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SECOND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING COMMERCIALISING INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

REF: MKRIRF02

CLOSING DATE: 19 FEBRUARY 2025

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BACKGROUND:

The Moses Kotane Research Institute (MKRI) is a leading research institute dedicated to fostering economic growth in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) through research and development. MKRI focuses on developing practical, research-based solutions that address the needs of the provincial economy. By leveraging research recommendations, MKRI aims to influence policy development and enhance service delivery interventions.

In collaboration with the Department of Economic Development, Tourism, and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA), MKRI offers a funding opportunity for researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs, and small, medium, and micro enterprises (SMMEs). This initiative supports individuals and organisations seeking to commercialise their research and innovative products or solutions, thereby contributing to economic development and growth in the province.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Projects that have been piloted (proof of concept, tested/evaluated/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)

- Completed application form
- 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 before 19 February 2025 (closing date). Shortlisted applicants will be required to present or demonstrate their products/solutions before a panel.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Applicants that applied in the previous cycles (**unsuccessful ONLY**) are encouraged to re-apply.
- Applicants who submitted proposals under the **MKRIRF01 call (July-August 2024)** are **not eligible** to apply for this current funding opportunity.
- Applicants who qualify under this call will receive support to a **maximum cap of R300,000** per project.
- Projects with a **budget requirement exceeding R300,000** will not be supported. Applicants are encouraged to ensure their proposed budgets align with the funding cap.
- The Commercialisation of Research and Innovation fund is subject to the 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.
- Proposals submitted for research purposes will not be considered for this call.