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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING**

**COMMERCIALISING INNOVATION AND RESEARCH (CIR)**

**REF: MKIRF04**

**BACKGROUND**

The Moses Kotane Institute (MKI) is a leading research institute in growing the economy through research and development in KwaZulu-Natal. It develops practical research-based solutions that contribute to the needs of the provincial economy by using research recommendations towards policy development and service delivery interventions. As part of development, a funding opportunity exists for researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs and SMMEs who wish to bring their research and innovative products or solutions to life through commercialisation.

**REQUIREMENTS**

* Projects that have been piloted (proof of concept, tested /evaluate / assessed / prototyped, etc.) to activate commercialisation.
* Projects that seek to innovatively solve KZN socio-economic challenge/s.
* South African researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs and SMMEs residing in KwaZulu-Natal.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (Submission of the following documents is mandatory)**

* Certified copies of Identity Document
* Proof of residence
* Company profile (with the CV of the Director) OR the applicant’s CV (in the case of individuals)
* Written proposal (well-articulated problem/challenge, solution, benefit to the province) not exceeding 5 pages including a detailed budget (financial) breakdown of funds requested, describing clearly what the funds will be used for in an itemised manner.

**DISQUALIFICATION**

* Applicants who do not meet the requirements.
* Applications received after the closing date.
* Non-submission of the required documents
* Applications not submitted to the designated email address

**COMMUNICATION**

• English / IsiZulu

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Interested applicants must email all the required documents to **researchfund@moseskotane.com**on or before31 October 2022 (closing date). Shortlisted applicants will be required to present/demonstrate their products/solutions before a panel.

**PLEASE NOTE**

* Applicants that applied in the previous cycle are encouraged to re-apply.
* Research and innovation fund is subject to availability of funds. MKI reserves the right not to award funding.
* Applicants who have not heard from MKI within two weeks of closing, may consider their application unsuccessful.