**Guidelines for applying for seed money - South Africa**

If you wish to apply for seed money for establishing collaboration with the University of Cape Town (UCT) or Witwatersrand University (Wits) in Johannesburg, then it is crucial that you propose a collaboration that is coequal and contains elements of both research and education. This means that a researcher or lecturer from AU must identify a research project that can only – or with significant advantage – be carried out in collaboration with a South African partner.

The initiative supports matchmaking and the initiation of valuable research collaboration. Both the AU partner and the partners from Wits/UTC must benefit from the collaboration to an extent that exceeds what can be achieved through an independent project in each country.

As an applicant you should outline good opportunities for attracting external funds towards the further process.

You may apply for funding to prepare establishment of the collaboration. This includes travel and accommodation expenses, as well as meeting expenses for the symposiums or workshops. Applications for funding to cover the costs of research or education cannot, however, be granted.

**How do I apply?**

If you have already identified a partner for collaboration, you should describe the previous and desired collaboration and indicate the possibilities for extending collaboration. Positions of strength at AU and the South African partner should be briefly mentioned, and the proposed project(s) should be described briefly.

Finally, a brief outline of the utilization of the funding that you have applied for should be provided together with a time frame for this.

If you have not yet identified a partner, you can contact International Centre or Jan Ifversen or Michael Hasenkam with a brief description of the collaboration partner profile that you are looking for. We will then contact Wits/UCT to identify researchers together with whom it may be relevant to send an application for seed money.

**Requirements for the application**

You must apply by completing the application form. The application must be submitted electronically or by letter by a researcher employed by AU to the International Centre. See contact information below.

Applications are treated on a first come, first served basis, but aiming at a broad involvement of all faculties at Aarhus University. Allocated funds must be used by 31 December 2015 and a brief summary report must be submitted to International Centre before that date.

The maximum funding per project is 60.000 DKK. The grant will be transferred to the applicant when the summary report has been approved.

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