



2021/22 CALL FOR FUNDING: WORKING GROUPS PROGRAMME

The National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) is pleased to invite academics based in South African public universities in the faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences as well as research institutes to submit their applications for funding for the Working Groups Programme.

The NIHSS reserves the right to extend the closing date or withdraw the call before the closing date based on the volume of applications received.

ABOUT THE WORKING GROUPS PROGRAMME

The Working Groups Programme contributes to meeting the Institute's Strategic Objective of "promoting the integrity, reputation and recognition of the humanities and social sciences within the higher education community, the science and technology community, and society." The Working Groups programme is intended to give effect to the recommendations in the Charter for the Humanities and Social Sciences on the HSS entity that will fundamentally change the existing higher education landscape to make it more responsive to, and inclusive of, the HSS and its disciplinary particularities. These Working Groups are also aimed at ensuring the integrity and excellence of the HSS in South African higher education institutions. Priority will be given to Africa/ BRICS/ Global South initiatives.

THE NIHSS WILL FUND THE FOLLOWING ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:

- Publication of books, journals and creative outputs;
- Opportunities for international collaborations within Africa and the BRICS countries; and
- Hosting of conferences, annual general meetings, workshops, seminars, dialogues, colloquia and similar academic events.

ELIGIBILITY

- All applications/proposals must be endorsed by the relevant institutional representative.
- Applicants must be researchers and academics based in South African public universities in the faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Priority will be given to South African citizens.
- Postgraduate students must be currently registered for either PhD/Doctoral study on a full-time basis.
- Applications/proposals will be assessed based on collaborations, innovative methodology, capacity building for post-graduate students and quality of outputs/publications.

GRANT AMOUNT

- Funding under the Working Groups Programme is limited to a maximum grant of R500 000.00.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Applications will be considered based on the following criteria:
 - Collaboration that would be established by the project with relevant institutions and universities;
 - Interdisciplinarity of the project;
 - Coherency and feasibility of the project;
 - Contribution of the project to the body of knowledge in the field;
 - Innovative use of the thematic rubric and methodologies;
 - Capacity building; and
 - Publications.
- The proposal should promote equality and capacity-building in the case that the researcher includes training of South African postgraduate students (Master's and Doctoral).
- The project must be completed within 12 months from the date of contract signature, and closing report submitted to the NIHSS.
- Only proposals not exceeding R500 000.00 will be considered

APPLICANTS RESPONDING TO THIS CALL SHOULD SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION FOR APPLICATION:

1. Application forms can be accessed at: <https://gms.nihss.ac.za>
2. Proposal with detailed budget (projected income and expenditure).
3. A motivation letter (maximum 1 000 words).
4. Full curriculum vitae of the applicant (principal researcher, team members details to be included in CV).
5. Letter of endorsement of institution(s), where the project will be based (relevant Dean/s).
6. Certified South African ID copy of applicant or passport.
7. In the case of postgraduate student applicants, a letter of recommendation from the supervisor confirming the applicants' affiliation and capacity to undertake the proposed activity AND proof of registration.

Enquiries may be directed to Mr Katlego Scheepers (Katlego@nihss.ac.za). For technical queries only, please call 011 480 2328

Closing Date: 13 August 2021

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. If you do not hear from us within three months, please consider your application unsuccessful.