of at least three (3) and not more than five (5) organisations from at least three BioInnovate Africa eligible countries.

8. Can scientists from organisations based in non-eligible countries participate in this call?

Scientists from other regions of Africa and other organisations around the world may also participate in this call, but only as collaborators in a project. They do not form part of the core project team and should not be listed as co-applicants. Their role and contribution in the project should be clearly described in the concept note/proposal.

9. Are collaborators eligible to receive funding to support their involvement in projects?

Only organisations legally recognised/registered in any of the eight (8) eligible countries in eastern Africa are eligible to receive funds to implement activities within the region. However, eligible partners can meet travel and related costs of collaborators to facilitate them to carry out activities in the region.

10. Should applicants submit all documents through the online platform or BioInnovate email?

All required documentation and application for this call should be submitted through the online application platform accessed at this link here: http://grants.bioinnovate-africa.org/forms/call_for_regional_innovation_collaboration_projects.php Any applications submitted by email will be rejected.

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